

# **COSTA (FORMERLY WHITBREAD) BOOK AWARDS**

## **Shortlists 1995 - present**

### **1995**

#### **Whitbread First Novel Award**

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson (winner)  
Gagarin & I by Stephen Blanchard  
Morvern Callar by Alan Warner

#### **Whitbread Novel Award**

The Information by Martin Amis  
The Ghost Road by Pat Barker  
In Every Face I Meet by Justin Cartwright  
The Unconsoled by Kazuo Ishiguro  
The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie (winner)

#### **Whitbread Biography Award**

Vera Brittain – A Life by Paul Berry and Mark Bostridge  
Gladstone by Roy Jenkins (winner)  
Albert Speer: His Battle with Truth by Gitta Sereny  
Terence Rattigan by Geoffrey Wansell

#### **Whitbread Poetry Award**

The Dead Sea Poems by Simon Armitage  
The Shadow of Hiroshima and other film/poems by Tony Harrison  
Rest for the Wicked by Glyn Maxwell  
Gunpowder by Bernard O'Donoghue (winner)

#### **Whitbread Children's Book Award**

The Parsley Parcel by Elizabeth Arnold  
The Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo (winner)  
Kasper in the Glitter by Philip Ridley

### **1996**

#### **Whitbread First Novel Award**

Reading In the Dark by Seamus Deane  
The Arizona Game by Georgina Hammick  
The Debt to Pleasure by John Lanchester (winner)  
Mother of Pearl by Mary Morrissy

#### **Whitbread Novel Award**

Every Man for Himself by Beryl Bainbridge (winner)  
Mr Clive & Mr Page by Neil Bartlett  
Cocaine Nights by JG Ballard  
Asylum by Patrick McGrath  
Last Orders by Graham Swift  
Worst Fears by Fay Weldon

#### **Whitbread Biography Award**

George Eliot: A Life by Rosemary Ashton  
The Unruly Queen: The Life of Queen Caroline by Flora Fraser  
Damned to Fame: The Life of Samuel Beckett by James Knowlson  
Thomas Cranmer: A Life by Diarmaid MacCulloch (winner)

#### **Whitbread Poetry Award**

Safe As Houses by UA Fanthorpe  
The Spirit Level by Seamus Heaney (winner)  
The Thing in the Gap-Stone Stile by Alice Oswald

Expanded Universes by Christopher Reid  
The Wound-dresser's Dream by Pauline Stainer

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine (winner)  
The Trokeville Way by Russell Hoban  
Plundering Paradise by Geraldine McCaughrean  
Clockwork or All Wound Up by Philip Pullman

**1997**

**Whitbread First Novel Award**

One Day as a Tiger by Anne Haverty  
The Underground Man by Mick Jackson  
The Ventriloquist's Tale by Pauline Melville (winner)  
Beach Boy by Ardashir Vakil  
Eclipse of the Sun by Phil Whitaker

**Whitbread Novel Award**

The Untouchable by John Banville  
Quarantine by Jim Crace (winner)  
Grace Notes by Bernard MacLaverty  
Enduring Love by Ian McEwan  
Bleeding London by Geoff Nicholson

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Violet: The Life and Loves of Violet Gordon Woodhouse by Jessica Douglas-Home  
Victor Hugo by Graham Robb (winner)  
Queen of Whale Cay by Kate Summerscale  
Citizen Lord by Stella Tillyard  
Hogarth, A Life and a World by Jenny Uglow

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

CloudCuckooLand by Simon Armitage  
Sugar-Paper blue by Ruth Fainlight  
Violet by Selima Hill  
Tales from Ovid by Ted Hughes (winner)  
Assembling a Ghost by Peter Redgrove

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Junk by Melvin Burgess  
Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech  
Aquila by Andrew Norriss (winner)  
Harry and the Wrinklies by Alan Temperley

**1998**

**Whitbread First Novel Award**

The Last King of Scotland by Giles Foden (winner)  
Shopping by Gavin Kramer  
The Restraint of Beasts by Magnus Mills  
Jelly Roll by Luke Sutherland

**Whitbread Novel Award**

the catastrophist by Ronan Bennett  
Leading the Cheers by Justin Cartwright (winner)  
The Travelling Hornplayer by Barbara Trapido

