Voting Instructions for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2025

We hope the families and staff have enjoyed reading the books on the shortlist for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2025. The online voting form opens Monday 6 January 2025 and can be accessed here.

The deadline to complete the voting form is **Friday 28 March 2025**, **6pm GMT.** Any entries sent after this will not be included in the final counting process.

Below are the instructions for the voting process.

- It is very important when completing the voting form that your library has shared all the 6 books with families.
- The voting form can only be completed once for each library participating in BookTrust Storytime. Please ensure you provide the full library name and address you are representing.
- The voting form is through Microsoft, but you do not need an account to complete the form.

The questions

The questions you will be asked about each shortlisted title are below:

- 1. When you first saw the books, which one did you most like the look of and want to share / read with your early years' families?
- 2. Which book made early years families in your library most excited about reading?
- 3. Which book did the early years families you work with want to read again?
- 4. How enjoyable was the book as a shared reading experience for early years families? (Think about interactive elements, audience participation, rhyming, repetition etc...) 1 = extremely unenjoyable, 5 = extremely enjoyable
- 5. How much did the book offer opportunities for interaction between adult reader and child? 1 = no interaction, 5 = lots of interaction
- 6. How age appropriate was this book for the early years families you worked with? We know that some libraries have children from the full age range (0-5) using the BookTrust Storytime resources. If this is the case for you, please think about how easy it was to use this book across the full age spectrum of children. 1= very poor, 2= poor, 3= ok, 4= good, 5= excellent
- 7. Using your experience with the books and the Storytime sticker poster as guidance for this answer, please put the titles in the order you think the Prize should be awarded. The top title on your list should be the title you think should be the winner.
- 8. If you have any further comments about this year's book selection that you would like to share with us, please use the space below. Otherwise, you can leave this blank.

The Winners

Once the voting deadline has passed BookTrust will collect the responses and award one point for the responses to questions 1-3, along with the number of points given from answers 4-7 to determine a final score for each book. The book with the highest number of points will win the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2025.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact the Prizes team at storytimeprize@booktrust.org.uk