



The Book Awards were established by Whitbread in 1971 and encouraged, promoted and celebrated the enjoyment of reading. They became the Costa Book Awards in 2006.

There are six awards:

- Novel Award, First Novel Award, Biography Award, Poetry Award and Children's Book Award winners (£5,000 each)
- Book of the Year (selected from five winners above): £25,000
- Total prize fund is £50,000.

COSTA WINNERS 2006 - 2008

2008	BOOK OF THE YEAR	The Secret Scripture	Sebastian Barry	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	First Novel Award	The Outcast	Sadie Jones	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Novel Award	The Secret Scripture	Sebastian Barry	<i>Faber and Faber</i>
	Biography Award	Somewhere Towards the End	Diana Athill	<i>Granta</i>
	Poetry Award	The Broken Word	Adam Foulds	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
Children's Book Award	Just Henry	Michelle Magorian	<i>Egmont Press</i>	
2007	BOOK OF THE YEAR	Day	A L Kennedy	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	First Novel Award	What Was Lost	Catherine O'Flynn	<i>Tindal Street Press</i>
	Novel Award	Day	A L Kennedy	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography Award	Young Stalin	Simon Sebag-Montefiore	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
	Poetry Award	Tilt	Jean Sprackland	<i>Cape Poetry</i>
Children's Book Award	The Bower Bird	Ann Kelley	<i>Luath Press Limited</i>	
2006	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE TENDERNESS OF WOLVES	Stef Penney	<i>Quercus</i>
	First Novel Award	The Tenderness of Wolves	Stef Penney	<i>Quercus</i>
	Novel Award	Restless	William Boyd	<i>Bloomsbury</i>
	Biography Award	Keeping Mum	Brian Thompson	<i>Atlantic Books</i>
	Poetry Award	Letter to Patience	John Haynes	<i>Seren</i>
Children's Book Award	Set in Stone	Linda Newbery	<i>David Fickling Books</i>	

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2005	BOOK OF THE YEAR	MATISSE: THE MASTER	Hilary Spurling	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	First Novel Award	The Harmony Silk Factory	Tash Aw	<i>Harper Perennial</i>
	Novel Award	the accidental	Ali Smith	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Biography Award	Matisse: The Master	Hilary Spurling	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Poetry Award	Cold Calls	Christopher Logue	<i>Faber and Faber</i>
Children's Book Award	The New Policeman	Kate Thompson	<i>The Bodley Head</i>	
2004	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SMALL ISLAND	Andrea Levy	<i>Headline</i>
	First Novel Award	Eve Green	Susan Fletcher	
	Novel Award	Small Island	Andrea Levy	<i>Headline</i>
	Biography Award	My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots	John Guy	<i>Fourth Estate</i>
	Poetry Award	Corpus	Michael Simmons Roberts	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
Children's Book Award	Not the End of the World	Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>Oxford University Press</i>	
2003	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME	Mark Haddon	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	First Novel Award	Vernon God Little	DBC Pierre	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Novel Award	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>

	Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	Orwell: The Life Landing Light The Fire-Eaters	DJ Taylor Don Paterson David Almond	<i>Chatto & Windus Faber & Faber Hodder Children's</i>
2002	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award Children's Book Award	SAMUEL PEPYS: THE UNEQUALLED SELF The Song of Names Spies Samuel Pepys: The Unequaled Self The Ice Age Saffy's Angel	Claire Tomalin Norman Lebrecht Michael Frayn Claire Tomalin Paul Farley Hilary McKay	<i>Viking Review Faber & Faber Viking Picador Hodder Children's</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed for the final time in 2002, and the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year reverted to the original format of being one of five categories, with its winner, like the others, selected by the category judges and competing for title of Whitbread Book of the Year.

2001	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	THE AMBER SPYGLASS The Amber Spyglass Something Like a House Twelve Bar Blues Selkirk's Island Bunny	Philip Pullman Philip Pullman Sid Smith Patrick Neate Diana Souhami Selima Hill	<i>Scholastic Scholastic Picador Viking Weidenfeld & Nicolson Bloodaxe</i>
2000	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	ENGLISH PASSENGERS Coram Boy White Teeth English Passengers Bad Blood The Asylum Dance	Matthew Kneale Jamila Gavin Zadie Smith Matthew Kneale Lorna Sage John Burnside	<i>Hamish Hamilton Egmont Hamish Hamilton Hamish Hamilton Fourth Estate Cape Poetry</i>
1999	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	BEOWULF Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban White City Blue Music and Silence Berlioz, Volume 2 Beowulf	Seamus Heaney J K Rowling Tim Lott Rose Tremain David Cairns Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber Bloomsbury Viking Chatto & Windus Allen Lane The Penguin Press Faber & Faber</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed once more in 1999 when the winner of the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year was selected by the final judging panel and then judged against the other four categories for overall Whitbread Book of the Year.