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Iris, A memoir of Iris Murdoch by John Bayley  
Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman (winner)  
Hitler, Volume One Hubris 1889 – 1936 by Ian Kershaw

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

The Wasting Game by Philip Gross  
Birthday Letters by Ted Hughes (winner)  
The Boy from the Chemist is Here to See you by Paul Farley

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Skellig by David Almond (winner)  
Sweet Clarinet by James Riordan  
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J K Rowling  
Abomination by Robert Swindells

**1999****Whitbread First Novel Award**

The Great Ideas by Suzanne Cleminshaw  
White City Blue by Tim Lott (winner)  
Our Fathers by Andrew O'Hagan  
A Foreign Country by Francine Stock

**Whitbread Novel Award**

Being Dead by Jim Crace  
Headlong by Michael Frayn  
Chocolat by Joanne Harris  
Music and Silence by Rose Tremain (winner)

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Berlioz Volume Two: Servitude and Greatness by David Cairns (winner)  
Bruce Chatwin by Nicholas Shakespeare  
Matisse by Hilary Spurling

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

Beowulf by Seamus Heaney (winner)  
Approximately Nowhere by Michael Hofmann  
Alcestis by Ted Hughes  
The Eyes by Don Paterson

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Meeting Midnight by Carol Ann Duffy  
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo  
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J K Rowling (winner)  
The Illustrated Mum by Jacqueline Wilson

**2000****Whitbread First Novel Award**

Under The Skin by Michel Faber  
Danny Boy by Jo-Ann Goodwin  
Born Free by Laura Hird  
White Teeth by Zadie Smith (winner)

**Whitbread Novel Award**

Fred & Edie by Jill Dawson  
What Are You Like? by Anne Enright  
When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro  
English Passengers by Matthew Kneale (winner)  
How the Dead Live by Will Self

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Fanny Burney by Claire Harman  
John Ruskin: The Later Years by Tim Hilton  
Hitler: 1936-45 Nemesis by Ian Kershaw  
Bad Blood: A Memoir by Lorna Sage (winner)

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

The Asylum Dance by John Burnside (winner)  
Conjure by Michael Donaghy  
Collected Poems by R F Langley  
Granny Scarecrow by Anne Stevenson  
Floods by Maurice Riordan

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Heaven Eyes by David Almond  
The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland  
Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin (winner)  
Troy by Adele Geras

**2001****Whitbread First Novel Award**

The Oversight by Will Eaves  
Something Like a House by Sid Smith (winner)  
Burning worm by Carl Tighe  
August by Gerard Woodward

**Whitbread Novel Award**

The Siege by Helen Dunmore  
Atonement by Ian McEwan  
Oxygen by Andrew Miller  
Twelve Bar Blues by Patrick Neate (winner)

**Whitbread Biography Award**

A View of Delft by Anthony Bailey  
Boswell's Presumptuous Task by Adam Sisman  
Selkirk's Island by Diana Souhami (winner)  
Flaubert: A Life by Geoffrey Wall

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

The Age of Cardboard and String by Charles Boyle  
If I Don't Know by Wendy Cope  
Bunny by Selima Hill (winner)  
Panoramic Lounge-Bar by John Stammers

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson  
The Lady and the Squire by Terry Jones  
The Amber Spyglass by Philip Pullman (winner)

**2002****Whitbread First Novel Award**

The End of My Tether by Neil Astley  
Homage to a Firing Squad by Tariq Goddard  
The Impressionist by Hari Kunzru  
The Song of Names by Norman Lebrecht (winner)

**Whitbread Novel Award**

White Lightning by Justin Cartwright  
Spies by Michael Frayn (winner)  
Rumours of a Hurricane by Tim Lott  
The Story of Lucy Gault by William Trevor

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Anthony Blunt: His Lives by Miranda Carter  
Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA by Brenda Maddox  
The Real Mrs Miniver by Ysenda Maxtone Graham

Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self by Claire Tomalin (winner)

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

Something for the Ghosts by David Constantine

The Ice Age by Paul Farley (winner)

Voodoo Shop by Ruth Padel

The Beautiful Lie by Sheenagh Pugh

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Exodus by Julie Bertagna

Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay (winner)

