



## Notes to Editors

### About UKLA

UKLA is a registered charity, which has as its sole object the advancement of education in literacy. UKLA is committed to promoting good practice nationally and internationally in literacy and language teaching and research. The Association was founded in 1963 as the United Kingdom Reading Association. In 2003 it changed its name to the United Kingdom Literacy Association, to reflect more accurately its wider range of focus and interest.

UKLA especially supports the development of approaches to literacy learning and teaching which underpin these understandings. The Association recognises the significance for effective language and communication learning of literature, drama, the visual media, non-fiction texts and information technology, as well as welcoming approaches to teaching which draw on the resources of a wide range of cultures and which are informed by a detailed understanding of how literacy and language work.

### About MLS

Sponsors Micro Librarian Systems have over 25 years experience developing high specification library systems for schools and colleges and provide library automation solutions to over 15,000 schools worldwide. They provide cost effective and user friendly library systems which will revolutionise the way the library works, support the curriculum and encourage reading for pleasure and purpose.

They are committed to providing engaging technologies to foster a reading and information culture that promotes independent motivated readers and learners for life. For more information see [www.microlib.org.uk](http://www.microlib.org.uk)

### About LoveReading4schools and Kids

Countless research shows the importance of good reading skills from an early age and a child's future success in life. However, finding books to inspire children or authors that excite them, can be difficult; the choice is daunting and guidance rather thin on the ground. That's where LoveReading4kids and its sister site LoveReading4schools can help.

LoveReading4kids is the leading book recommendation site for Children's Books from

toddlers to teens. It has been created using the experience the founders have as parents, book lovers and years of working in the book industry, to inspire children to read great books.

Unique features and services help parents and anyone who likes to buy books for children choose the best books for boys and girls of all ages ... and best of all it is free to use.

- Download and print off the Opening Extract of over 10,000 children's books.
- Read our exclusive online book reviews by children's book experts including Julia Eccleshare (author and children's books editor at the Guardian).
- Explore reviews by members of our children's reader review panel.
- Discover new books recommended by humans not computer algorithms.

Lovereading4schools was created to help teachers and parents encourage children to love reading a variety of books throughout the school year. The website offers schools an easy, impartial and free way to create and share reading lists with their parents and pupils, offering age appropriate books as well as themed collections of titles.

Specially curated lists are arranged by school year, ranging from Reception to Year 9 and onwards through teenage years. There are also specialist categories for Reluctant and Dyslexic Readers that can make a real difference to those who struggle with their reading.

Lovereading4schools is endorsed by Jacqueline Wilson and all titles are selected by Julia Eccleshare MBE, the children's book editor for The Guardian.

Visit the websites [Lovereading.co.uk](http://Lovereading.co.uk) and [Lovereading4schools.co.uk](http://Lovereading4schools.co.uk)

## Past Winners

### **2016**

**3-6:** Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex.T. Smith, ( Scholastic)

**Highly Commended:** On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah and Benji Davies(illustrator), (Simon & Schuster)

**7-11:** The Imaginary by A.F. Harrold and Emily Gravett (illustrator), ( Bloomsbury)

**Highly Commended:** The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel, (David Fickling)

**12-16+ :** The Lie Tree by Francis Hardinge( Macmillan)

### **2015**

**3-6:** The Day the Crayons Quit, Drew Daywalt , Oliver Jeffers (illustrator)( HarperCollins

**7-11:** Oliver and the Seawigs, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, (Oxford University Press)

**Highly Commended 7-11 Award:** Us Minus Mum, Heather Butler, (Little,Brown)

**12-16:** Every Day by David Levithan, published by Egmont

### **2014**

**3-6:** This is not my Hat, Jon Klassen (Walker Books)

**Highly Commended 3-6 Award:** Open Very Carefully, Nick Bromley, Nicola O'Byrne (Illustrator), (Nosy Crow)

**7 to 11:** The Story of the Blue Planet, Andri Snær Magnason, Julian Meldon D'Arcy, (translator), Áslaug Jónsdóttir (Illustrator), (Pushkin Press)

**12- 16:** Now is the Time for Running, Michael Williams, (Tamarind Books, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)

**2013**

**3 - 6 :** Good Little Wolf, Nadia Shireen Rayner (Jonathan Cape)

**7 - 11:** The Weight of Water, Sarah Crossan (Bloomsbury)

**12- 16:** Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein (Electric Monkey)

**2012**

**3 - 6:** Iris and Isaac, Catherine Rayner (Little Tiger Press)

**7 - 11:** Sky Hawk, Gill Lewis (Oxford University Press)

**12 - 16:** A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness, illustrated by Jim Kay (Walker)

**2011**

**3-11:** Ellie Sandall Birdsong (Egmont)

**12-16:** Jason Wallace Out of Shadows (Andersen Press)

**2010**

**3-11:** Morris Gleitzman Then (Puffin)

**12-16:** Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell (illustrator) The Graveyard Book (Bloomsbury)

**Special commendation:** Shaun Tan Tales from Outer Suburbia (Templar)

**2009**

**3-11:** Marcia Williams Archie's War (Walker)

**Highly commended 3-11:** Brian Selznick The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Scholastic)

**12-16:** Siobhan Dowd: Bog Child (David Fickling - Random House Children's Books)

**2008**

Picture book category: Polly Dunbar Penguin (Walker )

Philip Reeve Here lies Arthur (Scholastic)