



Author Judges

Eve Wersocki Morris (Chair)

Eve is an award-nominated author and publicist who writes adventure books full of mystery and suspense. Despite being diagnosed with dyslexia and labelled “the worst speller in the class” at school, Eve never let it stop her writing.



Nathanael Lessore

Nate is an award-winning author and former teacher. Born to French and Madagascan parents, Nate has lived in Singapore, Paris, Strasbourg and now lives in Peckham. His second novel, King of Nothing, won Waterstone’s Book of the Year and the Jhalak Prize.

Lui Sit

Lui was born in Hong Kong, grew up in Australia and now lives in Wimbledon. Her debut book, Land of the Last Wildcat, was Waterstones Children’s May Book of the Month and shortlisted for The Wainwright Prize. She is also the author of The Lucky House Detective Agency



Patrick Gallagher

Patrick is a primary school teacher and author of the Transcendent series from South London with roots in Goa in India and Donegal in Ireland. In his spare time, Patrick is a keen artist and violinist.



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"I'm looking for original and creative stories - write something only YOU could write."

Top tip: Read it aloud to someone else before you submit your final piece!



Nathanael Lessore

"I'm looking for stories or poems that you've enjoyed writing because that always shows on the page."

Top tip: Use the five senses to make your stories real - not just what you see but what you can hear, smell, taste and feel!

Lui Sit

"I'm looking to be moved by a story or poem - I want to feel something from having read it."

Top tip: To make your story or poem engaging, make sure it is clear, well-structured and in your own voice.



Patrick Gallagher

"I'm excited to read entries that are are inspiring."

Top tip: The best stories show off your imagination. Can you think of a really unique idea?