COSTA BOOK AWARDS

The Book Awards were established by Whitbread in 1971 and encouraged, promoted and celebrated the enjoyment of reading. They became the Costa Book Awards in 2006.

There are six awards:

- Novel Award, First Novel Award, Biography Award, Poetry Award and Children's Book Award winners (£5,000 each)
- Book of the Year (selected from five winners above): £30,000
- Total prize fund is £55,000.

COSTA WINNERS 2006 - present

2012	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award	Bring Up The Bodies The Innocents Bring Up The Bodies Dotter of Her Father's Eyes	Hilary Mantel Francesca Segal Hilary Mantel Mary Talbot and Bryan Talbot	Fourth Estate Chatto & Windus Fourth Estate Jonathan Cape
	Poetry Award	The Overhaul	Kathleen Jamie	Picador
	Children's Book Award	Maggot Moon	Sally Gardner	Hot Key Books
2011	BOOK OF THE YEAR	PURE	Andrew Miller	Sceptre
	First Novel Award	Tiny Sunbirds Far Away	Christie Watson	Quercus
	Novel Award	Pure	Andrew Miller	Sceptre
	Biography Award	Now All Roads Lead to France: The Last Years of Edward Thomas	Matthew Hollis	Faber & Faber
	Poetry Award	The Bees	Carol Ann Duffy	Picador
	Children's Book Award	Blood Red Road	Moira Young	Marion Lloyd Books
2010	BOOK OF THE YEAR	OF MUTABILITY	Jo Shapcott	Faber & Faber
	First Novel Award	Witness the Night	Kishwar Desai	Beautiful Books
	Novel Award	The Hand that First Held Mine	Maggie O'Farrell	Headline Review
	Biography Award	The Hare with Amber Eyes	Edmund de Waal	Chatto & Windus
	Poetry Award	Of Mutability	Jo Shapcott	Faber & Faber
	Children's Book Award	Out of Shadows	Jason Wallace	Andersen Press
2009	BOOK OF THE YEAR	A SCATTERING	Christopher Reid	Faber & Faber
	First Novel Award	Beauty	Raphael Selbourne	Tindal Street Press
	Novel Award	Brooklyn	Colm Tóibín	Viking
	Biography Award	The Strangest Man – The Hidden Life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius	Graham Farmelo	Faber and Faber
	Poetry Award	A Scattering	Christopher Reid	Arete Books
	Children's Book Award	The Ask and the Answer: Chaos Walking, Book Two	Patrick Ness	Walker Books
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2008	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE SECRET SCRIPTURE	Sebastian Barry	Faber & Faber
	First Novel Award	The Outcast	Sadie Jones	Chatto & Windus
	Novel Award	The Secret Scripture Somewhere Towards the End	Sebastian Barry Diana Athill	Faber and Faber
	Biography Award Poetry Award	The Broken Word	Adam Foulds	Granta Jonathan Cape
	Children's Book Award	Just Henry	Michelle Magorian	Egmont Press
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2007	BOOK OF THE YEAR	DAY	A L Kennedy	Jonathan Cape
	First Novel Award	What Was Lost	Catherine O'Flynn	Tindal Street Press
	Novel Award	Day	A L Kennedy	Jonathan Cape
	Biography Award	Young Stalin	Simon Sebag-Montefiore	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	Poetry Award	Tilt	Jean Sprackland	Cape Poetry
	Children's Book Award	The Bower Bird	Ann Kelley	Luath Press Limited
2006	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE TENDERNESS OF WOLVES	Stef Penney	Quercus
	First Novel Award	The Tenderness of Wolves	Stef Penney	Quercus
	Novel Award	Restless	William Boyd	Bloomsbury
	Biography Award	Keeping Mum	Brian Thompson	Atlantic Books
	Poetry Award	Letter to Patience	John Haynes	Seren
	Children's Book Award	Set in Stone	Linda Newbery	David Fickling Books

