

UKLA Book Award 2008 Winners

The unique UKLA Book Awards are the only awards judged entirely by teachers, who are able to share the books with their classes and genuinely discover what works with young readers.

Picture book category:

Penguin,

Polly Dunbar (Walker)

Author Polly Dunbar has won the picture book category of UKLA's Children's book Award for her book

Penguin

, published by Walker Books. The judges commended the book for its 'timeless charm, emotional authenticity and memorable text,' The judges added that 'the beautifully observed illustrations enhanced the comic timing and perfectly paced story.' .On receiving her award Polly said she was touched to have won the UKLA Children's Book Award and by the way teachers had responded to her book.

The winning novel:

Here Lies Arthur,

Philip Reeve (Scholastic)

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Here Lies Arthur

by Philip Reeve. A representative from his publisher, Scholastic Children's Books, spoke of his delight in the award and his gratitude to UKLA for their unanimous selection of his book. Here Lies Arthur takes a completely new look at the Arthurian legends at the same time as having a highly contemporary slant on the powerful role of story within a community.

Highly commended:

The Story Spinners

(Day One Productions)