1998	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	BIRTHDAY LETTERS SKELLIG The Last King of Scotland Leading the Cheers Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire Birthday Letters	Ted Hughes David Almond Giles Foden Justin Cartwright Amanda Foreman Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber Hodder Children's Books Faber & Faber Sceptre HarperCollins Faber & Faber</i>
1997	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	TALES FROM OVID AQUILA The Ventriloquist's Tale Quarantine Victor Hugo Tales from Ovid	Ted Hughes Andrew Norriss Pauline Melville Jim Crace Graham Robb Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber Hamish Hamilton Bloomsbury Viking Picador Faber & Faber</i>

1996	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE SPIRIT LEVEL	Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE TULIP TOUCH	Anne Fine	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	First Novel Award	The Debt to Pleasure	John Lanchester	<i>Picador</i>
	Novel Award	Every Man for Himself	Beryl Bainbridge	<i>Duckworth</i>
	Biography Award	Thomas Cranmer: A Life	Diarmaid MacCulloch	<i>Yale University Press</i>
	Poetry Award	The Spirit Level	Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed again in 1996 when the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year became an award in its own right (ie not judged against the other four categories) for the first time, with prize money of £10,000.

1995	BOOK OF THE YEAR	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM	Kate Atkinson	<i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i>
	First Novel	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Kate Atkinson	<i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i>
	Novel	The Moor's Last Sigh	Salman Rushdie	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography	Gladstone	Roy Jenkins	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Poetry	Gunpowder	Bernard O'Donoghue	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Beefeater Children's Novel	The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Michael Morpurgo	<i>Heinemann/Mammoth</i>
1994	BOOK OF THE YEAR	FELICIA'S JOURNEY	William Trevor	<i>Viking</i>
	First Novel	The Longest Memory	Fred D'Aguiar	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Novel	Felicia's Journey	William Trevor	<i>Viking</i>
	Biography	D H Lawrence: The Married Man	Brenda Maddox	<i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i>
	Poetry	Out of Danger	James Fenton	<i>Penguin Poetry</i>
	Children's Novel	Gold Dust	Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>OUP</i>
1993	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THEORY OF WAR	Joan Brady	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>
	First Novel	Saving Agnes	Rachel Cusk	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Novel	Theory of War	Joan Brady	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>
	Biography	Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life	Andrew Motion	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Poetry	Mean Time	Carol Ann Duffy	<i>Anvil Press</i>
	Children's Novel	Flour Babies	Anne Fine	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
1992	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SWING HAMMER SWING!	Jeff Torrington	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	First Novel	Swing Hammer Swing!	Jeff Torrington	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Novel	Poor Things	Alasdair Gray	<i>Bloomsbury</i>
	Biography	Trollope	Victoria Glendinning	<i>Hutchinson</i>
	Poetry	The Gaze of the Gorgon	Tony Harrison	<i>Bloodaxe Books</i>
	Children's Novel	The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross	<i>OUP</i>
1991	BOOK OF THE YEAR	A LIFE OF PICASSO	John Richardson	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	First Novel	Alma Cogan	Gordon Burn	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Novel	The Queen of the Tambourine	Jane Gardam	<i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i>
	Biography	A Life of Picasso	John Richardson	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Poetry	Gorse Fires	Michael Longley	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Children's Novel	Harvey Angell	Diana Hendry	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
1990	BOOK OF THE YEAR	HOPEFUL MONSTERS	Nicholas Mosley	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	First Novel	The Buddha of Suburbia	Hanif Kureishi	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Novel	Hopeful Monsters	Nicholas Mosley	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Biography	A A Milne: His Life	Ann Thwaite	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Poetry	Daddy, Daddy	Paul Durcan	<i>The Blackstaff Press</i>
	Children's Novel	AK	Peter Dickinson	<i>Victor Gollancz</i>
1989	BOOK OF THE YEAR	COLERIDGE: EARLY VISIONS	Richard Holmes	<i>Hodder & Stoughton</i>
	First Novel	Gerontius	James Hamilton-Paterson	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Novel	The Chymical Wedding	Lindsay Clarke	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography	Coleridge: Early Visions	Richard Holmes	<i>Hodder & Stoughton</i>
	Poetry	Shibboleth	Michael Donaghy	<i>OUP</i>
	Children's Novel	Why Weeps the Brogan?	Hugh Scott	<i>Walker Books</i>