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2005	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	MATISSE: THE MASTER The Harmony Silk Factory the accidental Matisse: The Master Cold Calls The New Policeman	Hilary Spurling Tash Aw Ali Smith Hilary Spurling Christopher Logue Kate Thompson	Hamish Hamilton Harper Perennial Hamish Hamilton Hamish Hamilton Faber and Faber The Bodley Head
2004	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award	SMALL ISLAND Eve Green Small Island	Andrea Levy Susan Fletcher Andrea Levy	Headline Headline
	Biography Award	My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots	John Guy	Fourth Estate
	Poetry Award Children's Book Award	Corpus Not the End of the World	Michael Simmons Roberts Geraldine McCaughrean	Jonathan Cape Oxford University Press
2003	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME	Mark Haddon	Jonathan Cape
	First Novel Award	Vernon God Little	DBC Pierre	Faber & Faber
	Novel Award	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon	Jonathan Cape
	Biography Award	Orwell: The Life	DJ Taylor	Chatto & Windus
	Poetry Award	Landing Light	Don Paterson	Faber & Faber
	Children's Book Award	The Fire-Eaters	David Almond	Hodder Children's
2002	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SAMUEL PEPYS: THE UNEQUALLED SELF	Claire Tomalin	Viking
	First Novel Award	The Song of Names	Norman Lebrecht	Review
	Novel Award	Spies	Michael Frayn	Faber & Faber
	Biography Award	Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self	Claire Tomalin	Viking
	Poetry Award	The Ice Age	Paul Farley	Picador
	Children's Book Award	Saffy's Angel	Hilary McKay	Hodder Children's

NB: The structure of the Awards changed for the final time in 2002, and the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year reverted to the original format of being one of five categories, with its winner, like the others, selected by the category judges and competing for title of Whitbread Book of the Year.

2001	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE AMBER SPYGLASS	Philip Pullman	Scholastic
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	The Amber Spyglass	Philip Pullman	Scholastic
	First Novel Award	Something Like a House	Sid Smith	Picador
	Novel Award	Twelve Bar Blues	Patrick Neate	Viking
	Biography Award	Selkirk's Island	Diana Souhami	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	Poetry Award	Bunny	Selima Hill	Bloodaxe
2000	BOOK OF THE YEAR	ENGLISH PASSENGERS	Matthew Kneale	Hamish Hamilton
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	Egmont
	First Novel Award	White Teeth	Zadie Smith	Hamish Hamilton
	Novel Award	English Passengers	Matthew Kneale	Hamish Hamilton
	Biography Award	Bad Blood	Lorna Sage	Fourth Estate
	Poetry Award	The Asylum Dance	John Burnside	Cape Poetry
1999	BOOK OF THE YEAR	BEOWULF	Seamus Heaney	Faber & Faber
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J K Rowling	Bloomsbury
	First Novel Award	White City Blue	Tim Lott	Viking
	Novel Award	Music and Silence	Rose Tremain	Chatto & Windus
	Biography Award	Berlioz, Volume 2	David Cairns	Allen Lane The Penguin Press
	Poetry Award	Beowulf	Seamus Heaney	Faber & Faber

NB: The structure of the Awards changed once more in 1999 when the winner of the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year was selected by the final judging panel and then judged against the other four categories for overall Whitbread Book of the Year.

1998	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	BIRTHDAY LETTERS SKELLIG	Ted Hughes David Almond	Faber & Faber Hodder Children's Books
	First Novel Award	The Last King of Scotland	Giles Foden	Faber & Faber
	Novel Award	Leading the Cheers	Justin Cartwright	Sceptre
	Biography Award	Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire	Amanda Foreman	HarperCollins
	Poetry Award	Birthday Letters	Ted Hughes	Faber & Faber
1997	BOOK OF THE YEAR	TALES FROM OVID	Ted Hughes	Faber & Faber
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	AQUILA	Andrew Norriss	Hamish Hamilton
	First Novel Award	The Ventriloquist's Tale	Pauline Melville	Bloomsbury
	Novel Award	Quarantine	Jim Crace	Viking
	Biography Award	Victor Hugo	Graham Robb	Picador
	Poetry Award	Tales from Ovid	Ted Hughes	Faber & Faber
1996	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE SPIRIT LEVEL	Seamus Heaney	Faber & Faber
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE TULIP TOUCH	Anne Fine	Hamish Hamilton
	First Novel Award	The Debt to Pleasure	John Lanchester	Picador
	Novel Award	Every Man for Himself	Beryl Bainbridge	Duckworth
	Biography Award	Thomas Cranmer: A Life	Diarmaid MacCulloch	Yale University Press
	Poetry Award	The Spirit Level	Seamus Heaney	Faber & Faber

NB: The structure of the Awards changed again in 1996 when the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year became an award in its own right (ie not judged against the other four categories) for the first time, with prize money of £10,000.

