

# COSTA (FORMERLY WHITBREAD) BOOK AWARDS

## Judges 1971 - present

### **1971**

Margaret Drabble, JB Priestley, Anthony Thwaite

### **1972**

Kingsley Amis, Lady Antonia Fraser, George Malcolm Thompson

### **1973**

Elizabeth Jane Howard, Laurie Lee, James Pope-Hennessy

### **1974**

Nina Bawden, Maurice Edelman, CP Snow

### **1975**

Michael Meyer, Robert Robinson, Claire Tomalin

### **1976**

Susan Hill, David Holloway, AJP Taylor

### **1977**

Anthony Hern, Frank Muir, Lynne Reid-Banks

### **1978**

Beryl Bainbridge, Anne Scott-James, Ion Trewin

### **1979**

Jacky Gillott, Michael Holroyd, John Whitley

### **1980**

Nicholas Bagnall, Penelope Mortimer, Dr John Rae

### **1981**

Andrew Boyle, Penelope Lively, Paul Theroux

### **1982**

Roald Dahl, Peter Giddy, John Grigg

### **1983**

Frank Delaney, John Elsley, Jane Gardam, Elizabeth Longford

### **1984/5**

Martin Amis, Hunter Davies, John Hyams,  
Edna O'Brien, Jill Paton Walsh, Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson

### **1985**

Richard Branson, Bob Cattell, Eva Figes  
Bryan Forbes, John Ford, Peter Giddy  
Benny Green, Ian Hamilton, Nigel Hamilton,

Philip Howard, Ralph James, John May  
Eva Moore, Denis Murphy, Philippa Pearce  
Peter Porter, Mary Quant, Alison Rimmer  
The Baroness Warnock, Shirley Williams, David Wood

### **1986**

Fleur Adcock, Barbara Buckley, Helen Cresswell  
Roger Cole, Richard Gill, Sir Michael Havers  
Ronald Hayman, David Holloway, Richard Holmes  
Jennifer Johnston, Verity Lambert, Ken Livingstone  
Bob Marshall, Bel Mooney, Colin Morgan  
Paul Muldoon, Bruce Oldfield, Helen Paiba  
Dr Robert Runcie, Joy Sinclair, Rose Tremain

### **1987**

Dannie Abse, Joan Aiken, Fiona Booth  
Roger Bowen, Heather Brigstocke, John Cheshire  
Judy Cooke, Douglas Dunn, Sebastian Faulks  
John Grigg, Valerie Grove, Sir John Harvey-Jones  
Susan Hill, Ludovic Kennedy, Rabbi Julia Neuberger  
Ben Pimlott, Alan Plater, Professor Jon Stallworthy  
Antony Thornecroft, Rose Tremain, Andreas Whittam-Smith

### **1988**

Kate Adie, Tessa Blackstone, Wendy Cope  
Monica Dickens, Gerald Durrell, DJ Enright  
Sally Feldman, Clement Freud, Max Hastings  
John Hitchin, Anthony Howard, Douglas Hurd  
John Hyams, Alan Jenkins, Penny Perrick  
John Parry, Nicholas Shakespeare, Robin Stringer  
Fay Weldon, Diana Wynne Jones, Roy Yates

### **1989**

Bryan Appleyard, Mary Archer, Hazel Broadfoot  
David Cook, Richard Eyre, Nigel Forde  
Jane Gardam, Roy Hattersley, Catherine Heath  
Val Hennessy, Gene Kemp, Brenda Maddox  
Denis Murphy, Peter Porter, Libby Purves  
Ned Sherrin, Janet Street-Porter, Mark Wait  
John Walsh, Timothy Waterstone, David Wood

### **1990**

Sybille Bedford, Malcolm Bradbury, Frank Brazier  
Rob Carr-Archer, Penelope Fitzgerald, Joanna Foster  
Patricia Hodgson, Anna Home, Jeremy Isaacs  
Gerald Kaufman, Roger McGough, Brian Morton  
Stephanie Nettell, Michael Palin, Ben Pimlott  
Simon Rae, Michael Ratcliffe, John Rowe Townsend  
Lynne Truss, Charles Wheeler, Norman Willis

### **1991**

Mark Amory, Michael Church, John Cole  
Lindsey Fraser, Michael Howard MP, Liz Lochhead  
Nicholas Mosley, Gill Pyrah, Hilary Spurling  
Roy Strong, Lawrence Sail, Alice Thomas Ellis

Ann Thwaite, Anthony Thwaite, Barbara Trapido  
Donald Treford, John Walsh, Timberlake Wertenbaker  
David Wilkinson, Ed Wilson, Philip Ziegler

