

# British Book Awards 2021





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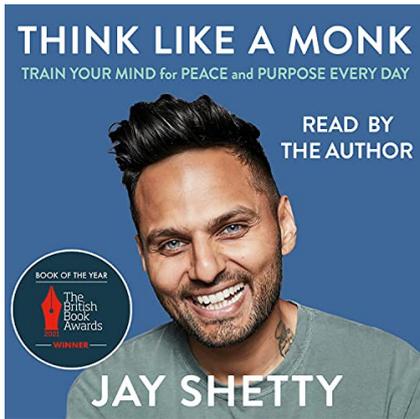
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## Audiobook winner



### Jay Shetty Think Like a Monk

In a difficult year, Think Like a Monk drew on Jay Shetty's time spent as a monk in the Vedic tradition to show readers how to clear roadblocks to unlock their potential and power.

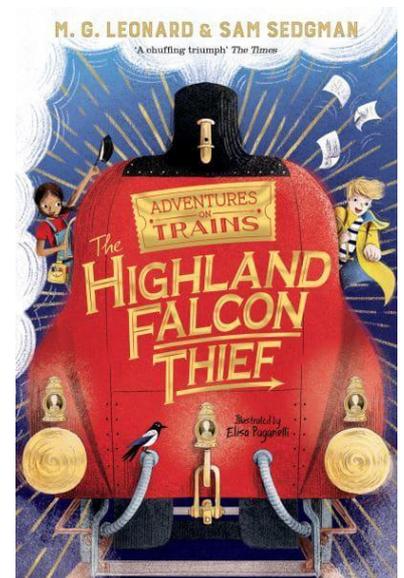
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## Children's fiction winner

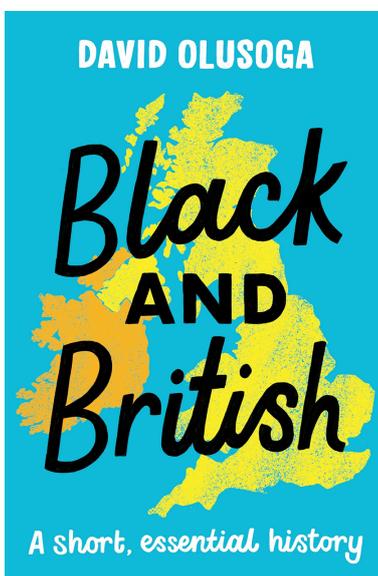
### M G Leonard & Sam Sedgman The Highland Falcon Thief

Follows 11-year-old Hal as he accompanies his uncle Nat (a travel journalist, steam-train enthusiast and author) on the royal steam train's last journey up the East coast of the UK mainland.

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## Children's illustrated and non-fiction winner

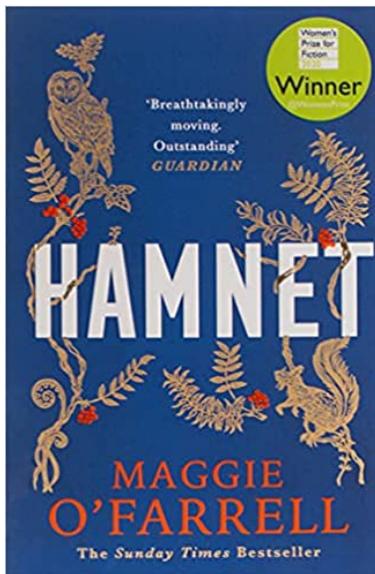


### David Olusoga Black and British

Olusoga skilfully tracks 1,800 years of Black British history, from the presence of Africans in Britain during the Roman period right up to the present day.

