

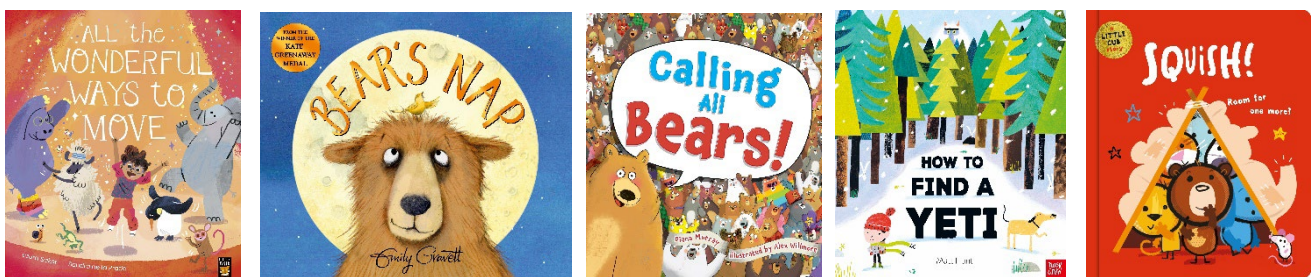
BookTrust Storytime Prize

Voting Guidance 2027



BookTrust Storytime Prize celebrates and promotes the best books for sharing with young children aged 0-5. We are looking for books which have wide appeal to parents and carers across our diverse nation, and for stories which can be read and enjoyed over and over again. We're so grateful for your support in helping to find the winner of the 2027 prize.

Shortlist Information



Your library will have received the shortlisted books for the prize from October as part of the Bookstart Storytime programme, please contact your local coordinator or your BookTrust Relationship Manager if you have not received your full delivery by November. For more information about the books, authors and illustrators and resources please visit our dedicated [BookTrust Storytime Prize](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/storytime-prize) website.

Voting Guidance

From 4 January 2027 you will be sent a link to access the online voting form to vote for your library's favourite of all five shortlisted titles. Please contact us if you have not received a voting link by **1 February 2027**.

It is very important that when completing the voting form that your library has shared all the five books with families. The voting form can only be completed once for each library participating in Bookstart Storytime programme.



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The questions you will be asked about each shortlisted title are below:

1. When you first saw the books, which one did you most like the look of and want to share / read with your early years families?
2. Which book made early years families in your library most excited about reading?
3. Which book did the early years families you work with want to read again?
4. How enjoyable was the book as a shared reading experience for early years families? (Think about interactive elements, audience participation, rhyming, repetition etc...) 1 = extremely unenjoyable, 5 = extremely enjoyable
5. How much did the book offer opportunities for interaction between adult reader and child? 1 = no interaction, 5 = lots of interaction
6. How age appropriate was this book for the early years families you worked with? We know that some libraries have children from the full age range (0-5) using the BookTrust Storytime resources. If this is the case for you, please think about how easy it was to use this book across the full age spectrum of children. 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= ok, 4= good, 5= excellent
7. Using your experience with the books please put the titles in the order you think the Prize should be awarded. You can use your experience of delivering the Storytime sessions, as well as considering the Storytime sticker poster (if received) and feedback from the families who have attended the sessions as guidance for this answer. The top title on your list should be the title you think should be the winner.

Please complete the voting form online as we're unable to accept physical print outs of the form sent to us. The closing date for completing the voting is **Friday 19 March 2027, 6pm GMT**. We're unable to accept votes submitted after this date.

Please contact storytimeprize@booktrust.org.uk if you have any questions regarding the judging aspect of the prize.

The Winners

Once the voting forms have been completed and received BookTrust will award one point for the responses to questions 1 – 3, along with the number of points given from answers 4 – 7 and will add up the number of points given to each book. The book with the highest number of points will win the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2027.

We look forward to announcing the winner to all libraries in spring 2027.

