

Costa Short Story Award 2016 Judges



Sarah Franklin

Founder of Short Stories Aloud & Senior Lecturer in Publishing at Oxford Brookes University

Sarah Franklin (@sarahefranklin) read Modern and Medieval Languages at the University of Cambridge. She is the founder and host of popular Oxford literary night Short Stories Aloud and a Senior Lecturer at the Oxford International Centre for Publishing Studies.

Sarah's features, book reviews and columns have appeared in *The Guardian*, the *Seattle Times*, *Psychologies* magazine and the *Sunday Express* amongst others and she was a 2014/15 Jerwood/Arvon Foundation novel mentee. Her creative non-fiction has been published in anthologies in the USA and appeared on NPR affiliates there.



Joe Haddow

Producer, Radio 2 Book Club

Joe is the Producer of the Radio 2 Book Club, a literary event chair and the host of the Man Booker Prize podcasts. He chairs the committee that choose the Radio 2 Book Club titles, which are featured on Simon Mayo's Drivetime programme and the Radio 2 Arts Show. Occasionally he produces and presents special book content for Radio 2 and BBC Radio 6 Music. In 2016 he was awarded the Journalist of the Year award by the Publishers Publicity Circle.



Adele Parks

Author

Adele Parks (@adeleparcs) has published thirteen contemporary novels in thirteen years, all of which were Times Top Ten bestsellers. Recently she's written two historical novels, *Spare Brides* and *If You Go Away* which look at issues surrounding WW1, including the 'surplus' women following the war and the plight of conscientious objectors.

She's sold over three million copies of her work in the UK alone and is also translated into 26 different languages. She writes numerous articles and short stories for national magazines and newspapers and often appears on radio and TV talking about her work and related matters. Her next novel, *The Stranger in My Home*, will be published in January 2017.



Simon Trewin
Agent, William Morris Endeavor

Simon Trewin (@simontrewin) has been in publishing since 1993. He is a Partner and Head of the UK Literary Department in the UK office of the talent and literary agency WME (William Morris Endeavor). He is a Trustee of the Arvon Foundation and of the Salisbury Playhouse.



Kit de Waal
Author

Kit de Waal (@KitdeWaal) writes about forgotten and overlooked places where the best stories are found. Her critically acclaimed novel *My Name is Leon* is a heart-breaking story of love, identity, and learning to overcome unbearable loss. She came second in the 2013 Costa Short Story Award with *The Old Man and the Suit*, and her prize-winning stories appear in various anthologies. In 2016, she founded the Kit de Waal Scholarship, a creative writing scholarship specially designed for budding writers who would not otherwise be able to afford a Master's degree.