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## AWARDS

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

#### The Hans Christian Andersen Author Award

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Martin Waddell (Ireland) is the winner of the 2004 Hans Christian Andersen Author Award and Max Velthuijs (The Netherlands) is the winner of the 2004 Hans Christian Andersen Award for Illustration.

The awards are presented every two years by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) to an author and an illustrator whose complete works have made an important and lasting contribution to children's literature.

#### CLPE Poetry Award 2003

**Under the Moon and Over the Sea** (Walker) edited by John Agard and Grace Nichols and illustrated by Cathie Felstead, Jane Ray, Christopher Corr, Satoshi Kitamura and Sara Fanelli is the winner of the CLPE Poetry Award (formerly the Signal Poetry Award). The runner-up is Allan Ahlberg's **Friendly Matches** (Puffin) illustrated by Fritz Wegner.

#### The Branford Boase Award

The shortlisted books for the Branford Boase Award (for a first time novelist and their editor) are **The Various** by Steve Augarde, edited by David Fickling (David Fickling Books); **Inventing Elliott** by Graham Gardner, edited by Fiona Kennedy (Orion); **Follow Me Down** by Julie Hearn, edited by Liz Cross (Oxford); **Fish** by Laura Matthews, edited by Rachel Wade (Hodder); **Keeper** by Mal Peet, edited by Paul Harrison (Walker) and **Montmorency** by Eleanor Updale, edited by Kirsten Skidmore (Scholastic).

#### English 4-11 Picture Book Awards

The English Association's Picture Book Awards winners have been announced:

Key stage 1: **Bill in a China Shop** by Katie Weaver, ill. Tim Raglin (Bloomsbury) wins the fiction prize and **Woolly Jumper: The Story of Wool** by Meredith Hooper, ill. Katharine McEwen (Walker) wins the non-fiction prize.

Key stage 2: **The Wolves in the Walls** by Neil Gaiman, ill. Dave McKean (Bloomsbury) wins the fiction prize and **The Usborne Introduction to Art** by Rosie Dickins with Mari Griffith (in association with the National Gallery, London) (Usborne) wins the non-fiction prize.

#### Commonwealth Writers Prize 2004 Best First Book

Mark Haddon's **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** (David Fickling Books) has won the Commonwealth Writers Prize 2004 Best First Book.

## REGIONAL PRIZES

### Stockton Children's Book of the Year 2004

Georgia Byng's **Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism** (Macmillan) has won the Stockton Children's Book of the Year. The other shortlisted titles were G P Taylor's **Shadowmancer** (Faber and Faber), Mary Hoffman's **Stravaganza: City of Masks** (Bloomsbury), Cressida Cowell's **How to Train Your Dragon** (Hodder) and L S Matthews' **Fish** (Hodder).

### South Lanarkshire Book Award 2004

Keith Gray's **Malarkey** (Random House) has won the 2004 South Lanarkshire Book Award. Pupils from ten participating schools, plus some pupils from both Hamilton College School and St Andrews High (who had shadowed the event), had read all five books on the shortlist and voted for their favourite. The other shortlisted titles were Theresa Breslin's **Remembrance** (Doubleday/Corgi), Kevin Brooks's **Martyn Pig** (Chicken House), Nick Manns's **Dead Negative** (Hodder) and Sally Prue's **The Devil's Toenail** (Oxford).

### Angus Book Award 2004

Alan Gibbons's **The Edge** (Orion) has won the Angus Book Award. Following an intensive few months of reading and debate about each of the shortlisted novels, 3rd-year pupils from the eight Angus secondary schools voted for the winner and also organised the award ceremony. This year's voting was the closest ever and in a gripping finale a recount had to take place. Alan Gibbons often tackles controversial and hard-hitting subjects. **The Edge** is about a boy and his mother escaping from a violent, abusive relationship only to find racism and danger of another kind. It is uncompromising, disturbing, sensitive and immensely readable. The other shortlisted books were Julie Bertagna's **Exodus** (Macmillan), Keith Gray's **Malarkey** (Random House), Philip Reeve's **Mortal Engines** (Scholastic) and Malcolm Rose's **Clone** (Scholastic).

## PEOPLE

Congratulations to **Nina Bawden** who has won the S T Dupont Golden PEN Award for a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature (elected by the Executive Committee of English PEN ? representing 1000 fellow writers and literary professionals).

## EVENTS

### Go Fish! Creating Stories that Really Hook

A day organised by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) on 6 November 2004, King Alfred's College, Winchester. Speakers include Malorie Blackman, Julia Donaldson, Jeremy Strong, Sandy Watson, Andrew Melrose and special guest publisher David Fickling. Find out what publishers are looking for from the editor's panel! Get advice, inspiration and ideas for developing your craft, meet fellow professionals, and learn what's new in the children's book marketplace! Individual mss critiques offered. Come and be inspired! Further information from [www.wordpool.co.uk/scbwi](http://www.wordpool.co.uk/scbwi) [2] or email [scbwi\\_bi@hotmail.com](mailto:scbwi_bi@hotmail.com) [3] or tel. 020 8671 7539.

## Gateways to the Imagination

The Dorset Teaching Reading Conference for teachers, literacy governors, teaching assistants, Volunteer Reading Helpers, librarians and other enthusiasts of children's books takes place in Dorset on Saturday 13 November 2004.

Guest speakers include Nicholas Tucker, Kevin Crossley-Holland, Celia Rees, Philip Reeve, Philippa Pearce, Susan Gates, Meg Rosoff and the illustrator Giles Andreae. Further details from Philip Browne, The Dorset School Effectiveness Centre, Bovington Middle School, Bovington, Wareham, Dorset BH20 6NU. Tel: 01929 405060. Email: [p.browne@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:p.browne@dorsetcc.gov.uk) [4]

## Correction

Joan Aiken's **The Winter Sleepwalker** (Classics in Short No. 45) is, of course, illustrated by Quentin Blake not by Jenny Nimmo. Apologies to both.

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