Sorceress by Celia Rees

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve

**2003**

**Whitbread First Novel Award**

Buddha Da by Anne Donovan

An Evening of Long Goodbyes by Paul Murray

Vernon God Little by DBC Pierre (winner)

An Empty Room by Talitha Stevenson

**Whitbread Novel Award**

The Lucky Ones by Rachel Cusk

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (winner)

Heligoland by Shena Mackay

Frankie & Stankie by Barbara Trapido

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Margaret Thatcher – Volume Two: The Iron Lady by John Campbell

Martha Gellhorn by Caroline Moorehead

Orwell: The Life (winner) by DJ Taylor

Beautiful Shadow: A Life of Patricia Highsmith by Andrew Wilson

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

Minsk by Lavinia Greenlaw

Ink Stone by Jamie McKendrick

Landing Light by Don Paterson

Hard Water by Jean Sprackland

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

The Fire-Eaters by David Almond (winner)

The Oracle by Catherine Fisher

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Naked Without a Hat by Jeanne Willis

**2004**

**Whitbread First Novel Award**

Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell by Susanna Clarke

The Land as Viewed from the Sea by Richard Collins

Eve Green by Susan Fletcher (winner)

The Maze by Panos Karnezis

**Whitbread Novel Award**

Case Histories by Kate Atkinson

Birds Without Wings by Louis de Bernières

The Line of Beauty by Alan Hollinghurst

Small Island by Andrea Levy (winner)

**Whitbread Biography Award**

My Heart is my Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots by John Guy (winner)

Jabez: The Rise and Fall of a Victorian Rogue by David McKie

Stephen Spender by John Sutherland  
V.S.Pritchett: A Life by Jeremy Treglown

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

These Days by Leontia Flynn  
Ghosts by John Fuller  
Ground Water by Matthew Hollis  
Corpus by Michael Symmons Roberts (winner)

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy  
Not the End of the World by Geraldine McCaughrean (winner)  
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff  
No Shame, No Fear by Ann Turnbull

**2005**

**Whitbread First Novel Award**

The Harmony Silk Factory by Tash Aw (winner)  
26a by Diana Evans  
The Short Day Dying by Peter Hobbs  
Gem Squash Tokoloshe by Rachel Zadok

**Whitbread Novel Award**

A Long Way Down by Nick Hornby  
Shalimar the Clown by Salman Rushdie  
The accidental by Ali Smith (winner)  
The Ballad of Lee Cotton by Christopher Wilson

**Whitbread Biography Award**

Haw-Haw: The Tragedy of William and Margaret Joyce by Nigel Farndale  
Nature Cure by Richard Mabey  
Stuart: A Life Backwards by Alexander Masters  
Matisse: The Master by Hilary Spurling (winner)

**Whitbread Poetry Award**

Legion by David Harsent  
Cold Calls by Christopher Logue (winner)  
Lucky Day by Richard Price  
Marabou by Jane Yeh

**Whitbread Children's Book Award**

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean  
Permanent Rose by Hilary McKay  
The New Policeman by Kate Thompson (winner)

**2006**

**Costa First Novel Award**

The Meaning of Night by Michael Cox  
Cloth Girl by Marilyn Heward Mills  
The Tenderness of Wolves by Stef Penney (winner)  
The Amnesia Clinic by James Scudamore

**Costa Novel Award**

Restless by William Boyd (winner)  
Saving Caravaggio by Neil Griffiths  
A Spot of Bother by Mark Haddon  
Black Swan Green by David Mitchell

**Costa Biography Award**

George Mackay Brown – The Life by Maggie Fergusson

Donne: A Reformed Soul by John Stubbs  
Nabeel's Song by Jo Tatchell  
Keeping Mum by Brian Thompson (winner)

**Costa Poetry Award**

The Book of Blood by Vicki Feaver  
Letter to Patience by John Haynes (winner)  
District & Circle by Seamus Heaney  
Dear Room by Hugo Williams

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Clay by David Almond  
The Diamond of Drury Lane by Julia Golding  
Set in Stone by Linda Newbery (winner)  
Just in Case by Meg Rosoff

**2007**

**Costa First Novel Award**

A Golden Age by Tahmima Anam  
Gifted by Nikita Lalwani  
What Was Lost by Catherine O'Flynn (winner)  
Mosquito by Roma Tearne

