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Dear Publisher

Booktrust Early Years Awards 2009

Booktrust is now inviting entries for the 2009 Booktrust Early Years Awards.

The Awards will be made in three categories:

- Best book for babies under one year old.
- Best Picture Book for pre-school children up to five years of age.
- Best Emerging Illustrator of a book, again for pre-school children up to five years of age.
(An emerging illustrator is defined as one whose first book was published no earlier than 1 January 2006)

Each winner will receive a cheque for £2,000; in addition the Best Emerging Illustrator will receive a specially commissioned award by a leading illustrator. Also, the publishers of the winning titles will be presented with an Award naming them as one of the Booktrust Early Years Awards Publishers of the Year.

The panel of five judges will be chaired by Wendy Cooling MBE, Children's Book Consultant, and will include a representative from the library service and the health service, a parent from the National Bookstart programme and a children's illustrator.

The winners will be announced at an Award's Ceremony in September.

We look forward to receiving your entries by Monday 11 May 2009.

Yours sincerely

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The Booktrust Early Years Awards 2009

The Booktrust Early Years Awards are awarded annually. There are **three categories**, the **Baby Book** Award, the Best Book for **Pre-School** children, up to the age of five, and an award for the **Best Emerging Illustrator**. The winners will each receive £2,000, and in addition the Best Emerging Illustrator will receive a specially commissioned award. In the case of an author and an illustrator winning in categories 1 or 2, the prize money will be shared.

The shortlists will be announced in August and the winners will be announced in September.

The panel of five judges will be chaired by Wendy Cooling MBE, Children's Book Consultant, and will include a representative from the library service and the health service, a parent from the National Bookstart programme and a children's illustrator.

Rules and Eligibility

- Books must be first published between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 in the UK, by a UK publisher. Previously published books will not be eligible.
- Publishers may enter **five titles in each of the first two categories** per bona fide imprint, allowing up to 10 titles to be entered. Please note that each book within a series will be judged as one entry.
- Books can only be entered into **one** category, with the exception of the Best Emerging Illustrator Award, where the book will be considered in both the category and for the Best Emerging Illustrator Award.
- Authors and illustrators must be of British nationality; or other nationals who have been **resident in the British Isles for at least five years. It is the responsibility of the publisher to ascertain this information before entering the book.**
- For the third category, publishers are asked to nominate any **emerging illustrators** of books aimed at children aged **five and** under. Please note that the book entered will need to be first published between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 but that the illustrator's first book must have been published no earlier than 1 January 2006
- **Please note that a previous winner of the Emerging Illustrator category can not be entered again as this award can only be won once.**
- Please submit **SEVEN** copies of each entry by **11 May 2009** using the relevant attached entry form (there is a separate nomination form for the Best Emerging Illustrator category – please photocopy extra copies if necessary).
- Entries cannot be returned.
- The administrator's decision on eligibility is final.
- If shortlisted, publishers will be requested to provide additional gratis copies for promotional use, plus agree to sell further copies to Booktrust at a discounted price.

Entry Form (one) For The Booktrust Early Years Awards 2009

Please submit entries to: The Booktrust Early Years Awards, Booktrust, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ to arrive by **11 May 2009**.

Category: Baby Book Award

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

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Author Illustrator

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

I confirm the author's and illustrator's eligibility and agree to abide by the rules.

Submission made by (please print)

Job Title

Publisher

Address

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Tel: Fax:

E-mail

Entry Form (two) For The Booktrust Early Years Awards 2009

Please submit entries to: The Booktrust Early Years Awards, Booktrust, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ to arrive by **11 May 2009**

Category: Pre-School Award

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

Title Date of publication

Author Illustrator

I confirm the author's and illustrator's eligibility and agree to abide by the rules.

Submission made by (please print)

Job Title

Publisher

Address

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Tel: Fax:

E-mail

Entry Form (three) For The Booktrust Early Years Awards 2009

Please submit entries to: The Booktrust Early Years Awards, Booktrust, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ to arrive by **11 May 2009**

Category: Best Emerging Illustrator Nomination

Please note that these details must be filled in for each illustrator. Please photocopy form if necessary.

Illustrator:

Country of Origin:

Country of residence:

Title of book entered:

Date of publication:

Editor:

Title of first book and publication date:

Telephone/Email:

Publisher/Imprint:

Signed: