

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**

2018	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award	THE CUT OUT GIRL The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle	Bart van Es Stuart Turton	Fig Tree Books Bloomsbury Books
	Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	Normal People The Cut Out Girl Assurances The Skylarks' War	Sally Rooney Bart van Es J O Morgan Hilary McKay	Faber & Faber Fig Tree Books Jonathan Cape Macmillan Children's Books
2017	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	INSIDE THE WAVE Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine Reservoir 13 In the Days of Rain Inside the Wave The Explorer	Helen Dunmore Gail Honeyman Jon McGregor Rebecca Stott Helen Dunmore Katherine Rundell	Bloodaxe Books HarperCollins 4 <sup>th</sup> Estate 4 <sup>th</sup> Estate Bloodaxe Books Bloomsbury Children's Books
2016	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	DAYS WITHOUT END Golden Hill Days Without End Dadland Falling Awake The Bombs That Brought Us Together	Sebastian Barry Francis Spufford Sebastian Barry Keggie Carew Alice Oswald Brian Conaghan	Faber & Faber Faber & Faber Faber & Faber Chatto & Windus Jonathan Cape Poetry Bloomsbury
2015	First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award  Poetry Award Children's Book Award	THE LIE TREE  The Loney A God in Ruins The Invention of Nature: The Adventures of Alexander von Humboldt, The Lost Hero of Science 40 Sonnets The Lie Tree	Frances Hardinge  Andrew Michael Hurley Kate Atkinson Andrea Wulf  Don Paterson Frances Hardinge	Macmillan Children's Books John Murray Doubleday John Murray Faber & Faber Macmillan Children's Books
2014	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	H IS FOR HAWK Elizabeth is Missing How to be both H is for Hawk My Family and Other Superheroes Five Children on the Western Front	Helen Macdonald Emma Healey Ali Smith Helen Macdonald Jonathan Edwards Kate Saunders	Random House Viking Hamish Hamilton Random House Seren Faber & Faber



2013	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE SHOCK OF THE FALL	Nathan Filer	Borough Press (HarperCollins)
	First Novel Award	The Shock of the Fall	Nathan Filer	Borough Press (HarperCollins)
	Novel Award	Life After Life	Kate Atkinson	Doubleday
	Biography Award	The Pike: Gabriele d'Annunzio, Poet, Seducer and Preacher of War	Lucy Hughes-Hallett	Fourth Estate
	Poetry Award	Drysalter	Michael Symmons-Roberts	Jonathan Cape
	Children's Book Award	Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse	Chris Riddell	Macmillan Children's Books
2012	BOOK OF THE YEAR	BRING UP THE BODIES	Hilary Mantel	Fourth Estate
	First Novel Award	The Innocents	Francesca Segal	Chatto & Windus
	Novel Award	Bring Up The Bodies	Hilary Mantel	Fourth Estate
	Biography Award	Dotter of Her Father's Eyes	Mary Talbot and Bryan Talbot	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	Matthew Hollis	Faber & Faber
	J	Last Years of Edward Thomas		
	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
2003	First Novel Award	Beauty	Raphael Selbourne	Tindal Street Press
	Novel Award	Brooklyn	Colm Tóibín	Viking
	Biography Award	The Strangest Man – The Hidden	Graham Farmelo	Faber and Faber
	Biography / Wara	Life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius	Granam rannelo	ruber una ruber
	Poetry Award	A Scattering	Christopher Reid	Arete Books
	Children's Book Award	The Ask and the Answer: Chaos	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	Sebastian Barry	Faber and Faber
	Biography Award	Somewhere Towards the End	Diana Athill	Granta
	Poetry Award	The Broken Word	Adam Foulds	Jonathan Cape
	Children's Book Award	Just Henry	Michelle Magorian	Egmont Press
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



First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award The Tenderness of Wolves Restless Keeping Mum Letter to Patience Set in Stone Stef Penney William Boyd Brian Thompson John Haynes Linda Newbery

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## WHITBREAD WINNERS 1971 – 2005

