

# SHORTLIST

## CHILDREN'S FICTION



# INDIE

## BOOK AWARDS



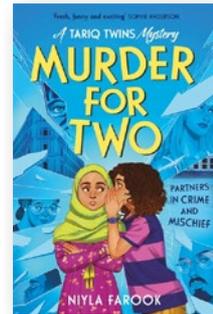
**Finding Bear**  
by Hannah Gold  
HarperCollins Children's  
9780008582043 | £7.99

The unmissable follow-up to the phenomenal bestselling and award-winning *The Last Bear*. Beautifully illustrated by Levi Pinfold and perfect for readers 8+ April Wood has returned home from her adventure on Bear Island. But, over a year later, she can't stop thinking about Bear.



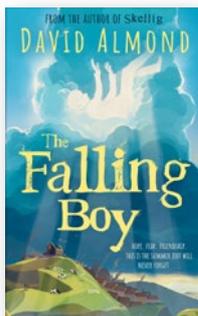
**Ghostlines**  
by Katya Balen  
Bloomsbury Children's Books  
9781526663887 | £7.99

On the Island of Ayrie, everybody knows everyone. They know each other's stories as they know every road, every hill and the coming of the tide. In the summer, there are bonfires to celebrate the migration of the puffins.



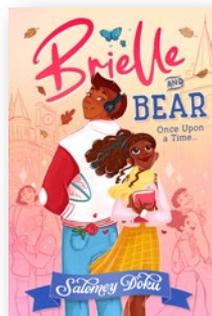
**Murder For Two**  
by Niyla Farook  
Bonnier Children's  
9781800789371 | £7.99

Separated when they were 6 months old, twins Ani and Riri couldn't be more different. Loud and adventurous Ani wants to be a sleuth when she grows up. Shy and quiet Riri prefers books to people, and just wants a safe, germ free job when she grows up.



**The Falling Boy**  
by David Almond  
Hachette Children's  
9781444970616 | £8.99

Nothing is the same for Joff this summer. His dad is sick, his mum is working, there's a new kid in town. The days are long and hot, and change is in the air. With his dog, Jet, Joff explores. The Chapel of Doom is always there, ancient and crumbling, with its warning signs and the legend of the Falling Boy. But Joff isn't going to go past those signs ...



**Brielle & Bear Once Upon A Time**  
by Salomey Doku  
HarperCollins Children's  
9780008617561 | £12.99

First-year student Brielle, a daydreamy book lover, knows everything there is to know about fairytales. Returning to the city of Rosebridge four years after moving away, she attends Once Upon a Time University, with the intention of living her fairytale dream.



**Reek**  
by Alastair Chisholm  
Barrington Stoke  
9781800902589 | £7.99

Climate catastrophe leaves the people of Earth fighting for oxygen in this gripping dystopian thriller from bestselling sci-fi author Alastair Chisholm. Sparrow lives in the world after the Reek. The atmosphere is toxically polluted, and Axel Brodie is cashing in as the only supplier of clean air.

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## PICTURE BOOKS



### Bear

by Natalia Shaloshvili  
Quarto Publishing Group  
[9781836006565](tel:9781836006565) | £7.99

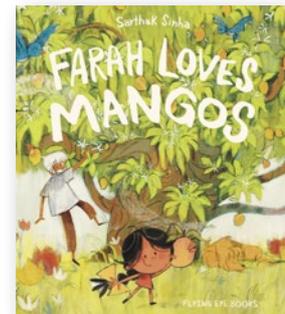
A story about sharing and how important it is to say what you mean. Bear is all set for a perfect day. The sky is blue, there's not a cloud in the sky and he has all of his most favourite things in the world by his side – a cookie to nibble on, a book to get lost in, a bright balloon to keep him happy and the perfect bench to take a rest on.



### The Dinosaur Next Door

by David Litchfield  
Abrams  
[9781917044967](tel:9781917044967) | £7.99

Liz is sure that her next-door neighbour has a secret. He's got a very long neck, clumpy feet and a strange taste for green leaves... he's a dinosaur! Unfortunately, she's not the only one who's noticed.