### 1992

Willie Anderson, Catherine Lockerbie, Bernice Rubens  
Martin Lee, Pat McLoughlin, Max Stafford-Clark  
Douglas Dunn, Grace Nichols, Susan Roberts  
Edward Blishen, PD James, Brian Walden  
Diana Hendry, Andrew Hollingsworth, Bill Oddie  
Joan Bakewell, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, John Hanson, John Hitchin, Richard Lambert, Peter Sissons

### 1993

David Benedictus, David Mellor, Fay Weldon  
James Heneage, Philip Hobsbawn, Daniel Johnson  
Roger Bratchell, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Andrew Motion  
Lynn Barber, Antonia Fraser, Harriet Harvey-Wood  
Sue Arnold, Gillian Cross, Fay Sinai  
Adrian Noble, Philip Joseph, Peter Preston, Ruth Rendell, Polly Toynebee, William Waldegrave

### 1994

Susan Hill, Harry Ritchie, Bing Taylor  
John Coldstream, Penelope Mortimer, Marina Warner  
Clare Francis, Andrew Sinclair, AN Wilson  
Sean O'Brien, David Taylor, Auberon Waugh  
Adele Geras, Sue Townsend, Liz Woodhead  
Barbara Amiel, Howard Davies, David Hunt MP, Anne Robinson, Terry Waite, Jeremy Paxman

**Bold denotes final judging panel member**

### 1995

First Novel: **Rachel Cusk**, Hilary Mantel, Jason Cowley  
Novel: **Candia McWilliam**, Miriam Gross, Joe Sinyor  
Biography: **Sir Julian Critchley**, Douglas Schatz, Peter Grosvenor  
Poetry: **Adrian Mitchell**, Jackie Kay, Sophie Leek  
Children's Book: Nanette Newman, Sonia Benster, **Simon Tait**  
**Professor Richard Hoggart (Chair), Jane Asher, Frances Edmonds, Sheena McDonald**

### 1996

First Novel: **Alain de Botton**, Jo Howard, James Walton  
Novel: Geordie Greig, Lisa Jardine, **Josephine Hart**  
Biography: Magnus Linklater, David McRedmond, **Miranda Seymour**  
Poetry: **Simon Armitage**, Jan Dalley, Tom Velickovic  
Children's Book: Joanna Carey, Elizabeth Hammill, **Jacqueline Wilson** (Cameron Queen, Ela Stevenson)  
**Professor Malcolm Bradbury (Chair), Ian Hislop, Will Hutton, Maureen Lipman**

### 1997

First Novel: Elizabeth Buchan, **Helen Dunmore**, Albert Read  
Novel: Findlay Caldwell, Stephen Moss, **Fay Weldon**  
Biography: Alison Blair-Underwood, **Selina Hastings**, Boyd Tonkin  
Poetry: Carol Ann Duffy, **Lord Gowrie**, Robert Nye  
Children's Book: **Anne Fine**, Damian Kelleher, Jenny Morris (Sally Inwood, Maria Adey)  
**Professor Jeremy Treglown (Chair), Edwina Currie, Jonathan Ross, Peter Stothard**

## 1998

First Novel: Peter Florence, **Shena Mackay**, Jane Mays

Novel: Suzi Feay, **Allan Massie**, Deborah Moggach

Biography: **Sarah Bradford**, Roger Katz, Brian MacArthur

Poetry: **U A Fanthorpe**, P J Kavanagh, Nick Rennison

Children's Book: **Floella Benjamin**, Malorie Blackman, Steve Hocking (Elliot Ross, Katherine Westall)

**Raymond Seitz (Chair), Rosie Boycott, Magnus Magnusson, Kirsty Young**

## 1999

First Novel: Kate Saunders, Erica Wagner, **Nigel Williams**

Novel: **Robert Harris**, Hartley Moorhouse, Jenni Murray

Biography: Sarah Anderson, **Anthony Holden**, Jackie Wullschlager

Poetry: Susan Blishen, **Glyn Maxwell**, Jamie McKendrick

Children's Book: Nicolette Jones, Simon Puttock, **Sandi Toksvig** (Laura Southall, Kate Lawrence, John Boucher)

**Dr Eric Anderson (Chair), Jerry Hall, Imogen Stubbs, Ann Widdecombe**

## 2000

First Novel: Paul Davies, Penny Vincenzi, **Minette Walters**

Novel: **Sally Beaman**, Rachel Holmes, Alex Linklater

Biography: **Michael Holroyd**, Claire Minett, David Sexton

Poetry: David Lea, **Jo Shapcott**, Jon Turney

Children's Book: Kate Agnew, Lucy Hughes-Hallett, **Michael Morpurgo** (Eleanor Pullan, Adam Usden)

