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RED HOUSE CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The **Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG)** announced yesterday the winner of the Red House Children's Book Award in a spectacular ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank in London. The award-winning national organisation dedicated to 'bringing books and children together', showcased the finest authors and illustrators in the UK today as voted for by children all over the country.

The award for the **overall winning book** *Spooky Spooky House* written by Andrew Weale and illustrated by Lee Wildish was presented by last year's winner Patrick Ness.

The category winners were as follows:

Younger Children: *Spooky Spooky House* written by Andrew Weale and illustrated by Lee Wildish.

Younger Readers: *Gangsta Granny* Written by David Walliams and illustrated by Tony Ross.

Older Readers: *The Medusa Project: Hit Squad* by Sophie McKenzie.

Over 800 books were submitted over the course of the year for the award by all major UK publishers with more than 53,000 votes cast for the top ten books in this year's shortlist. Each shortlisted author and illustrator received a beautifully unique, hand-made themed portfolio of reviews and drawings submitted by children, the voters for the award.

The FCBG would also like to congratulate all the shortlisted authors and illustrators this year and thank those able to attend:

Sam Usher, Louise Yates, Caryl Hart, Ed Eaves, David Walliams, Tony Ross, Jonathan Meres, Donough O'Malley, Elen Caldecott, Suzanne Lafleur and Pittacus Lore.

Julia Miller, Chair of the FCBG National Executive had the following to say:

'This year's award has been another fantastic event. *Spooky Spooky House* has proven its appeal to children of all ages and is a wonderful winner of the award. Our congratulations to Andrew and Lee.'

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Notes for editors:

1. FCBG website: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/>
2. The FCBG has over 150 official members reaching out to children and parents in their local area, and 27 groups across the country. More information about the FCBG, its aims and its history can be accessed at: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/about/>
3. The FCBG is a registered charity no. 268289