**Costa Novel Award**

Skin Lane by Neil Bartlett  
Day by A L Kennedy (winner)  
Death of a Murderer by Rupert Thomson  
The Road Home by Rose Tremain

**Costa Biography Award**

Rudolf Nureyev by Julie Kavanagh  
Agent Zigzag by Ben Macintyre  
Young Stalin by Simon Sebag Montefiore (winner)  
Fatty Batter by Michael Simkins

**Costa Poetry Award**

The Speed of Dark by Ian Duhig  
The Space of Joy by John Fuller  
Look We Have Coming to Dover! by Daljit Nagra  
Tilt by Jean Sprackland (winner)

**Costa Children's Book Award**

The Bower Bird by Ann Kelley (winner)  
Crusade by Elizabeth Laird  
What I Was by Meg Rosoff  
Blood Red Snow White by Marcus Sedgwick

**2008**

**Costa First Novel Award**

The Behaviour of Moths by Poppy Adams  
The Outcast by Sadie Jones (winner)  
Inside the Whale by Jennie Rooney  
Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith

**Costa Novel Award**

The Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry (winner)  
The Other Hand by Chris Cleave  
A Partisan's Daughter by Louis de Bernières  
Trauma by Patrick McGrath

**Costa Biography Award**

Somewhere Towards the End by Diana Athill (winner)  
Bloomsbury Ballerina by Judith Mackrell

If You Don't Know Me By Now by Sathnam Sanghera  
Chagall by Jackie Wullschlager

**Costa Poetry Award**

For All We Know by Ciaran Carson  
The Broken Word by Adam Foulds (winner)  
Sunday at the Skin Launderette by Kathryn Simmonds  
Salvation Jane by Greta Stoddart

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray  
The Carbon Diaries 2015 by Saci Lloyd  
Just Henry by Michelle Magorian (winner)  
Broken Soup by Jenny Valentine

**2009**

**Costa First Novel Award**

The Finest Type of English Womanhood by Rachel Heath  
John the Revelator by Peter Murphy  
Beauty by Raphael Selboun (winner)  
The Girl with Glass Feet by Ali Shaw

**Costa Novel Award**

Family Album by Penelope Lively  
Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel  
The Elephant Keeper by Christopher Nicholson  
Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín (winner)

**Costa Biography Award**

The Strangest Man: The Hidden Life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius by Graham Farmelo (winner)  
The Music Room by William Fiennes  
Coda by Simon Gray  
Dancing to the Precipice by Caroline Moorehead

**Costa Poetry Award**

Angels over Elsinore by Clive James  
One Eye'd Leigh by Katherine Kilalea  
Darwin: A Life in Poems by Ruth Padel  
A Scattering by Christopher Reid (winner)

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Solace of the Road by Siobhan Dowd  
Troubadour by Mary Hoffman  
The Ask and the Answer (Chaos Walking, Book Two) by Patrick Ness (winner)  
Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera

**2010**

**Costa First Novel Award**

Witness the Night by Kishwar Desai (winner)  
Coconut Unlimited by Nikesh Shukla  
Not Quite White by Simon Thirsk  
The Temple Goers by Aatish Taseer

**Costa Novel Award**

Whatever you love by Louise Doughty  
The Blasphemer by Nigel Farndale  
Skippy Dies by Paul Murray  
The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell (winner)



**Costa Biography Award**

How to live: A life of Montaigne in twenty questions and one attempt at an answer by Sarah Bakewell  
My Father's Fortune: A Life by Michael Frayn  
The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal (winner)

**Costa Poetry Award**

Standard Midland by Roy Fisher  
The Wrecking Light by Robin Robertson  
Of Mutability by Jo Shapcott (winner)  
New Light for the Old Dark by Sam Willetts

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Flyaway by Lucy Christopher  
Annexed by Sharon Dogar  
Bartimaeus: The Ring of Solomon by Jonathan Stroud  
Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace (winner)

**2011****Costa First Novel Award**

City of Bohane by Kevin Barry  
The Last Hundred Days by Patrick McGuinness  
Tiny Sunbirds Far Away by Christie Watson (winner)  
Pao by Kerry Young

**Costa Novel Award**

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes  
A Summer of Drowning by John Burnside  
Pure by Andrew Miller (winner)  
My Dear I Wanted to Tell You by Louisa Young

