

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

WHITBREAD WINNERS 1971 – 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

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