

# Edinburgh International Book Festival in new deal with The Bookseller

A new partnership between Edinburgh International Book Festival and trade publication The Bookseller will support the YA Book Prize which is the first in the UK and Ireland to focus on fiction for young adults.

The prize has existed for eight years and celebrates the best books for this age group and tries to get more of them to read books.

Previous winners have included Juno Dawson, Patrice Lawrence and Sarah Crossan. Last year's winner was Alice Osman for her novel Loveless. This year's winner will be announced during the Book Festival on 25 August.



2021 Edinburgh International Book Festival – Day 1 Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh.

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Children and Schools Programme Director, Rachel Fox, said: “We are very excited to be working with The Bookseller on the YA Book Prize, which celebrates great books for young adults as we are always keen to connect with this audience and champion the talented authors who write such brilliant books for them. The Book Festival has been strongly supportive of YA writers for a number of years, and the partnership with The Bookseller is an excellent way to further strengthen our commitment to them and their teen readers going forward.”

Deputy Features Editor at The Bookseller and Chair of the YA Book Prize, Caroline Carpenter, said “Edinburgh International Book Festival is one of the world’s leading literary events and we are looking forward to working with the team there on the YA Book Prize. As the prize enters its eighth year, this partnership will allow us to reach new audiences and grow its impact, making it bigger and better than ever.”

The 2022 Book Prize is open to YA fiction titles published in

print form in the UK or Ireland between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 and the author must have been living in the UK or Ireland for at least six months prior to publication. The shortlist of 10 titles will be selected by a team at The Bookseller and the winner will be selected by a panel of expert and teenage judges. Submissions open on Monday 7 February 2022 via [yabookprize.com](https://yabookprize.com) and close on Friday 25 March. The Shortlist will be announced in June and the winner will be announced during the Book Festival in August.