**Sir Tim Rice (Chair), Clare Balding, Alan Davies, Matthew Pinsent, Penny Smith**

## 2001

First Novel: Brian Case, **Giles Foden**, Jane Rogers

Novel: **Esther Freud**, Mary Loudon, Tim O'Kelly

Biography: Mike Brookes-Sullivan, Kathryn Hughes, **Stella Tillyard**

Poetry: Harry Eyres, Daisy Goodwin, **Tobias Hill**

Children's Book: Julia Eccleshare, Roy Flowers, **Jamila Gavin**, Lizo Mzimba (Annalisa Middleton, Harry Cheetham)

**Jon Snow (chair), Saffron Burrows, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Denise Lewis OBE**

## 2002

First Novel: James Daunt, Bonnie Greer, **Joanna Trollope**

Novel: **Michael Dobbs**, Vanessa Eversfield, Peter Kemp

Biography: Dylan Jones, **Adam Sisman**, Karen Tyerman

Poetry: Jonathan Barker, **Wendy Cope**, Tom Sutcliffe

Children's Book: **Geraldine McCaughrean**, Jane Robertson, S F Said, Lizo Mzimba (Saijal Reahal, Tim Wickson)

**Ian Hislop (chair), Julian Fellowes, Hermione Norris, Joely Richardson**

## 2003

First Novel: **Tim Lott**, Jane Moore, Patrick Neale

Novel: **Philip Hensher**, Mark Lawson, Kate Summerscale

Poetry: Andy Ching, **Andrew Motion CBE**, Christina Patterson

Biography: **Ysenda Maxtone Graham**, James Naughtie, Laurence Howell

Children's Book: Jenny Agutter, Colin Brabazon, **Gillian Cross**, Lizo Mzimba (Niral Panchal, Jacquie Peate)

**Joan Bakewell CBE (chair), Bill Bryson, Ralph Fiennes, Meera Syal, Liza Tarbuck**

## 2004

First Novel: **Joanne Harris**, Caroline Gascoigne, Robert Palmer

Novel: Toby Bourne, **Jenny Colgan**, Amanda Craig

Poetry: Philip Bell, **Lavinia Greenlaw**, Luke Leitch

Biography: **Roy Hattersley**, Claire Armitstead, Mary James

Children's Book: **Kevin Crossley-Holland**, Katie Derham, Sharon Sperling (Sarah Hayes, Adam Pipe)

**Sir Trevor McDonald (chair), Mariella Frostrup, Hugh Grant, Michael Portillo**

## 2005

First Novel: Susanna Rustin, Robert Topping, **Arabella Weir**

Novel: Alex Clark, **Philippa Gregory**, John Humphrys

Poetry: **Ciaran Carson**, Suzie Doore, Robert Potts

Biography: **Margaret Drabble**, Frances Wilson, Jon Woolcott

Children's Book: Lizo Mzimba, **Linda Newbery**, Gervase Phinn (Una Haran, Calum Finlayson)

**Michael Morpurgo MBE (chair), Joanna David, Emilia Fox, Alastair Stewart**

## 2006

First Novel: **Sophie Kinsella**, Andrew McClennan, Alyson Rudd

Novel: **Kate Adie**, Susie Dent, Mike Gayle

Poetry: **Elaine Feinstein**, Jeremy Noel-Tod, Deryn Rees-Jones

Biography: Hazel Broadfoot, Sean O'Hagan, **Frances Wheen**

Children's Book: Geraldine Brennan, **Adèle Geras**, Brian Pattinson (Nancy Netherwood, Nathan Sutton)

