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LONGLISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BOOK AWARD 2019

London, UK: 24th April 2019: The School Library Association announces the longlist for the ninth annual SLA Information Book Award.

The longlist for each age category are as follows:

Up to 7

The Big Book of Blue, Yuval Zommer
Thames & Hudson 978 0 500 65119 3

Dogs in Space, Vix Southgate and Iris Deppe
Wren & Rook 978 1 5263 60571

Hello Horse, Vivian French and Catherine Rayner
Walker 978 1 4063 4994 8

Peek and Seek, Violet Petu and Charlotte Milner
DK 978 0 2413 1304 6

Same Sex Parents, Holly Duhig
BookLife Publishing 978 1786 37400 4

Secret of the Egg, Nicola Davies and Abbie Cameron
Graffeg 978 1 912 21367 2

This Drop of Water, Anna Claybourne and Sally Garland
Watts 978 1 4451 6365 9

The Usborne Book of the Night Time, Laura Cowan and Bonnie Pang
Usborne 978 1 474 93660 6

We're All Works of Art, Mark Sperring and Rose Blake
Pavilion 978 1 84365 379 0

What's Worrying You, Molly Potter and Sarah Jennings
Bloomsbury 978 1 4729 4980 6

7 to 12

A Cat's Guide to The Night Sky, Stuart Atkinson and Brendan Kearney
Laurence King Publishing 978 1 78627 072 6

The Atlas of Heroes, Sandra Lawrence and Stuart Hill
Big Picture Press 978 1 78741 260 6

Dot. Common Sense, Ben Hubbard and Beatriz Casto
Wayland 978 1 5263 0571 8

Everest, Sanyma Francis and Lisk Feng
Flying Eye Books 978 1911 17143 0

Eye Spy, Guilleume Duprat, translated by Patrick Skipworth
Whatonearthbooks 978 1 9998028 4 4

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor, Patricia Valdez and Felicity Sala
Andersen 978 1 7834 4741 1

The Legend of Tutankhamun, Sally Morgan and James Weston Lewis
Wren & Rook 978 1 5263 6007 6

Mary and Frankenstein, Linda Bailey and Julia Sarda
Andersen 978 1 7834 4679 7

Migration, Mike Unwin and Jenni Desmond
Bloomsbury 978 1 4088 8991 6

When The Whales Walked, Dougal Dixon and Hannah Bailey
Words & Pictures 978 1 912413 95 9

Young, Gifted and Black, Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippin
Wide Eyed Edition 978 1 7860 3088 7

Young Heroes, Lula Bridgeport with various illustrators
Stripes Publishing 978 1 8471 5955 7

12 to 16

Absolutely Everything, Christopher Lloyd and Andy Forshaw
Whatonearthbooks 978 1 9998 0282 0

A History of Art For Children, David Hockney and Martin Garland
Thames & Hudson 978 0500 65141 4

Looking After Your Mental Health, Alice James and Louie Stowell, illustrated by Nancy
Leschnikoff and Freya Harrison
Usborne 978 1 4749 3729 0

Politics For Beginners, Alex Frith, Rosie Hore and Louie Stowell
Usborne 978 1 4749 2252 4

Rebel Voices: The Rise of Votes for Women, Louise Kay Stewart and Eve Lloyd Wright
Wren & Rook 978 1 5263 0023 2

The Silk Roads, Peter Frankopan and Neil Packer
Bloomsbury 978 1 4088 8993 0

Suffragette – the Battle for Equality, David Roberts
Two Hoots 978 1 5098 3967 4

Timelines of Everything, Various
DK 978 0 2413 0232 3

What Is Right and Wrong? Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young
Wayland 978 5 2630 494 0

You Are Awesome, Matthew Syed, illustrated by Toby Triumph
Wren & Rook 978 1 5263 6115 8

In addition – A book which straddles age groups and is perfect for all of the Primary age is highly commended by the judges:-

Let's Investigate Plastic Pollution – on Land and in the Oceans, Ruth Owen
Ruby Tuesday Books 978 1 78856 022 1

The shortlist will be announced on Monday 20th May. Voting for the Children's Choice Award will open at this point, and activity ideas for the books will be available to download from the Award's page on the SLA website. Announcements will follow on the SLA website www.sla.org.uk and via Twitter @UKSLA and on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/schoollibraryassociation/

Winners are announced in November.

Chair of Judges Chris Brown said: *"This year we received more submissions than ever before with a broad range of very impressive books: a lovely abundance of delights but a very real challenge for the judges. We are all well aware that as an inevitable result many titles which we might well have included in our longlists in another year have had to be omitted. All of the titles in these longlists represent wonderful achievements by many book creators and publishers and indicate that the world of information books for children is enjoying something of a golden age. Congratulations to all our longlisted authors, illustrators and publishers."*

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Notes for Editors

The **SLA Information Book Award** is an annual event celebrating information books, and is designed to support school libraries and to reinforce the importance of non-fiction whilst highlighting the high standard of resources available. **Award website:** www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php

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