

2020 Costa Short Story Award Judging Panel

The judges for the 2020 Costa Short Story Award are:



Sarah Franklin

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

Sarah Franklin is founder and host of Oxford literary night Short Stories Aloud and a Senior Lecturer in Publishing at Oxford Brookes University. She is the author of two novels: Shelter and How to Belong and has written for The Guardian, The Irish Times, Psychologies and the Sunday Express.



Joe Hadow

Radio Producer / Podcast Host

Joe is a radio producer, literary event chair and podcaster. A regular at Harrogate, Edinburgh and Bath literary festivals, he's a keen supporter of libraries and reading initiatives through his work with The Reading Agency and Book Aid. Host of the Book Off and Booker Prize podcasts, he also runs the Radio 2 Book Club.



Adele Parks

Author

Adele has published 20 novels in 20 years, all of which were Times Top Ten bestsellers. Her latest domestic thriller, Lies Lies Lies is a number 1 bestseller. She's sold over three and a half million copies of her work in the UK alone and is also translated into 26 different languages. Adele is a Patron of The National Literacy Trust and Guildford Book Festival.



Simon Trewin

Agent

Simon has been a literary agent for 25 years and has launched the careers of a generation of authors who have gone on to be published in over 50 languages and to win a host of prizes. Now running his own agency he continues to be a passionate nurturer of new writing talent, appears regularly at creative writing events and fronts a weekly video series advising aspiring writers with Writing.ie. He is also the founder of The Garage Press - a traditional letterpress studio in Brixton.



Kit de Waal

Author

Kit de Waal is a former Costa Short Story Award finalist and the author of *My Name is Leon* and *The Trick to Time*. Her first YA novel, *Becoming Dinah* was published in 2019, she is also the editor of *Common People*, an anthology of *Working Class Memoir*. She co-founded *The Primadonna Festival* and *The Big Book Weekend*.