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## Fiction winner



### Maggie O'Farrell Hamnet

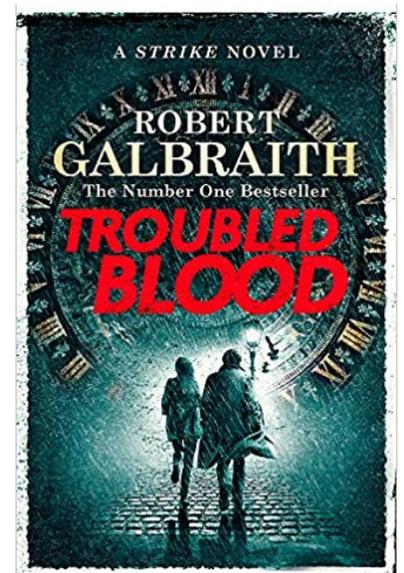
O'Farrell's imagining of the lives of Shakespeare's wife and child also won the Women's Prize for Fiction.

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## Fiction: crime & thriller winner

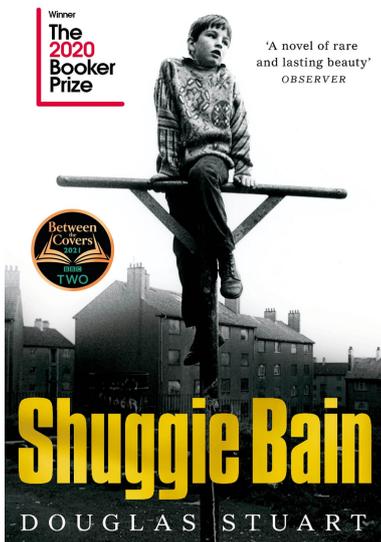
### Robert Galbraith Troubled Blood

Sees the captivating detective duo Cormoran Strike and sidekick Robin Ellacott head to the Cornish coast to confront a serial killer at large and tackle Strike's first cold case.



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## Fiction: debut winner

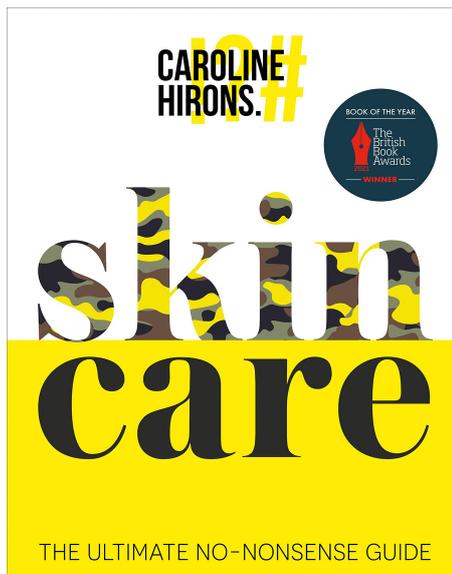


### Douglas Stuart Shuggie Bain

Inspired by the author's own life and a desire to diversify literature to represent the working-class experience, Shuggie Bain follows the story of a family struggling to get by in 1980s Glasgow.

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## Non-fiction: lifestyle winner



### Caroline Hirons Skincare

The go-to reference tool for both skincare novices and dedicated fans. The content is inclusive, with both affordable and high-end products, and gives advice for all ages, skin colours and budgets.

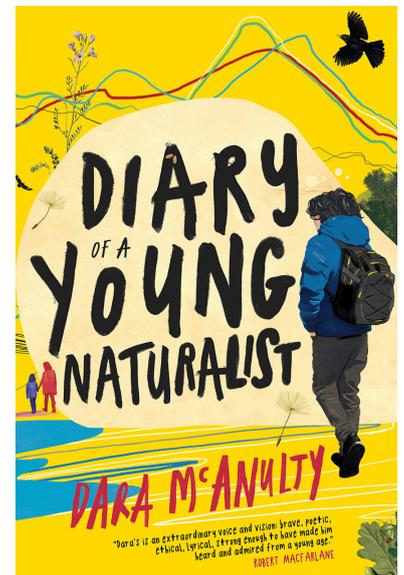
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## Non-fiction: narrative winner