1988	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE COMFORTS OF MADNESS	Paul Sayer	<i>Constable</i>
	First Novel	The Comforts of Madness	Paul Sayer	<i>Constable</i>
	Novel	The Satanic Verses	Salman Rushdie	<i>Viking</i>
	Biography	Tolstoy	A N Wilson	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Poetry	The Automatic Oracle	Peter Porter	<i>OUP</i>
1987	Children's Novel	Awaiting Developments	Judy Allen	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
	BOOK OF THE YEAR	UNDER THE EYE OF THE CLOCK	Christopher Nolan	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
	First Novel	The Other Garden	Francis Wyndham	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Novel	The Child in Time	Ian McEwan	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography	Under the Eye of the Clock	Christopher Nolan	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
1986	Poetry	The Haw Lantern	Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Children's Novel	A Little Lower than the Angels	Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>OUP</i>
	BOOK OF THE YEAR	AN ARTIST OF THE FLOATING WORLD	Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	First Novel	Continent	Jim Crace	<i>Heinemann</i>
	Novel	An Artist of the Floating World	Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
1985	Biography	Gilbert White	Richard Mabey	<i>Century Hutchinson</i>
	Poetry	Stet	Peter Reading	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Children's Novel	The Coal House	Andrew Taylor	<i>Collins</i>
	BOOK OF THE YEAR	ELEGIES	Douglas Dunn	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	First Novel	Oranges are not the only Fruit	Jeanette Winterson	<i>Pandora Press</i>
1984	Novel	Hawksmoor	Peter Ackroyd	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Biography	Hugh Dalton	Ben Pimlott	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Poetry	Elegies	Douglas Dunn	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Children's Novel	The Nature of the Beast	Janni Howker	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
	First Novel	A Parish of Rich Women	James Buchan	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
1983	Novel	Kruger's Alp	Christopher Hope	<i>Heinemann</i>
	Biography	T S Eliot	Peter Ackroyd	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Short Story	Tomorrow is our Permanent Address	Diane Rowe	
	Children's Novel	The Queen of the Pharisees' Children	Barbara Willard	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
	First Novel	Flying to Nowhere	John Fuller	<i>Salamander Press</i>
1982	Novel	Fools of Fortune	William Trevor	<i>Bodley Head</i>
	Joint Biography	Vita	Victoria Glendinning	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
	Children's Novel	King George V	Kenneth Rose	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
		The Witches	Roald Dahl	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	First Novel	On the Black Hill	Bruce Chatwin	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
1981	Novel	Young Shoulders	John Wain	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Biography	Bismarck	Edward Crankshaw	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Children's Novel	The Song of Pentecost	W J Corbett	<i>Methuen</i>
	First Novel	A Good Man in Africa	William Boyd	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Novel	Silver's City	Maurice Leitch	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
1980	Biography	Monty: The Making of a General	Nigel Hamilton	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Children's Novel	The Hollow Land	Jane Gardam	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
	Novel and Book of the Year	How Far Can You Go?	David Lodge	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Biography	On the Edge of Paradise:	David Newsome	<i>John Murray</i>
	Children's Novel	A C Benson the Diarist	Leon Garfield	<i>Kestrel</i>
1979		John Diamond		
	Novel	The Old Jest	Jennifer Johnston	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Autobiography	About Time	Penelope Mortimer	<i>Allen Lane</i>

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	Biography	On the Edge of Paradise:	David Newsome	<i>John Murray</i>
1980		John Diamond	Leon Garfield	<i>Kestrel</i>
	Children's Novel	The Old Jest	Jennifer Johnston	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
1979	Novel	About Time	Penelope Mortimer	<i>Allen Lane</i>
	Autobiography			

	Children's Novel	Tulku	Peter Dickinson	<i>Victor Gollancz</i>
1978	Novel Biography	Picture Palace Lloyd George: The People's Champion	Paul Theroux John Grigg	<i>Hamish Hamilton Methuen</i>
	Children's Book	The Battle of Bubble & Squeak	Philippa Pearce	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>
1977	Novel Biography Children's Book	Injury Time Mary Curzon No End to Yesterday	Beryl Bainbridge Nigel Nicolson Shelagh Macdonald	<i>Duckworth Weidenfeld & Nicolson Andre Deutsch</i>
1976	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Children of Dymouth Elizabeth Gaskell A Stitch in Time	William Trevor Winifred Gerin Penelope Lively	<i>Bodley Head OUP William Heinemann</i>
1975	Novel Autobiography First Book	Docherty In Our Infancy The Improbable Puritan: A Life of Bulstrode Whitelock	William McIlvanney Helen Corke Ruth Spalding	<i>Allen & Unwin Cambridge University Press Faber & Faber</i>
1974	Novel Biography Joint Children's Books First Book	The Sacred & Profane Love Machine Poor Dear Brendan How Tom Beat Captain Najork & His Hired Sportsmen The Emperor's Winding Sheet The Life & Death of Mary Wollstonecraft	Iris Murdoch Andrew Boyle Russell Hoban & Quentin Blake Jill Paton Walsh Claire Tomalin	<i>Chatto & Windus Hutchinson Jonathan Cape Macmillan Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
1973	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Chip Chip Gatherers CB: A Life of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman The Butterfly Ball & The Grasshopper's Feast	Shiva Naipaul John Wilson Alan Aldridge & William Plomer	<i>Andre Deutsch Constable Jonathan Cape</i>
1972	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Bird of Night Trollope The Diddakoi	Susan Hill James Pope- Hennessey Rumer Godden	<i>Hamish Hamilton Jonathan Cape Macmillan</i>
1971	Novel Biography Poetry	The Destiny Waltz Henrik Ibsen Mercian Hymns	Gerda Charles Michael Meyer Geoffrey Hill	<i>Eyre & Spottiswoode Hart-Davis Andre Deutsch</i>