

The Branford Boase Award

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Criteria for 2020 Award

1. The Award will be made annually to the most promising book of **6,000 words or more** for seven year-olds and upwards by a **first novelist** in a single calendar year.
2. The author may have published other books in another genre - for example, poetry or a picture book - but eligibility for the prize requires that this is her or his *first novel* for children.
3. The book chosen should be first published on a children's list in the UK in 2019.
4. The book must have an Editor.
5. The author should live and work in the UK.
6. **We cannot accept books that are only available in e-format or that are self published or where the author has contributed or paid for the costs of publishing.**
7. The Award will be for a novel or a younger reader for children, but not for a short story which is part of a compilation by various authors, nor for a picture book, nor for a collection of poetry.
8. **It is the publisher's responsibility to check that all books submitted are first novels for children and should confirm that with the authors prior to submission.**
9. **The book should have been published between 1 January and 31 December 2019.**
10. The winning author and editor will each receive an engraved trophy.
11. The winning author will also receive a cheque for £1,000.

Rules of entry for 2020 Award

1. Publishers should ensure that all submissions satisfy the criteria given above.
2. Each publisher may submit up to five books.
3. The publisher should initially submit **3 copies** of each book - **one** for the Chair of Judges, Julia Eccleshare, **one** for the Publicity Manager, Andrea Reece and **one** for Anne Marley, the Administrator. Please send the book(s) for consideration direct, complete with the submission form(s) to the addresses below.
4. Publishers whose books are subsequently selected for the wider Judging panel will be asked to submit the successful titles to the other Judges on the panel during January 2016.
5. Books should be submitted **no later than Friday 29th November 2019.**
6. **There will be a charge of £250 per title for books shortlisted for this Award.**
7. **All correspondence should be with the Administrator only.**

Please send **one copy** of each submission to:

Anne Marley, 8 Bolderwood Close, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 8PG

and

Julia Eccleshare, 37 Oak Village, London NW5 4QN

and

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