

Dudley Children's Book Awards 2020

We were delighted to again host the Dudley Children's Book Award celebration event which took place on Tuesday 11th February 2020, in the Dormston Mill theatre and was enjoyed by an audience of 240 pupils from eight Dudley secondary schools. We were also thrilled that two primary schools were able to join us.

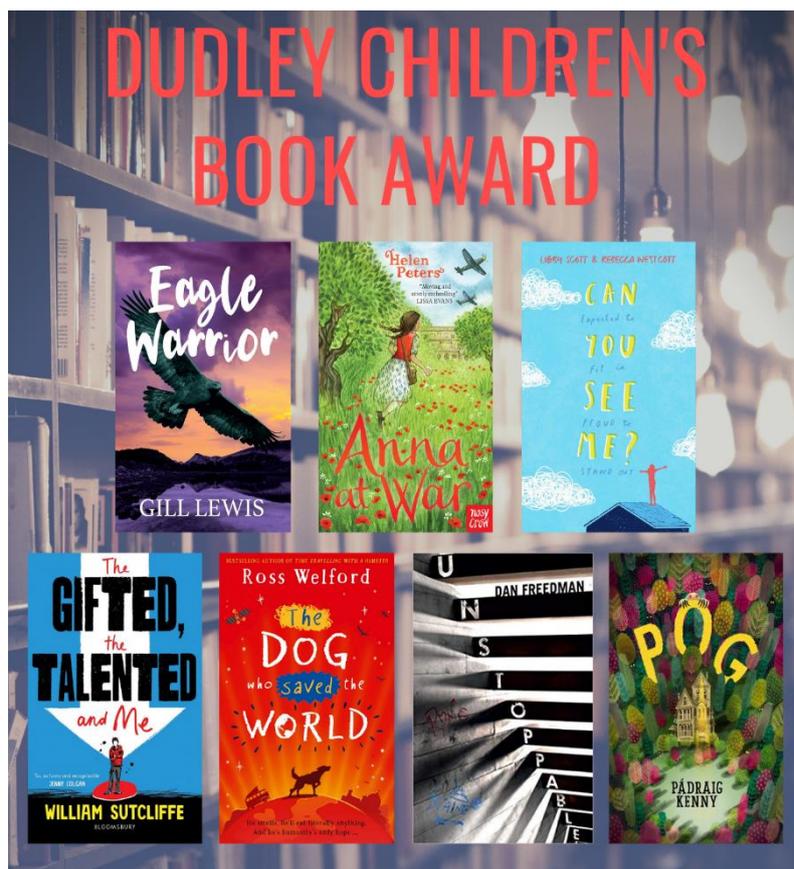
The Dudley Children's Book Award (formerly Dudley Teen Book Awards) is an opportunity offered each year to pupils in Dudley Borough schools with the aim to encourage and inspire young people to read and to particularly try books they wouldn't necessarily have chosen themselves.

Pupils began this year's exciting reading journey by reading the 7 shortlisted titles which must have been published for the first time in 2019 and were not a sequel or part of a series. Pupils then have until a week before the celebration event to vote for their favourite book. The wealth of opinions, animated discussions and exchange of views generated amongst those taking part is a pleasure to hear and evidences why this is such an important and enjoyable experience that each year goes from strength to strength.

The celebration event is the final chapter in this annual reading initiative and provided a lovely afternoon for pupils to meet the authors, listen to their talks and ask questions, before the anticipated announcement of the winner is revealed. Refreshments, a chance to personally meet the authors and to buy a book and get it signed, rounded off the day perfectly.

Our sincere thanks go to all the authors for to providing a truly memorable afternoon and big congratulations to WINNER Dan Freedman with his book Unstoppable.

The 2019 shortlist



So... the story continues!

How can you have a say and influence the next books chosen for
Dudley Children's Book Awards 2020?

Well, pupils and parents can now send me (Mrs Ellsmore) the name of a book or books you wish to nominate.

All nominated titles will all be added to the long list. In November 2020, The Librarians from all schools taking part will meet to discuss each book and to compile the final shortlist which pupils will then start reading.

So together, let's all get reading and see what we can discover to captivate us this year!

Please remember nominated books must have been published for the first time in 2020 and can't be a sequel or part of a series.

Deadline for nominations to reach me is 1st October 2020 please.

