
BERKSHIRE BOOK AWARD 2022

KEY INFORMATION



KEY DATES FOR THE 2022 AWARD

Date	Event
Wednesday 6th October	Launch online and voting for the longlist opens
Wednesday 3rd November	Longlist voting closes
Wednesday 10th November	Longlist announced and shortlist voting opens
Wednesday 12th January	Shortlist voting closes
Wednesday 19th January	Shortlist announced and voting for the winner opens
Wednesday 27th April	Voting for the winner closes
Wednesday 4th May	Winner announced

THIS TERM AND BEYOND

- The award will run in the same way as last year – almost exclusively online.
- Postal voting is still available but we are encouraging all voting to happen online otherwise.
- We will not be hosting a live launch event this term due to the ongoing impact of Covid.
- We will look to hold a shortlist event later in the year depending on the impact of Covid and any restrictions in place.
- There will be a short video on the website to launch the award this year and materials to engage with throughout.
- It might be that we can organise online book club meets between schools.

THE BBA YA AWARD

- In exciting news, the award this year will take a new avenue, with two strands to the award.
- For the first time ever, we have introduced a new Young Adult category, as well as our original award.
- This means that pupils who participated in the award in Year 7-9 can now continue into Year 10+ by participating in the YA strand.
- This will be run in exactly the same way as the original award, with book club materials throughout.

CHARGES FOR AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- The committee have thought long and hard about the future of the award and how we can keep things running over the coming years.
- The award does cost money to run each year with website fees being our most expensive outgoing, and events after that.
- We are kindly sponsored by a couple of local independent schools, as well as Newtbooks and have received donations from an independent doner in the last couple of years. Whilst this keeps us afloat, finances are very tight.
- We are not registered charity (as we don't have enough income to qualify) so don't benefit from grant money in any way.
- We have therefore decided to introduce a fee to participate in the award this year. We are asking for **£35** from each school to participate. This small fee covers the cost of the website, social media and events.
- The committee are all volunteers and produce all the resources in their own time – no-one is in any paid position.
- **Schools who pay the fee will get exclusive access to the book club materials, priority booking at any events and exclusive author material throughout the year. None of this will be freely available on the website or social media, but will be sent to participating schools independently.**
- If you are happy to participate in the award this year, please contact us and we will get an invoice sent to you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Any queries should be made via the website - <https://www.berkshirebookaward.org.uk/contact>
- You can also email the Chair directly – ck@rbc.org.uk
- Any postal queries should be sent to – Miss Knight, Head Librarian, Reading Blue Coat School, Holme Park, Sonning Lane, Reading, Berkshire, RG4 6SU