



The Longlist 2010

30 great books for your library

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Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service is proud
to announce...

The Tower Hamlets Book Award

The Tower Hamlets Book Award is for the fiction book for ages 10 to 13 voted by pupils as the best book of the year.

The aim of the Book Award is to encourage children to read, to bring children together for debate and discussion and to encourage children to share the pleasure of reading.

Schools can register to take part by emailing
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The titles on this long list have been chosen as valuable additions to your school library as well as potential award winners. They are all available in paperback and can be ordered from local bookshops. Extra copies can be borrowed from the Schools Library Service.

Reading groups, teachers and librarians will choose a shortlist of six titles which will be announced in July 2010

Individuals can take part at Idea Stores and public libraries. Email ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information or ask at your local idea store or library.

Previous Winners

2007 Andy Stanton, You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

2008 John Boyne, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

2009 Jeff Kinney, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules

Book Award Logo Competition

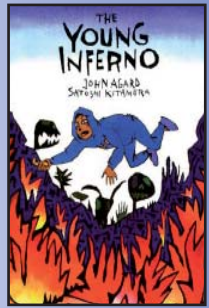
Congratulations to Anika Yasmin Rahman from Bangabandhu Primary School who took 1st prize for her design.



Agard, John

The Young Inferno

John Agard's *Young Inferno* transposes Dante's epic poem into the modern day, as a hoodie-clad protagonist is guided by Aesop through each of the nine circles of hell, fabulously illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura.



Almond, David

Jackdaw Summer

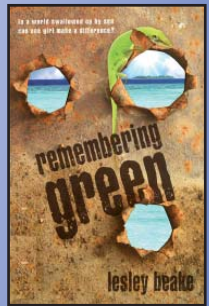
Near an army training ground readying itself for Iraq, Liam and Max follow a jackdaw to an old farmhouse and discover an abandoned baby. They wonder if the bird led them there on purpose, and so follows a story of good and evil, innocence and betrayal, where friendships are tested, and Liam's life will change forever



Beake, Lesley

Remembering Green

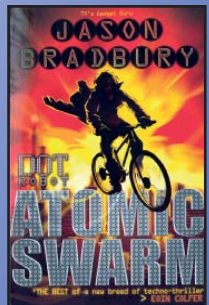
In 200 years sea levels have risen. Table Mountain is now an island where the Tekkies are barely surviving on the dwindling resources of their dying technology. They look greedily to old Africa, and to the people who have shunned the technology of the 23rd Century, and to the girl Rain who they believe holds the answer to rebalancing their world.

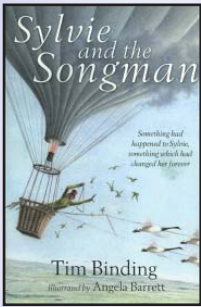


Bradbury, Jason

Atomic Swarm

Is billionaire criminal mastermind Devlin Lear still alive, and is he really responsible for the explosion at the nuclear reactor at a high-tech American university? Thirteen-year-old digital genius Jackson Farley thinks so, and with his online cohort he's going to find out.





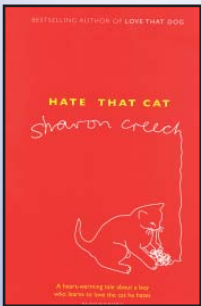
Binding, Tim

Sylvie and the Songman

Sylvie Bartram lives with her dog Mr. Jackson and her eccentric father who invents strange and wonderful musical instruments. When he is kidnapped, Sylvie, Mr Jackson and her best friend George are drawn into a parallel world ruled by the Songman, who seeks power through music and has stolen the voices of all the animals in the real world for his own ends.

Creech, Sharon

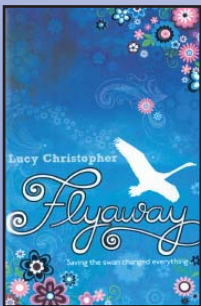
Hate that Cat



Jack likes his teacher, Miss Stretchberry, and he likes poetry, but he hates cats. Dogs are far better. Using his poetry journal and inspired by Poe, Tennyson, Eliot and Williams, Jack slowly comes to terms with the local cat, and explores his life and his feelings through the power of playing with words and verse.