1995	BOOK OF THE YEAR	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM	Kate Atkinson	Doubleday/Black Swan
	First Novel	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Kate Atkinson	Doubleday/Black Swan
	Novel	The Moor's Last Sigh	Salman Rushdie	Jonathan Cape
	Biography	Gladstone	Roy Jenkins	Macmillan
	Poetry	Gunpowder	Bernard O'Donoghue	Chatto & Windus
	Beefeater Children's Novel	The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Michael Morpurgo	Heinemann/Mammoth
1994	BOOK OF THE YEAR	FELICIA'S JOURNEY	William Trevor	Viking
	First Novel	The Longest Memory	Fred D'Aguiar	Chatto & Windus
	Novel	Felicia's Journey	William Trevor	Viking
	Biography	D H Lawrence: The Married Man	Brenda Maddox	Sinclair-Stevenson
	Poetry	Out of Danger	James Fenton	Penguin Poetry
	Children's Novel	Gold Dust	Geraldine McCaughrean	OUP
1993	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THEORY OF WAR	Joan Brady	Andre Deutsch
1000	First Novel	Saving Agnes	Rachel Cusk	Macmillan
	Novel	Theory of War	Joan Brady	Andre Deutsch
	Biography	Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life	Andrew Motion	Faber & Faber
	Poetry	Mean Time	Carol Ann Duffy	Anvil Press
	Children's Novel	Flour Babies	Anne Fine	Hamish Hamilton
1992	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SWING HAMMER SWING!	Jeff Torrington	Secker & Warburg
	First Novel	Swing Hammer Swing!	Jeff Torrington	Secker & Warburg
	Novel	Poor Things	Alasdair Gray	Bloomsbury
	Biography	Trollope	Victoria Glendinning	Hutchinson
	Poetry	The Gaze of the Gorgon	Tony Harrison	Bloodaxe Books
	Children's Novel	The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross	OUP
1991	BOOK OF THE YEAR	A LIFE OF PICASSO	John Richardson	Jonathan Cape
	First Novel	Alma Cogan	Gordon Burn	Secker & Warburg
	Novel	The Queen of the Tambourine	Jane Gardam	Sinclair-Stevenson
	Biography	A Life of Picasso	John Richardson	Jonathan Cape
	Poetry	Gorse Fires	Michael Longley	Secker & Warburg
	Children's Novel	Harvey Angell	Diana Hendry	Julia MacRae
1990	BOOK OF THE YEAR	HOPEFUL MONSTERS	Nicholas Mosley	Secker & Warburg
	First Novel	The Buddha of Suburbia	, Hanif Kureishi	Faber & Faber
	Novel	Hopeful Monsters	Nicholas Mosley	Secker & Warburg

	Riegraphy	A A Milne: His Life	Ann Thwaite	Faber & Faber
	Biography Poetry	Daddy, Daddy	Paul Durcan	The Blackstaff Press
	Children's Novel	AK	Peter Dickinson	Victor Gollancz
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1989	BOOK OF THE YEAR	COLERIDGE: EARLY VISIONS	Richard Holmes	Hodder & Stoughton
	First Novel	Gerontius	James Hamilton-Paterson	Macmillan
	Novel	The Chymical Wedding	Lindsay Clarke	Jonathan Cape
	Biography	Coleridge: Early Visions	Richard Holmes	Hodder & Stoughton
	Poetry	Shibboleth	Michael Donaghy	OUP
	Children's Novel	Why Weeps the Brogan?	Hugh Scott	Walker Books
1988	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE COMFORTS OF MADNESS	Paul Sayer	Constable
	First Novel	The Comforts of Madness	Paul Sayer	Constable
	Novel	The Satanic Verses	Salman Rushdie	Viking
	Biography	Tolstoy	A N Wilson	Hamish Hamilton
	Poetry	The Automatic Oracle	Peter Porter	OUP
	Children's Novel	Awaiting Developments	Judy Allen	Julia MacRae
1987	BOOK OF THE YEAR	UNDER THE EYE OF THE CLOCK	Christopher Nolan	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	First Novel	The Other Garden	Francis Wyndham	Jonathan Cape
	Novel	The Child in Time	lan McEwan	Jonathan Cape
	Biography	Under the Eye of the Clock	Christopher Nolan	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	Poetry	The Haw Lantern	Seamus Heaney	Faber & Faber
	Children's Novel	A Little Lower than the Angels	Geraldine McCaughrean	OUP
1986	BOOK OF THE YEAR	AN ARTIST OF THE FLOATING WORLD	Kazuo Ishiguro	Faber & Faber
	First Novel	Continent	Jim Crace	Heinemann
	Novel	An Artist of the Floating World	Kazuo Ishiguro	Faber & Faber
	Biography	Gilbert White	Richard Mabey	Century Hutchinson
	Poetry	Stet	Peter Reading	Secker & Warburg
	Children's Novel	The Coal House	Andrew Taylor	Collins
1985	BOOK OF THE YEAR	ELEGIES	Douglas Dunn	Faber & Faber
	First Novel	Oranges are not the only Fruit	Jeanette Winterson	Pandora Press
	Novel	Hawksmoor	Peter Ackroyd	Hamish Hamilton
	Biography	Hugh Dalton	Ben Pimlott	Jonathan Cape
	Poetry	Elegies	Douglas Dunn	Faber & Faber
	Children's Novel	The Nature of the Beast	Janni Howker	Julia MacRae

