



# CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

AWARDS		SHORTLIST	AWARDED	WEBSITE
The Diverse Book Awards		Sept	Oct	Diverse Books   The Diverse Book Awards
The Blue Peter Book Awards		Nov	March	Blue Peter Book Awards 2022   Fact and Fiction for kids   Shortlist announced   Book Trust - CBBC - BBC
The Costa Book Awards		Nov	Jan	Costa Book Awards   Costa Coffee
CLIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards		March	Sept	<a href="http://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk">carnegiegreenaway.org.uk</a>
Little Rebels Children's Book Awards		March	Sept	The Little Rebels Children's Book Award – Radical fiction award given by the Alliance of Radical Booksellers
The UKLA Book Awards		March	July	UKLA Book Awards
The British Book Awards		March	May	The British Book Awards 2022 - Home Page   The Bookseller
The Lollies		Late Spring	Jan	The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards 2022 - Scholastic Shop
The Klaus Flugge Prize		May	Sept	The Klaus Flugge Prize   Official Website – Award For Picture Book Illustration
Waterstones Children's Book Prize		May	July	Waterstones Children's Book Prize   Waterstones
SLA Information Book Award		May	Nov	Information Book Award ( <a href="http://sla.org.uk">sla.org.uk</a> )
Royal Society Young People's Book Prize			Feb	Young People's Book Prize - Children's Science Books   Royal Society



# SHADOWING A BOOK AWARDS FAQ

## **Why shadow a children's book award?**

Award shadowing is the process of reading shortlisted books alongside the official award judges and having discussions based on the books. You might decide to choose your own 'winner' from the selection you have read and compare it to the judges' choice. Shadowing can also update teacher knowledge of children's books and give children the opportunity to try a variety of texts.

## **Which award should I choose to shadow?**

Choose which awards are best to follow for your current school context and where you are on your reading for pleasure journey. It may make a difference if you are shadowing with a small group or a whole class too.

Here's some things to think about:

- The Lollies and Blue Peter Awards are good ones to start with as they are often humorous and contain a variety of books.
- The Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards are one of the oldest and most prestigious awards.
- Diverse and Little Rebels are great to shadow if your focus is on representation and reflecting realities in your library.
- The Klaus Flugge is great if looking for more of a focus on creativity and illustration or looking at KS1 shadowing as they are usually picture books. These would be good to link to an arts project or to collaborate with arts lead in school for a library illustration project.
- The Royal Society and SLA Awards great if you are looking for more non-fiction recommendations in your library or have children who lean towards this genre.

## **How do I know which books to read?**

Once you have decided which award to shadow, check their website for dates of shortlisting (as some can vary from year to year) and follow them on social media for updates.

For some awards you can sign up to officially shadow them and receive resources from their websites. You may prefer to just shadow the awards yourselves in school in a more relaxed way.

## **Do I get sent the shortlisted books?**

Unfortunately, even when officially shadowing awards, most require you to purchase the books. Some awards may give you a discount so do check their websites.

However, if you decide to shadow an award, you are also making an investment to the school library when purchasing the books.

Do we have to read all of the books?

If you are taking part in an official shadowing program you may be required to read all of the books so you can make a judgement. However, if choosing to shadow in your own way in school there are no rules, and you could just read the ones that appeal most to the group.



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## What can the shadowing group do?

Some ideas for shadowing sessions are:

- Look at the covers and decide which is most appealing and why. Repeat with the blurbs.
- Create your own criteria/scoring system for a great book. What will you be looking for?
- Teacher or pupil led reading.
- Have discussion Q e.g. How does the book make you feel? Which characters would you most like to be friends with and why? What do you wonder about? What questions do you have?
- Is the book best read aloud to the class/group or as an individual and why?
- Discuss layout/illustrations/language and the effect this has on the reader/reading experience.
- Create a display in school about the books.
- Create mini reviews for twitter or school social media e.g. a review in 5/10/30 words.
- You could contact authors/illustrators on social media and ask them questions about the books and some may send a message/email.
- Have a vote for the favourite.
- Some award websites also have ideas for shadowing.



Please be aware that this is not a comprehensive list of book awards. There are many smaller or local awards which you may prefer to be involved with.