### Farah Loves Mangos

by Sarthak Sinha  
Abrams  
[9781838742010](tel:9781838742010) | £7.99

Farah loves mangos! She could eat them all day long and she wouldn't mind living in one either. Every summer when she visits her Grandpa they always pick the ripe fruit from his mango tree. This year, however, the tree is empty! Farah puts her mind to it and decides she will make the tree grow fruit.



### The Golden Hare

by Paddy Donnelly  
Obrien Press  
[9781788495950](tel:9781788495950) | £8.99

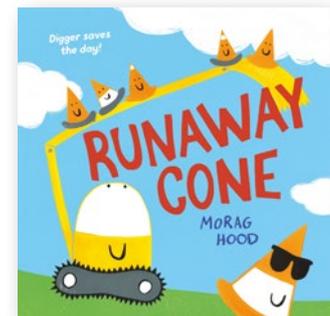
Meara and Grandad set out on a journey to find the Golden Hare, a mythical, shape-shifting creature that can jump to the moon in two-and-a-half leaps! Along the way, they discover all sorts of treasures in the trees, under the ground and in the waves. And who knows where that clever Golden Hare might be hiding...



### Invisible Dogs

by Ruby Wright  
HarperCollins Publishers  
[9781915395153](tel:9781915395153) | £7.99

When you start school, sometimes you need a best friend (or two). Ida is so noisy at home, but at school she is so quiet she doesn't make any friends. Luckily Grandpa knows the best game to cheer her up: invisible shops.



### Runaway Cone

by Morag Hood  
Pan Macmillan Children's  
[9781529026115](tel:9781529026115) | £7.99

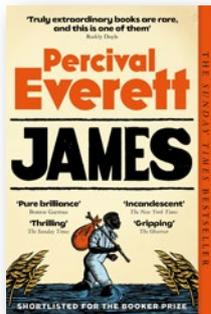
The hunt is on for a missing traffic cone in Runaway Cone, the entertaining sequel to Dig Dig Digger by Morag Hood, fun for both adults and young children. Digger, Traffic Light and the cones are all ready to start the roadworks one morning when they notice that something's wrong..

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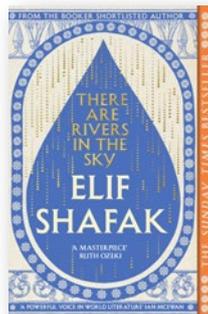


### James

by Percival Everett  
Pan Macmillan

9781035031269 | £9.99

The Mississippi River, 1861. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a new owner in New Orleans and separated from his wife and daughter forever, he flees to nearby Jackson's Island until he can formulate a plan.

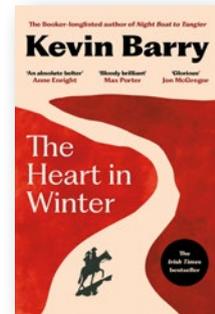


### There Are Rivers In The Sky

by Elif Shafak  
Penguin Books

9780241988749 | £9.99

There Are Rivers in the Sky is a rich, sweeping novel set between the 19th century and modern times, about love and loss, memory and erasure, hurt and healing, centred around three enchanting characters living on the banks of the River Thames and the River Tigris – their lives all curiously touched by the epic of Gilgamesh.

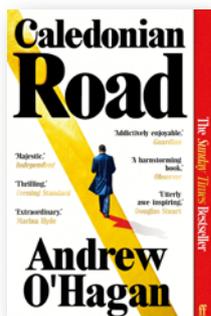


### The Heart In Winter

by Kevin Barry  
Canongate Books Ltd

9781837260799 | £9.99

He was ready to die for love. He just needed to find the right girl. October, 1891. Tom Rourke is a poet struggling to make a life amongst the Irish migrant workers in Butte, Montana. He is a dooper and a drinker and a fearsome degenerate. His life is heading nowhere fast.

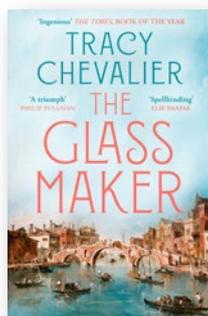


### Caledonian Road

by Andrew O'Hagan  
Faber & Faber

9780571381371 | £9.99

Only now, the world is changing. Over the course of an incendiary year a web of secrets and crimes will be revealed, and Campbell Flynn may not be able to protect himself from the shattering exposure of all his privilege really involves.