**Costa Biography Award**

Thin Paths: Journeys in and around a Mountain Village by Julia Blackburn  
Henry's Demons: Living with Schizophrenia (A Father and Son's Story) by Patrick and Henry Cockburn  
Now All Roads Lead to France: The Last Years of Edward Thomas by Matthew Hollis (winner)  
Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin

**Costa Poetry Award**

The Bees by Carol Ann Duffy (winner)  
Night by David Harsent  
Fiere by Jackie Kay  
November by Sean O'Brien

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Flip by Martyn Bedford  
The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Small Change for Stuart by Lissa Evans  
Blood Red Road by Moira Young (winner)

**2012****Costa First Novel Award**

The Notable Brain of Maximilian Ponder by J W Ironmonger  
Snake Ropes by Jess Richards  
The Innocents by Francesca Segal (winner)  
The Bellwether Revivals by Benjamin Wood

**Costa Novel Award**

Bring Up The Bodies by Hilary Mantel (winner)  
Life! Death! Prizes! by Stephen May  
The Heart Broke In by James Meek  
Days of the Bagnold Summer by Joff Winterhart

**Costa Biography Award**

Patrick Leigh-Fermor: An Adventure by Artemis Cooper

The Crocodile by the Door: The story of a house, a farm and a family by Selina Guinness  
Serving Victoria: Life in the Royal Household by Kate Hubbard  
Dotter of Her Father's Eyes by Mary M Talbot and Bryan Talbot (winner)

**Costa Poetry Award**

Bee Journal by Sean Borodale  
The World's Two Smallest Humans by Julia Copus  
People Who Like Meatballs by Selima Hill  
The Overhaul by Kathleen Jamie (winner)

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner (winner)  
The Seeing by Diana Hendry  
What's Up With Jody Barton? by Hayley Long  
A Boy and A Bear in A Boat by Dave Shelton

**2013**

**Costa First Novel Award**

Idiopathy by Sam Byers  
Meeting the English by Kate Clanchy  
The Shock of the Fally by Nathan Filer (winner)  
Marriage Material by Sathnam Sanghera

**Costa Novel Award**

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson (winner)  
Unexpected Lessons in Love by Bernardine Bishop  
Instructions for a Heatwave by Maggie O'Farrell  
All the Birds, Singing by Evie Wyld

**Costa Biography Award**

Empire Antarctica: Ice, Silence and Emperor Penguins by Gavin Francis  
Hanns and Rudolf: The German Jew and the Hunt for the Kommandant of Auschwitz by Thomas Harding  
The Pike: Gabriele d'Annunzio, Poet, Seducer and Preacher of War by Lucy Hughes-Hallett (winner)  
The Trip to Echo Spring: Why Writers Drink by Olivia Laing

**Costa Poetry Award**

Dante: The Divine Comedy by Clive James  
Division Street by Helen Mort  
Hill of Doors by Robin Robertson  
Drysalter by Michael Symmons Roberts (winner)

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door by Ross Montgomery  
The Hanged Man Rises by Sarah Naughton  
Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse by Chris Riddell (winner)  
Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein

**2014**

**Costa First Novel Award**

A Song for Issy Bradley by Carys Bray  
Academy Street by Mary Costello  
Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey (winner)  
Chop Chop by Simon Wroe

**Costa Novel Award**

The Lives of Others by Neel Mukherjee  
House of Ashes by Monique Roffey  
How to be both by Ali Smith (winner)  
Nora Webster by Colm Toibin

**Costa Biography Award**

Roy Jenkins: A Well-Rounded Life by John Campbell  
The Iceberg: A Memoir by Marion Coutts  
H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald (winner)  
Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death and Brain Surgery by Henry Marsh

**Costa Poetry Award**

The Whole & Rain-domed Universe by Colette Bryce  
My Family and Other Superheroes by Jonathan Edwards (winner)  
A Double Sorrow: Troilus and Criseyde by Lavinia Greenlaw  
The Cartographer Tries to Map a Way to Zion by Kei Miller

**Costa Children's Book Award**

Running Girl by Simon Mason  
Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo  
Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders (winner)  
The Ghosts of Heaven by Marcus Sedgwick