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## LOGLISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BOOK AWARD 2020

London, UK: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020: Twenty nine books reach the longlist for the tenth year of the SLA Information Book Award!

The judging panel are delighted to reveal the longlist for the SLA Information Book Award. It is a selection of books which reflect both current trends in publishing and the issues children are concerned with.

The longlist for each age category are as follows:

### Up to 7

- **All About Feelings**, Usborne Publishing, Felicity Brooks and Frankie Allen, Mar Ferrero (9781474937115)
- **Counting on Katherine**, Macmillan Children's Books, Helaine Becker, Dow Phumiruk (9781529005592)
- **Goodnight Ocean**, Little Tiger, Becky Davies, Carmen Saldaña (9781912756148)
- **Heroes Who Help Us From Around the World**, Franklin Watts, Liz Gogerly, Ryan Wheatcroft (9781445165677)
- **How Far Can a Kangaroo Jump?** Boxer Books, Alison Limentani, Alison Limentani (9781910716809)
- **Planet Full of Plastic**, Wren and Rook, Neal Layton, Neal Layton (9781526361769)
- **The Usborne Book of the Moon**, Usborne Publishing, Laura Cowan, Diana Toledano (9781474950848)
- **Together**, Little Tiger, Isabel Otter, Clover Robin (9781848578661)
- **Hummingbird**, Walker Books, Nicola Davies, Jane Ray (9781406379273)

### 8 to 12

- **Africa, Amazing Africa** Walker Books, Atinuke, Mouni Feddag (9781406376586)
- **Ask a Scientist** DK, Robert Winston (9780241379240)
- **Dictionary of Difficult Words** Frances Lincoln Children's Books, Jane Solomon, Louise Lockhart (9781786038104)
- **Gut Garden** Cicada Books, Katie Brosnan, Katie Brosnan (9781908714725)
- **Kids Fight Plastic** Walker Books, Martin Dorey, Tim Wesson (9781406390650)
- **Teen Pioneers** Franklin Watts, Ben Hubbard (9781445163680)
- **The Usborne Book of Planet Earth** Usborne Publishing, Megan Cullis & Matthew Oldham, Stephanie Fizer Coleman (9781474936620)
- **Heroes** Little Tiger, Jonny Marx, Gerhard van Wyk (9781848578739)
- **Big Book of the UK** Penguin Random House, Imogen Russel Williams, Louise Lockhart (9780241382608)
- **The Curious Book of Lists** Kingfisher, Tracey Turner, Caroline Selmes (9780753444870)

### 13 to 16

- **Body Brilliant** Wayland, Nicola Morgan, (9781445167367)
- **Black History Matters** Franklin Watts, Robin Walker (9781445166896)
- **Feminism Is...** Dorling Kindersley, Foreword by Gemma Cairney (9780241228029)

- **What's the Issue: Future Humans** QED Publishing, Tom Jackson, Cristina Guitian 9780711244542
- **Hidden Planet** Penguin Random House, Ben Rothery, Ben Rothery (9780241361009)
- **Forced to Flee** Franklin Watts, UNHCR, (9781445166285)
- **You're Crushing It** Bloomsbury Children's - Bloomsbury Publishing Plc Lex Croucher (9781408892473)
- **What is Masculinity? Why Does it Matter? And Other Big Questions** Wayland, Jeffrey Boakye and Darren Chetty (9781526308146)
- **The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets** Abrams Books for Young Readers, Gayle Pitman (9781419737206)

The shortlist will be announced w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Voting for the Children's Choice Award will also open at this point, and activity ideas for the books will be available to download from the Award's page on the SLA website. Announcements will follow on the SLA website [www.sla.org.uk](http://www.sla.org.uk) and across our social media channels.

The winners will be announced at an event in November.

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### **Notes for Editors**

The **SLA Information Book Award** is an annual event celebrating information books, and is designed to support school libraries and to reinforce the importance of non-fiction whilst highlighting the high standard of resources available. **Award website:** [www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php](http://www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php)

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