

Teenage Judges Competition 2009

Do you want to get the young people you work with involved in the UK's biggest teenage book prize?

Do you want them to join the 2009 judging panel, attend the award ceremony in London and meet the shortlisted authors?

Booktrust, the independent charity dedicated to encouraging people of all ages and cultures to engage with books, is launching a short story competition for teenagers aged between 11 and 16. You have until Monday 27 July 2009 to encourage your pupils to submit their stories. Last year over 4,500 young people entered.

Inspired by Barack Obama's historic victory in the 2008 US presidential elections, entrants are asked to write a short story (in no more than 500 words) about what they would do if they were president or prime minister for a day. Their response should be imaginative, creative and original, and they can choose any country they like. They might want to think about what changes they would like to make and why, or what they would do to inspire others.

The best four entrants win the opportunity to join the Booktrust Teenage Prize 2009 judging panel in November and help decide on the best book of the year.

The four winners will also attend the award ceremony on Wednesday 18 November in London where they will get to meet the 2009 shortlisted authors.

The winning stories and the five runners-up, who will receive a complete set of the 2009 shortlisted books, will be published on www.bookheads.org.uk a website dedicated to teenage reading.

The deadline for entries is Monday 27 July 2009 and the four winners will be contacted in the first week of September.



Time plan

Monday 27 July 2009

Deadline for short story entries

Week commencing Monday 31 August 2009

Four winners notified and sent complete set of shortlisted books

Week commencing Monday 21 September 2009

Booktrust Teenage Prize 2009 Shortlist announced

Week commencing Monday 2 November 2009

Final Judging Meeting (winners to attend)

Wednesday 18 November 2009

Booktrust Teenage Prize Award Ceremony (winners to attend)

Contact

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for more entry forms or to order free shortlist promotional packs which will be sent in time for the shortlist announcement in September

Enter through www.bookheads.org.uk

Entry forms can be photocopied

All agreed travel expenses will be paid by Booktrust