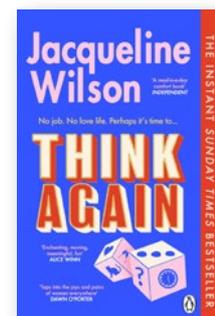


### The Glassmaker

by Tracy Chevalier  
HarperCollins

9780008153892 | £9.99

Venice, 1486. Across the lagoon lies Murano. Time flows differently here – like the glass the island's maestros spend their lives perfecting. In secret, Orsola Rosso learns to craft glass. As a woman, she must flout convention to save her family from ruin.



### Think Again

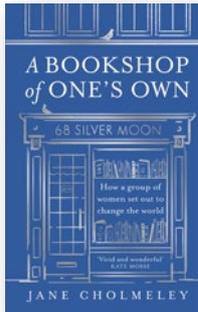
by Jacqueline Wilson  
Penguin Books

9781804994412 | £9.99

Don't miss out on the bestselling phenomenon from literary sensation Jacqueline Wilson - a warm, uplifting, life-affirming story about friendship, family, and finding fulfilment in unexpected places.

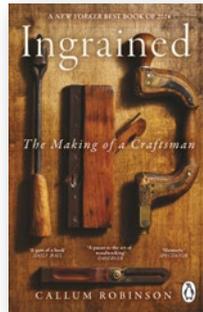
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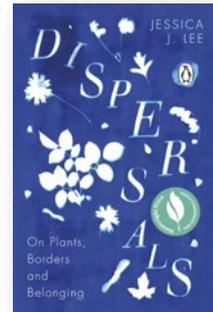
**A Bookshop Of One's Own**  
by Jane Cholmeley  
Harpercollins  
[9780008651077](#) | £10.99

The captivating true story of an underdog business – a feminist bookshop founded in Thatcher's Britain – from a woman at the heart of the women's liberation movement.



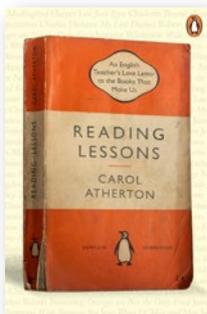
**Ingrained**  
by Callum Robinson  
Penguin Books  
[9781804992876](#) | £10.99

Ingrained is a love letter to trees, timber and craftsmanship – and to finding your own voice. The eldest son of a Master Woodworker, Callum Robinson spent his childhood surrounded by wood and trees, absorbing craft lessons in his father's workshop, playing amongst the sycamore, oak and Scots pine that bordered his home.



**Dispersals**  
by Jessica J. Lee  
Penguin Books  
[9780241996881](#) | £10.99

Born in Canada to a Taiwanese mother and a Welsh father, Jessica J. Lee is a perfectly placed observer of our world in motion. In Dispersals, she examines the echoes and counterpoints in the migration of plants and people – and the language we use to describe them.



**Reading Lessons**  
by Carol Atherton  
Penguin Books  
[9780241629505](#) | £10.99

An English teacher's love letter to reading and the many ways literature can make us, and our lives, better. How can a Victorian poem help teenagers understand YouTube misogyny? Can Jane Eyre encourage us to speak out? What can Lady Macbeth teach us about empathy?



**The Garden Against Time**  
by Olivia Laing  
Pan Macmillan Paperbacks  
[9781529066708](#) | £10.99

When Olivia Laing began to restore a walled garden in Suffolk, an overgrown Eden of unusual plants, the work drew them into an exhilarating investigation of paradise and its long association with gardens.



**Welcome To The Club**  
by Dj Paulette  
Manchester University Press  
[9781526183569](#) | £10.99

Featuring a foreword from Annie MacAn inspiring memoir-manifesto from one of the UK's leading DJs. In Welcome to the club, Manchester legend DJ Paulette shares the highs, lows and lessons of her thirty-year music career, with insights from some famous friends.