Christopher, Lucy

Flyaway

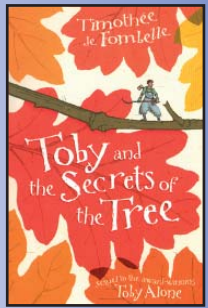


When her father is taken to hospital, Isla meets Harry, the first boy to understand her and her love of birds. But Harry is ill and as his health fails, Isla is determined to help him in the only way she knows how. Together they watch a lone swan struggling to fly on the lake outside Harry's window, and before they know it, everything changes.

De Fombelle, Timothy

Toby and the Secrets of the Tree

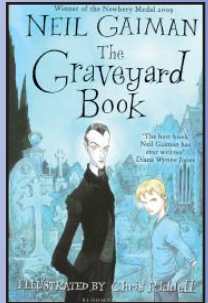
Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimetres tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world. But the Great Oak Tree is under greater threat than ever before. The sequel to the award-winning *Toby Alone*



Gaiman, Neil

The Graveyard Book

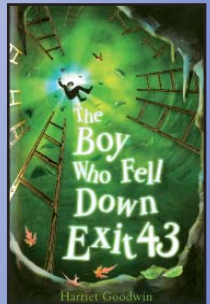
Nobody Owens is a perfectly normal boy, only he lives in a graveyard, is raised by ghosts, and his family was killed long ago by a mysterious man named Jack. It's Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*, with supernatural creatures instead of animals.



Goodwin, Harriet

The Boy Who Fell Down Exit 43

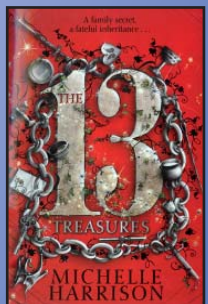
Finn Oliver, twelve tomorrow, decides to get away from his problems by joyriding across the moors in his mum's old car. If he had crashed in any other place Finn would simply have been another statistic. Death by dangerous driving. But the car hit Exit 43, and the entire future of the Underworld changes course.

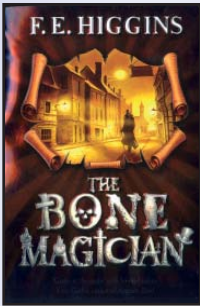


Harrison, Michelle

The Thirteen Treasures

Tormented by malevolent Faeries, Tanya is exiled to her grandmother's sprawling country house. With Fabian, the son of the caretaker, she uncovers the mystery of a girl vanished in the woods fifty years ago. Dark magic and dark humour come together as Tanya discovers the truth about the manor and her family history.





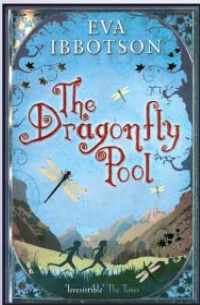
Higgins, F.E.

The Bone Magician

The Bone Magician exists in a world of illusion and deceit. Pin Carpue, alone and abandoned in the grim city of Urbs Umida, is drawn to him for his ability to make the dead speak. Gradually Pin pieces together the secrets of Bone Magic as his life entwines with the mysterious Juno and the other bizarre inhabitants of the city, and the haunting presence of the Silver Apple Killer who stalks the fetid streets.

Ibbotson, Eva

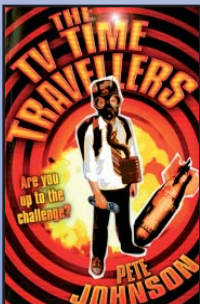
The Dragonfly Pool



Tally Hamilton does not want to leave London, just because of a stupid war and a few bombs, and she certainly doesn't want to go to a stuffy boarding school like Delderton Hall. But she soon discovers that Delderton is a gateway to the Kingdom of Bergania, the home of Prince Karil who is bored of his life in Bergania. But his country is under threat and Tally may be his only hope.

Johnson, Pete

The TV Time Travellers

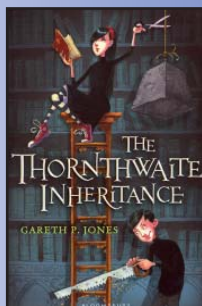


Big Brother meets time travel as Zac and Izzy, desperate for fame and fortune, sign up for Strictly Evacuees - three weeks of 24/7 filming trapped in 1939. As the show progresses however, things begin to turn nasty and Zac and Izzy discover that who is going to be voted off the show that week isn't the only unexpected surprise...