**Armando Iannucci (chair), Clive Anderson, Simon Mayo, Erin O'Connor, Carol Thatcher**

## 2007

First Novel: Nic Bottomley, **Helen Lederer**, Sebastian Shakespeare

Novel: Sam Leith, Nigel Rees, **Polly Samson**

Poetry: **Vicki Feaver**, Sion Hamilton, Adam Phillips

Biography: **Danny Danziger**, Emma Jepson, Stephanie Merritt

Children's Book: **David Almond**, Marilyn Brocklehurst, Julia Somerville

**Joanna Trollope (chair), Alex James, Dylan Jones, Emily Maitlis**

## 2008

First Novel: Sarah Broadhurst, **Lisa Jewell**, Chris Rushby

Novel: Dan Fenton, **Pauline McLynn**, Matthew Sweet

Poetry: Rachel Campbell-Johnston, **Roger McGough CBE**, Robyn Marsack

Biography: **Michael Buerk**, Peter Saxton, Marilyn Warnick

Children's Book: **Victoria Hislop**, John Newman, Sue Polchow

**Matthew Parris (chair), Alexander Armstrong, Andrea Catherwood, David Horovitch, Rosamund Pike**

## 2009

First Novel: Nikki Bedi, **Sandra Howard**, Matt Taylor

Novel: Sarah Clarke, Rebecca Jones, **Neil Pearson**

Poetry: **Tom Fleming**, Chloe Garner, Sophie Hannah

Biography: **Robert Lacey**, Ben Macintyre, Caroline Mileham

Children's Book: **William Nicholson**, Fiona Phillips, Sue Steel

**Josephine Hart (chair), Tom Bradby, Marie Helvin, Gary Kemp, Caroline Quentin**

## 2010

First Novel: Anita Rani, **Aneka Rice**, Mark Thornton  
Novel: Alex Heminsley, **Adele Parks**, Jonathan Ruppin  
Biography: Caroline Moorehead OBE, **Juliet Nicolson**, Andrew Holgate  
Poetry: Tim Dee, **Ruth Padel**, Leonie Rushforth  
Children's Book: **Tim Bowler**, Lorraine Kelly, Tamara Macfarlane  
**Andrew Neil (chair), Natasha Kaplinsky, Elizabeth McGovern, David Morrissey**

## 2011

First Novel: Henry Layte, Emma Lee-Potter, **Jojo Moyes**  
Novel: **Patrick Gale**, Emma Milne-White, Michael Prodger  
Biography: Sue Baker, Peter Donaldson, **Flora Fraser**  
Poetry: Sarah Crown, **William Fiennes**, Sharon Murray  
Children's Book: Helen Fospero, **Eleanor Updale**, Tony West  
**Geordie Greig (chair), Hugh Dennis, Dervla Kirwan, Mary Nightingale**

## 2012

First Novel: Janet Ellis, Alison Flood, **Mark Watson**  
Novel: Sam Baker, Toby Clements, **Wendy Holden**  
Biography: Valerie Grove, Ron Johns, **D J Taylor**  
Poetry: Ted Hodgkinson, **Daljit Nagra**, Susan Sinclair  
Children's Book: Sarah Clarke, **Marcus Sedgwick**, Matt Whyman  
**Dame Jenni Murray DBE (chair), Jenny Agutter, Katie Derham, Sophie Ward**

## 2013

First Novel: **Matt Cain**, Rachael Beale, Fanny Blake  
Novel: Clemency Burton-Hill, Eithne Farry, **Gerard Woodward**  
Biography: **Anne de Courcy**, Paul Ross, Caroline Sanderson  
Poetry: **John Burnside**, Olivia Cole, Daniel Eltringham  
Children's Book: Jo Anne Cocadiz, **Emma Kennedy**, Philip Womack  
**Rose Tremain CBE (chair), Natascha McElhone, Richard Osman, Sharleen Spiteri**

## 2014

First Novel: Joe Haddow, Joanne Finney, **Maggie O'Farrell**  
Novel: **Bernardine Evaristo**, Elizabeth Buchan, Jasper Sutcliffe  
Biography: Paul Laity, **Wendy Moore**, Sheila O'Reilly  
Poetry: Anna Dreda, Charlotte Runcie, **Owen Sheers**  
Children's Book: Lorna Bradbury, Jake Hope, **Jonathan Stroud**  
**Robert Harris (chair), Samantha Bond, Robert Peston, Dame Diana Rigg**

## 2015

First Novel: Hannah Beckerman, Lauren Hadden, **Matt Haig**  
Novel: **Louise Doughty**, David Headley, Cathy Rentzenbrink  
Biography: Simon Heafield, **Penny Junor**, Jane Shilling  
Poetry: **Julia Copus**, Adam Newey, Melanie Prince  
Children's Book: **Martyn Bedford**, Melissa Cox, Andrea Reece  
**James Heneage (chair), Jane Asher, Katy Brand, Janet Ellis**

## 2016

First Novel: Justin Cartwright, **Charlotte Heathcote**, Sheryl Shurville

Novel: Matt Bates, **Nicci Gerrard**, Lisa O'Kelly

Biography: **Matthew Dennison**, Mary Loudon, Sarra Manning

Poetry: Jen Campbell, **Kate Kellaway**, Andrew O'Hagan

Children's Book: **Cressida Cowell**, Anna James, Steven Pryse

**Kate Williams (chair)**, Robert Bathurst, Graham Norton, Sian Williams

## 2017

First Novel: Sandeep Mahal, **Sophie Raworth**, Simon Savidge

Novel: Lucy Atkins, **Freya North**, Wayne Winstone

Biography: Arifa Akbar, **Simon Garfield**, Richard Humphreys

Poetry: **Moniza Alvi**, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Nicholas Wroe

Children's Book: Sanchita Basu De Sarkar, Fiona Noble, **Piers Torday**

**Wendy Holden (chair)**, Laura Bailey, Fern Britton, Art Malik