NB: The Whitbread Book of the Year was awarded for the first time in 1985 when the format of the Awards was changed. Prior to that, the Whitbread Literary Awards (as they were then called) were given as follows:

1984	First Novel Novel Biography Short Story	A Parish of Rich Women Kruger's Alp T S Eliot Tomorrow is our Permanent Address	James Buchan Christopher Hope Peter Ackroyd Diane Rowe	Hamish Hamilton Heinemann Hamish Hamilton
	Children's Novel	The Queen of the Pharisees' Children	Barbara Willard	Julia MacRae
1983	First Novel Novel Joint Biography	Flying to Nowhere Fools of Fortune Vita King George V	John Fuller William Trevor Victoria Glendinning Kenneth Rose	Salamander Press Bodley Head Weidenfeld & Nicolson Weidenfeld & Nicolson
1982	Children's Novel	The Witches	Roald Dahl	Jonathan Cape
	First Novel	On the Black Hill	Bruce Chatwin	Jonathan Cape
1502	Novel	Young Shoulders	John Wain	Macmillan
	Biography	Bismarck	Edward Crankshaw	Macmillan
	Children's Novel	The Song of Pentecost	W J Corbett	Methuen
1981	First Novel	A Good Man in Africa	William Boyd	Hamish Hamilton
	Novel	Silver's City	Maurice Leitch	Secker & Warburg
	Biography	Monty: The Making of a General	Nigel Hamilton	Hamish Hamilton
	Children's Novel	The Hollow Land	Jane Gardam	Julia MacRae
1980	Novel and Book of the Year	How Far Can You Go?	David Lodge	Secker & Warburg
	Biography	On the Edge of Paradise:	David Newsome	John Murrary

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	Children's Novel	John Diamond	Leon Garfield	Kestrel
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1979	Novel	The Old Jest	Jennifer Johnston	Hamish Hamilton Allen Lane
	Autobiography Children's Novel	About Time	Penelope Mortimer	Allen Lane Victor Gollancz
	Children's Novel	Tulku	Peter Dickinson	
1978	Novel	Picture Palace	Paul Theroux	Hamish Hamilton
	Biography	Lloyd George: The People's	John Grigg	Methuen
		Champion		
	Children's Book	The Battle of Bubble & Squeak	Philippa Pearce	Andre Deutsch
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1977	Novel	Injury Time	Beryl Bainbridge	Duckworth
	Biography Children's Deck	Mary Curzon	Nigel Nicolson	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	Children's Book	No End to Yesterday	Shelagh Macdonald	Andre Deutsch
1976	Novel	The Children of Dynmouth	William Trevor	Bodley Head
	Biography	Elizabeth Gaskell	Winifred Gerin	OUP
	Children's Book	A Stitch in Time	Penelope Lively	William Heinemann
1975	Novel	Docherty	William McIlvanney	Allen & Unwin
1575	Autobiography	In Our Infancy	Helen Corke	Cambridge University Press
	First Book	The Improbable Puritan:	Ruth Spalding	Faber & Faber
		A Life of Bulstrode Whitelock	nutri opularing	
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1974	Novel	The Sacred & Profane Love	Iris Murdoch	Chatto & Windus
		Machine		
	Biography	Poor Dear Brendan	Andrew Boyle	Hutchinson
	Joint Children's Books	How Tom Beat Captain Najork &	Russell Hoban &	Jonathan Cape
		His Hired Sportsmen	Quentin Blake	
		The Emperor's Winding Sheet	Jill Paton Walsh	Macmillan
	First Book	The Life & Death of Mary	Claire Tomalin	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
		Wollstonecraft		
1973	Novel	The Chip Chip Gatherers	Shiva Naipaul	Andre Deutsch
	Biography	CB: A Life of Sir Henry Campbell-	John Wilson	Constable
		Bannerman		
	Children's Book	The Butterfly Ball & The	Alan Aldridge & William	Jonathan Cape
		Grasshopper's Feast	Plomer	
1972	Novel	The Bird of Night	Susan Hill	Hamish Hamilton
	Biography	Trollope	James Pope-Hennessey	Jonathan Cape
	Children's Book	The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden	Macmillan
1971	Novel	The Destiny Waltz	Gerda Charles	Eyre & Spottiswoode
	Biography	Henrik Ibsen	Michael Meyer	Hart-Davis
	Poetry	Mercian Hymns	Geoffrey Hill	Andre Deutsch
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