Jones, Gareth. P.

The Thornethwaite Inheritance

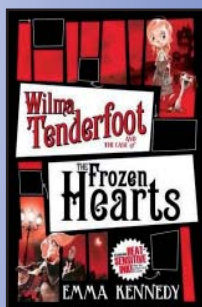
Lorelli and Ovid are not like most 13-year-old children. They are heirs to a vast fortune, live in a creepy mansion, and have been trying to kill each other for as long as they can remember. One day a lawyer arrives at the house with his son and a new contest begins. Can they put aside their sibling rivalry long enough to find out where the real danger lies?



Kennedy, Emma

Wilma Tenderfoot and the Case of the Frozen Hearts

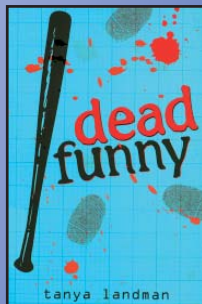
Wilma Tenderfoot dreams of one day becoming assistant to the world-famous and very serious detective Theodore P. Goodman. But the last thing Mr Goodman wants is a small and slightly accident-prone sidekick – especially one with an over-friendly beagle called Pickle who keeps eating all the clues.



Landman, Tanya

Dead Funny

Amateur detective Poppy Fields is in America and was very excited until all the weird murders started happening. Aging star Baby Sugarcandy went first, it looked like a fall down the stairs but the autopsy says otherwise and now Poppy and Graham are investigating. The second book in the Poppy Fields Mystery series.



Landy, Derek

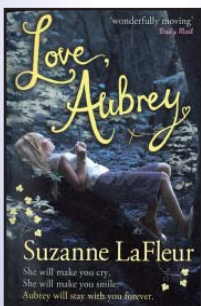
Skulduggery Pleasant: The Faceless Ones



Skulduggery and Valkyrie are back, investigating murders and preventing a bad guy from destroying the world. This time things are going to get so nasty that Skulduggery will be thankful he's already dead. People are going to get hurt, and there's certainly no guarantee of a happy ending...

LaFleur, Suzanne. M.

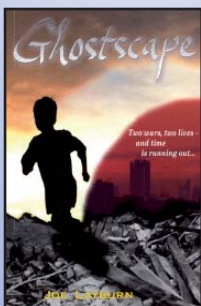
Love, Aubrey



A tragic accident leaves Aubrey alone. She thinks she can survive that way, with television and Spaghetti-Os, but the love of her Grandmother and new friends helps her heal and rejoin the world.

Layburn, Joe

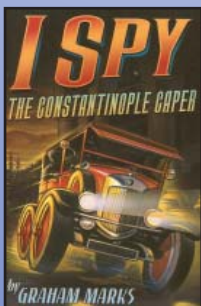
Ghostscape



Aisha from war-torn Somalia is struggling to settle in the East End. When she meets a 1940s boy called Richard she is transported back to the blitz, and finds her school is a refuge from the bombing. Together they confront her difficulties and try to reverse the terrible events that will happen in her school's past.

Marks, Graham

I Spy: The Constantinople Caper

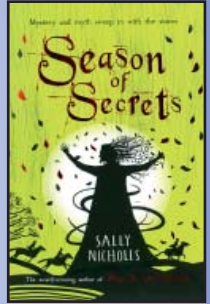


Trey is off on the Orient Express with his father. Even before the train has left Paris, Trey has a strong feeling that he is being watched... Should he behave like Trent 'Pistol' Gripp, his favourite fictional character, and confront the man? Soon Trey has to take brave decisions of his own – when he finds himself on the run in very dangerous circumstances.

Nicholls, Sally

The Season of Secrets

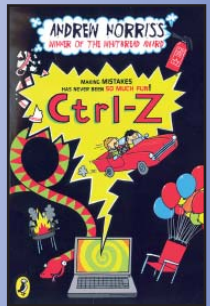
Molly knows that it's never obvious who is good and who is bad. Sent from home to live with her grandparents after the death of her mother, she is drawn to stories of the never-ending conflicts between the old gods of nature. One night she witnesses a desperate figure fleeing through a storm from a horde of huntsmen and knows then that like winter, grief will never vanish forever. But winter is always followed by spring...



