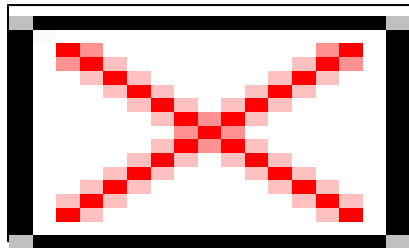




SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2021 KLAUS FLUGGE PRIZE

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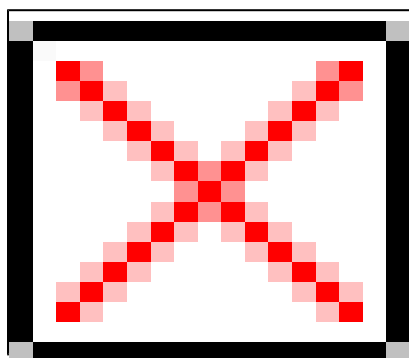


The shortlist for the [Klaus Flugge Prize](#) [1] has been announced. Established in 2016, the prize honours Klaus Flugge, founder of Andersen Press and is awarded to the most promising and exciting newcomer to children's picture book illustration. Previous winners are Nicholas John Frith, Francesca Sanna, Kate Milner, Jessica Love and Eva Eland.

This year's judges are illustrator Posy Simmonds; Eva Eland, 2020 **Klaus Flugge Prize** winner; Darryl Clifton, Illustration Programme Director at **Camberwell College of Arts**; Fleur Sinclair, owner of **Sevenoaks Bookshop**; and Mat Tobin of **Oxford Brookes University**. From a longlist of twenty picture books by twenty new picture book illustrators, they have chosen five to shortlist.

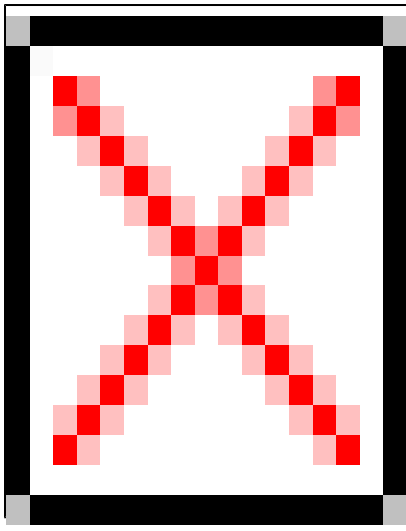
The five books are:

[Child of Galaxies](#) [2] by Charlotte Ager, written by Blake Nuto, Flying Eye Books



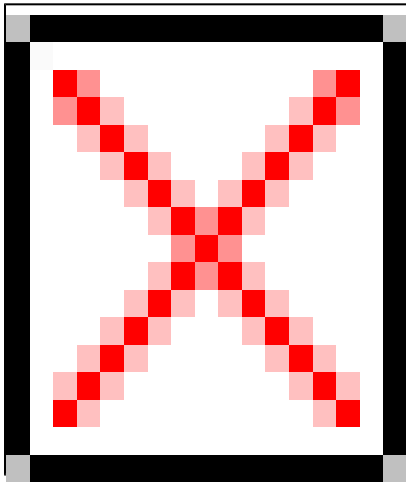
The judges described this as, "an impressive interpretation of really big, abstract ideas; the images leap off the page to stimulate young imaginations; beautiful use of colour and pace".

While You're Sleeping by John Broadley, written by Mick Jackson, Pavilion



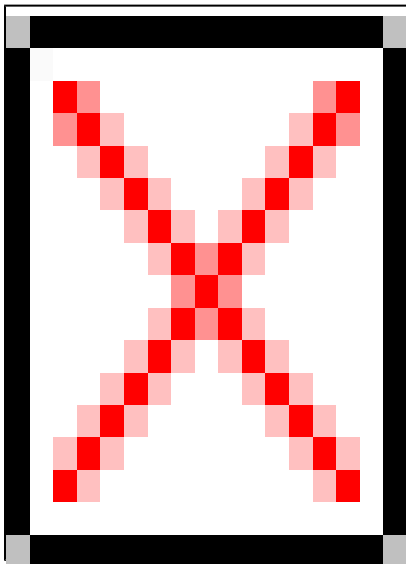
The judges said, "Original and interesting; the details are so comforting; his handling of sea and sky is excellent, very muscular and with lots of theatrics; he's had fun creating this!"

Gustavo the Shy Ghost by Flavia Z Drago Walker Books

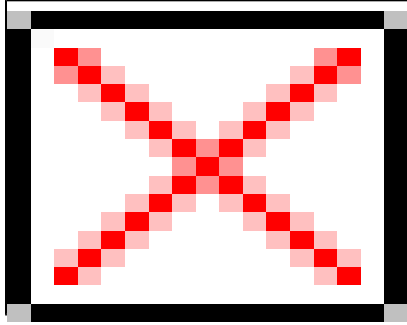


The judges said, "A visual treat and the text and illustrations work very well together; it's full of detail but never cluttered; pace is cleverly controlled; just the right balance of fun and fright!".

I'm Sticking with You by Steve Small, written by Smriti Halls, Simon and Schuster



The judges described this as, "Really well crafted, particularly in the relationship between the characters; lovely deadpan humour with lots of clever touches in the illustrations; love the pace and the way the story moves."



What the judges said, ?Really impressive use of colour and the characters are really alive; the hand-lettered typography works very well as do the compositions; there?s a wonderful sense of looseness to the pictures, which is very hard to accomplish; there?s a special tension in the final pages before a happy ending.?

The five books are very different in illustration style but, countering our experiences of the past year, find creative ways to portray love and friendship, security and comfort to the very young. Chair of the judges Julia Eccleshare said: ?It is always fascinating to examine the books that make up the shortlist for the **Klaus Flugge Prize**. These five superb books provide a creative counter to the anxieties of the past year, the illustrations conveying a strong sense of comfort, reassurance and joy that even those too young to read will understand. The shortlist is testament to the illustrators? skill as artists and to the special ability of picture books to define a young child?s world.?

The winner will be announced on Wednesday 15 September 2021 and will receive a cheque for £5,000.

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[1] <https://www.klausfluggeprize.co.uk/shortlist-2021/>

[2] <http://imap.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/243/childrens-books/reviews/child-of-galaxies>