



Children's Book Award 2016

The Federation of Children's Book Groups
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Federation of Children's Book Groups announces the sponsorship agreement for Children's Book Award with The Book People is ending with immediate effect.

The Award, known as the Red House Children's Book Award during the 14 years of The Book People's sponsorship, is the only national award for children's books that is voted for entirely by children themselves. It is highly respected by teachers, librarians and parents, and past winners include J.K. Rowling, Patrick Ness, Andy Stanton, Malorie Blackman, Anthony Horowitz and Oliver Jeffers. Now in its 36th year, the award has often been the first to recognise the future stars of children's fiction and has the ability to turn popular authors into bestsellers.

Rick Yancey, overall winner in 2014 said in his winning speech: "To get this award is the most special experience I've had as a writer because it's from all of you, it's from the people I've been sharing this experience with; and to be recognized and honoured in this way is something that really is special to me beyond words."

Voting for the shortlist books is done by FCBG local groups from all over the UK. Last year this involved 800 books being submitted, with 48,000 votes for the shortlist alone and a grand total of over 80,000 votes being cast.

Wendy Gilham of the Federation of Children's Book Groups said: "We have enjoyed many years of successful partnership during which the award went from strength to strength, with ever growing numbers of votes and national recognition."

The 2016 shortlist will be announced on 2nd November and the winner's ceremony will be held on 28th May in Central London. All shortlisted illustrators and authors will receive the highly prized individual portfolios of artwork and writing by children in response to each shortlisted book. Additionally, a prize will be given for each of the three category winners, and the overall winner will be awarded the silver oak trophy.

Jacqueline Wilson said,

"I was thrilled when I won the Children's Book Award for 'The Suitcase Kid'. It was the first book prize I'd ever won and it meant all the world to me"

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