



What an amazing shortlist our voters have chosen for this year's Older Reader category.

How will you choose which one is your favourite?

To help you decide here are a few questions to get you thinking. You can look through them on your own or use them in school or as part of a book group discussion.

1. What did you think of the main characters in each book? Did you feel you believed their stories? Were you behind them all the way and feel invested in their journeys?
2. What about the other characters? Were there great relationships between them? Did you feel passionate about any of the characters either because you engaged with them or because there was a truly evil villain you just loved to hate?
3. How quickly did you become taken over by the stories? Were you instantly hooked or did you have to read a few chapters before it captured you?
4. How pacy was the plotting? Were you swept along without pausing for breath or was it easy to put it down when something better came along?
5. Are you crying out for a sequel or another book by the same author?
6. Was there anything you weren't so keen on? Something that just didn't fit or you couldn't fully jump on board with?
7. What did you think of the world building in these books? Could you imagine the settings of each story, picture them clearly from the descriptions the authors gave and really feel as though you had been there?
8. What journeys were you taken on? How did you feel when you closed the book at the end?



Our Top Ten Resources Pack Full of resources and activities



We are looking forward to hearing what you thought of our three Older Reader books. Make sure your thoughts count and don't forget to vote.

***Ink* by Alice Broadway**

Read a great guest blog from Alice <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/passing-on-stories-a-guest-post-from-alice-broadway-the-author-of-ink/>

***Optimists Die First* by Susin Nielsen**

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/whats-happening/blogs/2017/june/optimists-die-firsts-susin-nielsen-all-young-people-feel-like-they-dont-fit/>

***I Have No Secrets* by Penny Joelson**

<http://www.worldbookday.com/book/i-have-no-secrets/>