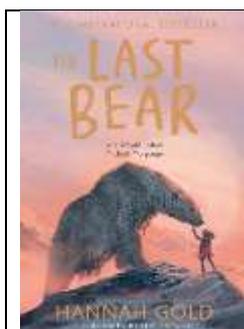




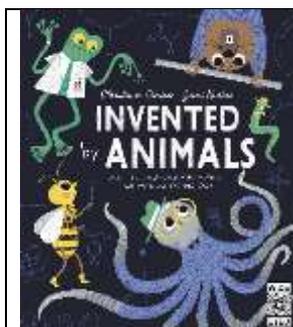
Announced in a special edition of Blue Peter, the 2022 winners of **The Best Story** and **The Best Book of Facts** were voted for by hundreds of primary school children around the UK, after shortlists had been drawn up by a panel of judges.

The Best Story- **The Last Bear** by Hannah Gold. HarperCollins. ISBN: 978-0008411312



The Last Bear is a moving tale which brilliantly mixes an adventure in the Arctic Circle, which is full of danger and excitement, with a touching exploration of lonely April's relationship with her father, the researcher whose job is the reason they are on Bear Island and a thought-provoking exploration of climate change and in particular the effect on polar bears. April's determination to save Bear shows what a difference just one person can make. A thoroughly enthralling read and beautifully illustrated by Levi Pinfold.

The Best Book with Facts is **Invented by Animals**. Christiane Dorion and illustrator Gosia Herba. Wide Eyed Editions ISBN: 978-0711260658.



This is an extremely accessible and enticing book, using humour and lively attractive illustrations to engage the reader. It explores how animal anatomy, behaviour and skills have influenced the development of a range of human inventions and has the animals talking in first person about how their physical traits and habits have influenced man's creations. Packed full of interesting information, it not only highlights the remarkable capabilities of many creatures, but also shows how these qualities have been incorporated into the design of various objects and technologies.

Managed by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity, the immensely popular **Blue Peter Book Awards** have been honouring amazing authors, imaginative illustrators and the best books for children, published in the previous 12 months, since 2000. You can read blogs by shortlisted authors and find out more on the website. www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards

Best story shortlist

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold. HarperCollins. ISBN: 978-0008411312

Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths by Maisie Chan, illustrated by Anh Cao. Picadilly Press. ISBN: 978-1800780019

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter. Scholastic. ISBN: 978-0702300851

Best book with facts shortlist

Invented by Animals by Christiane Dorion illustrated by Gosia Herba. Wide Eyed Editions ISBN: 978-0711260658.

24 Hours in the Stone Age by Lan Cook, illustrated by Laurent Kling. Usborne. ISBN: 978-1474977111

Good News by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, illustrated by Adam Hayes. Wren & Rook. ISBN: 978-1526363381

The 2022 judging panel consisted of:

Caroline Hill-Trevor, Head of Book Purchasing at BookTrust

Catherine Millar, Founder of Reading for Pleasure consultancy

Ellen Evans (non-voting chair), Editor of Blue Peter

Emily Drabble, Head of Children's Books and Prizes at BookTrust

Jasmine Richards, Founder of Storymix

Maisie Craddock, Blue Peter's Presenter Co-Ordinator

Scott Evans, founder of The Reader Teacher blog, primary school teacher and children's books consultant

Simon Hudd, UKS2 Teacher and English Lead, Belleville Primary School

Soraya Berry, Learning Resource Manager at secondary school