

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**