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



	YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award	White Teeth English Passengers Bad Blood	Zadie Smith Matthew Kneale Lorna Sage	Hamish Hamilton Hamish Hamilton 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 Novel Award	The Last King of Scotland Leading the Cheers	Giles Foden Justin Cartwright	Faber & Faber 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
	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
	Biography	A A Milne: His Life	Ann Thwaite	Faber & Faber
	Poetry	Daddy, Daddy	Paul Durcan	The Blackstaff Press
	Children's Novel	AK	Peter Dickinson	Victor Gollancz
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

AN ARTIST OF THE FLOATING

WORLD

Continent

Kazuo Ishiguro

Jim Crace

Faber & Faber

Heinemann

1986

BOOK OF THE YEAR

First Novel



Novel An Artist of the Floating World Faber & Faber Kazuo Ishiguro Biography **Gilbert White** Richard Mabey Century Hutchinson Poetry Stet Peter Reading Secker & Warburg The Coal House Children's Novel **Andrew Taylor** Collins 1985 **BOOK OF THE YEAR ELEGIES** Faber & Faber Douglas Dunn 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	A Parish of Rich Women	James Buchan	Hamish Hamilton
	Novel	Kruger's Alp	Christopher Hope	Heinemann
	Biography	T S Eliot	Peter Ackroyd	Hamish Hamilton
	Short Story	Tomorrow is our Permanent	Diane Rowe	
		Address		
	Children's Novel	The Queen of the Pharisees'	Barbara Willard	Julia MacRae
		Children		
1983	First Novel	Flying to Nowhere	John Fuller	Salamander Press
	Novel	Fools of Fortune	William Trevor	Bodley Head
	Joint Biography	Vita	Victoria Glendinning	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
		King George V	Kenneth Rose	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
	Children's Novel	The Witches	Roald Dahl	Jonathan Cape
1982	First Novel	On the Black Hill	Bruce Chatwin	Jonathan Cape
1501	Novel	Young Shoulders	John Wain	Macmillan
	Biography	Bismarck	Edward Crankshaw	Macmillan
	Children's Novel	The Song of Pentecost	W J Corbett	Methuen
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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
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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
		A C Benson the Diarist		
	Children's Novel	John Diamond	Leon Garfield	Kestrel
1979	Novel	The Old Jest	Jennifer Johnston	Hamish Hamilton
	Autobiography	About Time	Penelope Mortimer	Allen Lane
	Children's Novel	Tulku	Peter Dickinson	Victor Gollancz
1978	Novel	Picture Palace	Paul Theroux	Hamish Hamilton
	Biography	Lloyd George: The People's	John Grigg	Methuen
	ыодгартту	Champion	John Grigg	Wethach
	Children's Book	•	Philippa Poarco	Andre Deutsch
	Ciliaren 3 book	The Battle of Bubble & Squeak	Philippa Pearce	Andre Deutsch
1977	Novel	Injury Time	Beryl Bainbridge	Duckworth
	Biography	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
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	Children's Book	A Stitch in Time	Penelope Lively	William Heinemann
1975	Novel Autobiography	Docherty In Our Infancy	William McIlvanney Helen Corke	Allen & Unwin Cambridge University Press
	First Book	The Improbable Puritan: A Life of Bulstrode Whitelock	Ruth Spalding	Faber & Faber
1974	Novel	The Sacred & Profane Love Machine	Iris Murdoch	Chatto & Windus
	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 Wollstonecraft	Claire Tomalin	Weidenfeld & Nicolson
1973	Novel	The Chip Chip Gatherers	Shiva Naipaul	Andre Deutsch
	Biography	CB: A Life of Sir Henry Campbell- Bannerman	John Wilson	Constable
	Children's Book	The Butterfly Ball & The Grasshopper's Feast	Alan Aldridge & William Plomer	Jonathan Cape
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 Biography Poetry	The Destiny Waltz Henrik Ibsen Mercian Hymns	Gerda Charles Michael Meyer Geoffrey Hill	Eyre & Spottiswoode Hart-Davis Andre Deutsch