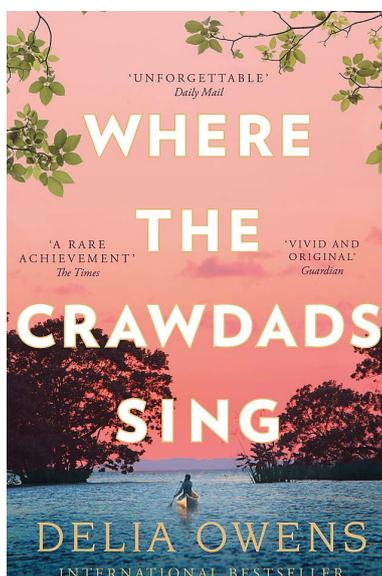
### Dara McAnulty Diary of a Young Naturalist

The author was just 14 when he penned his diary following a year in his life juggling home, school, nature and activism.

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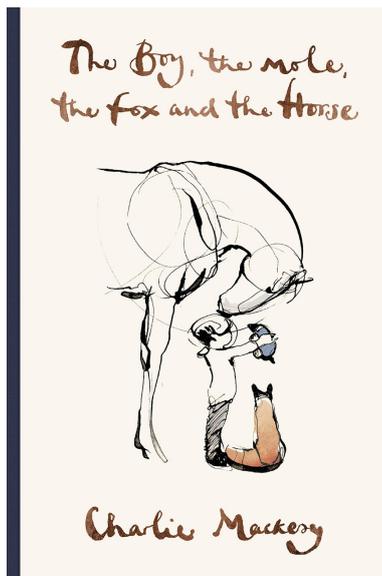


### Delia Owens Where the Crawdads Sing

This novel is in equal parts coming-of-age story, murder mystery, romance and “sharply observed” nature writing.

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## Illustrator of the year winner



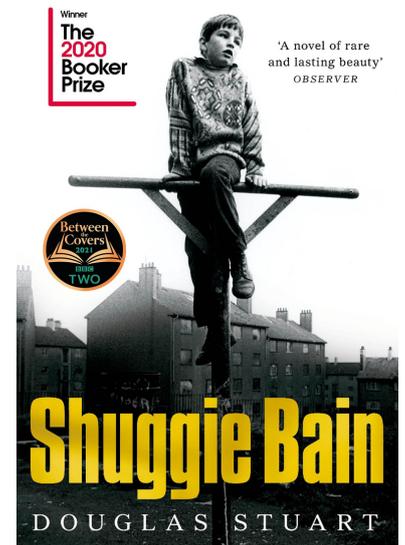
### Charlie Mackesy

In 2020 Charlie Mackesy wrote and illustrated *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. The book, which features a curious boy, an excitable mole, a wary fox and, of course, a wise horse, went on a journey from the bestseller charts into the nation's hearts.

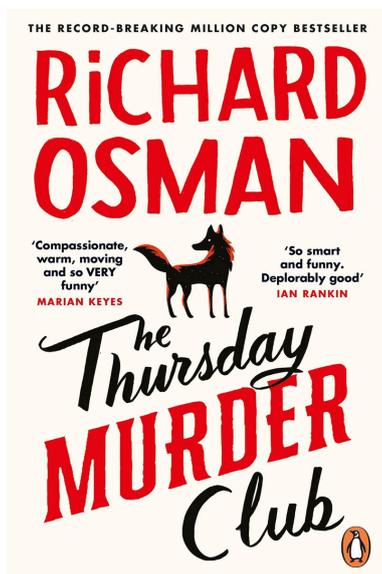
## Overall book of the year winner

### Douglas Stuart Shuggie Bain

The judges felt that his novel was a “masterpiece” that would stand the test of time. Judges described the novel as “immensely powerful: haunting, traumatic and yet tender at the same time”



## Author of the year winner



### Richard Osman

His novel *The Thursday Murder Club* is a light-hearted crime thriller featuring four septuagenarians, that went on to become the fastest-selling crime novel on record.

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