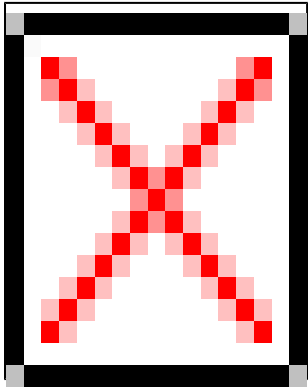




WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BOOK AWARDS 2017



In partnership with their sponsors, **Hachette Children's Group**, the School Library Association have announced the winners of the School Library Association Information Book Award 2017. The winner of the inaugural Hachette Children's Group Award for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books was also announced at the award ceremony at Carmelite House in London on 22nd November.

The Information Book Awards are designed to support school libraries, reinforce the importance of non-fiction and highlight the high standard of resources available, whilst the new Award for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books looks at a whole body of work with a criteria which is intended to highlight authors and illustrators who offer consistent quality and a significant contribution to information books, working across a range of topics.

For the Information Book Award 2017, the overall winner chosen by the judges was *Survivors of the Holocaust* by Kath Shackleton (Franklin Watts); whilst the Children's Choice winner was *Mind Your Head* by Juno Dawson with advice from Dr Olivia Hewitt, Illustrated by Gemma Correll (Hot Key Books).

The winner of the Hachette Children's Group Award for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books 2017 was Nicola Davies.

Tricia Adams, Director, School Library Association said: "The winners represent the outstanding quality and high standard of information publishing on offer in a range of subjects and we are delighted that so many publishers and authors and illustrators take part."

Hilary Murray Hill, CEO, Hachette Children's Group comments: "I am proud that Hachette Children's Group continue to sponsor the SLA Information Book Awards and now the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books. We are committed to publishing the very best information books and it is vital, now more than ever, that we support this important community of authors, illustrators and school librarians to raise their profile and provide young people with the best information books we can."

The winner in each category selected by the judges is as follows:

Under 7 Winner

My First Book of Animals by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Petr Horacek (Walker Books)

7-12 Winner

The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams, illustrated by James Weston Lewis (Wren & Rook)

Over-12 Winner

Survivors of the Holocaust by Kath Shackleton (Franklin Watts)

Overall Winner

Survivors of the Holocaust by Kath Shackleton (Franklin Watts)

Children's Choice Awards

Between May and early November, schools were able to cast their vote for their favourite Information Book from the shortlisted titles. Each group could vote online for their favourite book in each category (Under 7, 7-12 and 12-16) and for their overall favourite.

The Children's Choice winners are:

Under 7 Winner

Our Very Own Dog by Amanda McCardie, illustrated by Salvatore Rubbino (Walker Books)

7-12 Winner

The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams, Illustrated by James Weston Lewis (Wren & Rook)

12-16 Winner

Mind Your Head by Juno Dawson with advice from Dr Olivia Hewitt, illustrated by Gemma Correll (Hot Key Books)

Overall Children's Choice Winner

Mind Your Head by Juno Dawson with advice from Dr Olivia Hewitt, illustrated by Gemma Correll (Hot Key Books)

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