

## IBA Longlist titles 2020 – Judges comments

### Age 7 and under

**Together** - A beautifully designed and illustrated look at the migration of cranes, and the animals they see on their journey.

**How far can a Kangaroo jump?** - Striking bold colours and lines combine with rhythmic sentence structure to illustrate this clever exploration of a simple premise.

**Goodnight Ocean** - Clever cut-out sections draw you through this beautiful and tactile book, accompanied by rhyming couplets and interesting animal facts.

**All About feelings** - This engaging title explains how to recognize and understand your own and other people's feelings, the merits of talking and being kind.

**Hummingbird** - A stunningly beautiful account of the annual journey made by ruby-throated hummingbirds, conveyed as a story with extra in-text information.

**Heroes Who Help Us** - A broad and positive look at the people who help communities, including some less seen examples, and plenty of different perspectives from around the world. Inclusive, upbeat and highly engaging.

**Planet Full of Plastic** - Clear and encouraging coverage of a current and tricky topic, well organised and interestingly presented. Equally good for curriculum studies and personal curiosity.

**Usborne Book of the Moon** - Packed with facts, stats and engaging illustrations, this fascinating history of the moon is guaranteed to spark a sense of wonder.

**Counting on Katherine** - This engaging biography shines a much-needed spotlight on a pivotal figure in the space race, providing an accessible introduction to a black female icon. It induces a sense of awe and wonder inspired by Katherine Johnson's exceptional story.

### Age 8-12

**The Big Book of the UK** - This is a cornucopia of facts about the folklore and culture of the UK. I love the section on Bookish Britain.

**Ask a Scientist** - With one question per double page spread the answers are detailed enough without information overload; photographs, cartoons, diagrams and jumbo text are skilfully combined to create a visual feast.

**Gut Garden** - There's nothing else quite like this at the moment! Fascinating and detailed look at an aspect of human anatomy that's often overlooked, surprising and very enlightening.

**Usborne Book of Planet Earth** - This is a look at fascinating and unusual facts from around the world, all in an easy to understand format.

**Africa, Amazing Africa** - Captivating facts, which are perhaps not our first thoughts of each country, are strikingly accompanied by vivid illustrations.

**Teen Pioneers** - 21 fascinating stories of inventors, activists and inspirational teenagers from around the world explored through a clear, bright layout.

**The Dictionary of Difficult Words** - A giant book of words to read from cover to cover or dip into to discover new mind-blowing words, their meanings and how to pronounce them.

**Kids Fight Plastic** - Accessible, realistically practical and highly topical book about how to fight plastic, help save our oceans to become a #2minutesuperhero.

**Curious Book of Lists** - A colourful compendium of 263 fun, fact-filled lists perfect for anyone who enjoys taking a serendipitous approach to reading information.

**Heroes** - A great collection of mini-biographies, well organised and wide reaching, with a striking and modern visual style.

### Age 13 - 16

**Black History Matters** - A clear and detailed exploration of historical, geographical and political events that have shaped the experience of black people.

**Hidden Planet** - This fabulous giant-sized book is a beautifully illustrated love letter to Planet Earth that celebrates the secrets and diversity of nature.

**Forced to flee: Refugee children drawing on their experience** - A hard-hitting insight into the experiences of refugee children from Syria, South Sudan and Central America through words and pictures.

**Body Brilliant** - A very valuable view point for media saturated young people, sympathetically and engagingly dispelling myths and encouraging self esteem and self love. Marvellous.

**Future Human** - An exciting 'Tomorrow's World' style look at possibilities and innovations for our future, as individuals and as a species. A delight for pop science fans, with clever presentation and a sparky tone.

**Stonewall Riots** - A thorough look at the event itself and the politics and culture surrounding it, wholly relevant with the current interest in human rights and LGBTQ visibility. Highly informative and very readable.

**You're Crushing It!** - Covering every potential major teen trauma from break-ups to body confidence, this guide to growing up offers sound advice with a smile and in many cases full on LOLs.

**What is Feminism...** From abolitionists to the #metoo movement, this is an excellent guide to feminism for teenagers today. Includes inspiring biographies of famous and lesser known icons presented in a clear striking style.

**What is Masculinity and why does it Matter?** - Historical background, diverse and inspiring case studies, and analysis of current issues enable the reader to go beyond the negative rhetoric and, crucially, find hope.