Norris, Andrew

Ctrl-Z

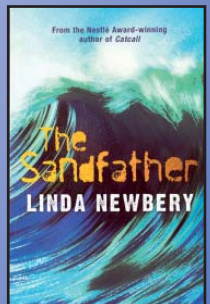
Wouldn't you like to undo all of your mistakes like a computer program? Alex receives an unusual present from his godfather, a laptop that turns back time to correct your mistakes whenever you press ctrl-z. Despite the obvious benefits, Alex soon begins to discover the problems of time travel and the true results of making mistakes.

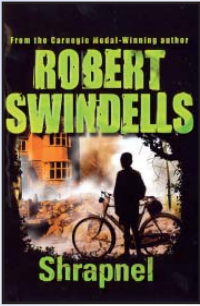


Newbury, Linda

The Sandfather

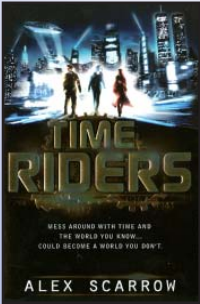
Hal's life is in turmoil. Deep in trouble at home and at school, he is sent to stay at his father's seaside home. Suddenly the father he has never known is everywhere, in the sand figures on the beach, in conversations and dreams, in the shape of Wesley Prince, his mother's old boyfriend. Will his elusive father ever come into his life? Is he any more substantial than the sandfather, blurred and dissolved by the incoming tide?





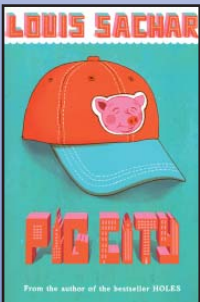
Swindells, Robert
Shrapnel

The blitz is at its worst and bombs are raining down on Britain while the pilots of the RAF fight back. Amidst this is Gordon, wishing that he could join the fight and banish the shame of cowardice in his family - his father who didn't fight in the First World War, and his brother who has abandoned his home and job. When Gordon tracks him down his brother claims to be a secret government agent and enlists him in a mysterious enterprise.



Scarrow, Alex
Time Riders

Maddy, Sal and Liam are three teenagers born in different eras, with very different personalities and skills. Moments before death each of them are rescued by a mysterious agency with only one purpose, to protect mankind's future and stop time travel from destroying the world.



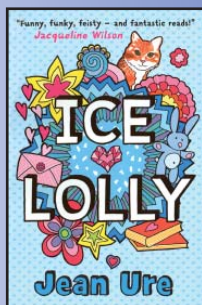
Schar, Louis
Pig City

Laura wants Pig City to become something that everyone will want to be a part of, and she wants the 'Pigs' to rule the school. All members of the club must give over 'insurance' to join - a secret so embarrassing that to break the club rules risks total humiliation. All is going well until Monkey Town makes an appearance, and life begins to get very complicated.

Ure, Jean

Ice Lolly

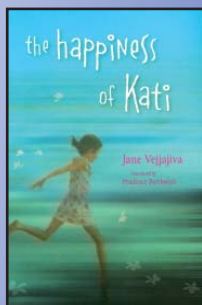
Laurel is only twelve when her mum dies. Her new family don't seem to care about anything Laurel loves, including Mr Pooter, her old cat and books that she had shared with her Mum. So Laurel decides that she won't feel anything: she'll become Ice Lolly, the girl with the frozen heart. But a special friend and a mysterious letter open up new possibilities for Ice Lolly, and for Mr Pooter!



Vejjajiva, Jane

The Happiness of Kati

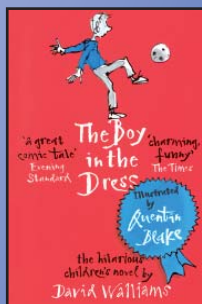
Thailand, and every morning Kati is woken by the clatter of Grandma's spatula and every night she goes to bed wishing for her mother. Beneath her peaceful life in an undercurrent of mystery. Why has her mother stayed away for so long, and where is the father Kati has never known?



Williams, David

The Boy in The Dress

Dennis' parents are divorcing and he is left with his comfort-eating father, his brother John, and his mother's left-behind clothes. His only outlets from a dull existence are Vogue magazine and playing football with his best friend - until the glamorous Lisa enters his life and encourages him to discover who he really is.



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