



Branford Boase Award Shortlist Announced

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The 2010 shortlist for the **Branford Boase Award** is announced today. The Award is given annually to the author of an outstanding debut novel for children.

The seven books on the shortlist are:

Devil's Kiss by Sarwat Chadda, edited by Lindsey Heaven (Puffin)

Stolen by **Lucy Christopher**, edited by Imogen Cooper (Chicken House)

Life, Interrupted by **Damian Kelleher**, edited by Anne Clark (Piccadilly Press)

Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera, edited by Shannon Park (Puffin)

Big and Clever by Dan Tunstall, edited by Ross Bradshaw (Five Leaves)

Numbers by Rachel Ward, edited by Imogen Cooper (Chicken House)

Paradise Barn by Victor Watson, edited by Leonie Pratt (Catnip)

[The Branford Boase Award](#) [1] was set up to encourage new writers and is given each year to the most promising work of fiction for children by a first time novelist. The Branford Boase also honours the editor of the winning title and highlights the importance of the editor in nurturing new talent.

Previous shortlisted and winning writers of the award include Marcus Sedgwick, Meg Rosoff, Philip Reeve, Cathy Cassidy, Kevin Brooks, William Nicholson, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Mal Peet and Bali Rai.

The winner of the award will be announced on July 14th at a ceremony in London. The winning author receives a cheque for £1,000 and both author and editor receive a unique, hand-crafted silver-inlaid box.

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