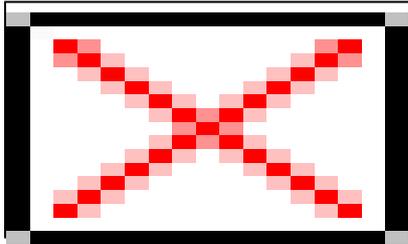




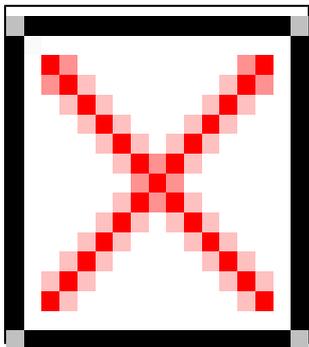
SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2020 KLAUS FLUGGE PRIZE

The shortlist for the **Klaus Flugge Prize** has been announced. 2020 is the fifth year of the prize, which was set up to honour [Klaus Flugge](#) [1], founder of Andersen Press and an extremely influential figure in children's picture books. It is awarded to the most promising and exciting newcomer to children's picture book illustration.



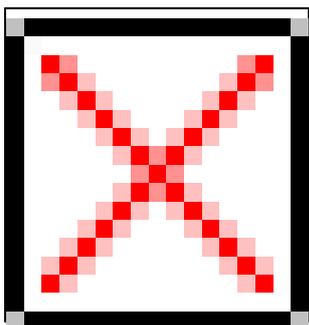
This year's panel of judges is illustrator [Mini Grey](#) [2]; Jessica Love, 2019 **Klaus Flugge Prize** winner; Meera Ghanshamdas, bookseller at **Moon Lane Ink**; children's book consultant Jake Hope; and Pam Smy of **Anglia Ruskin University**. From a longlist of sixteen books, they have chosen five to shortlist.

[When Sadness Comes to Call](#) [3], Eva Eland, editor Libby Hamilton, designer Rebecca Garrill (Andersen Press)



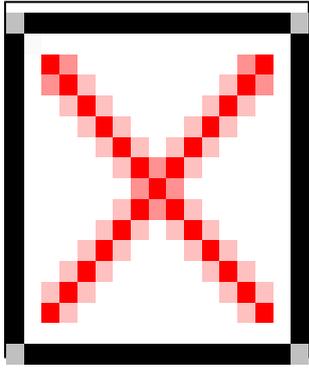
The judges described this as: "beautifully simple and pared back; the page layouts seem sparse and crisp but the work the illustrations are doing is quite extraordinary in terms of the message that sadness is something we might have to live with."

The Star in the Forest, Helen Kellock, editor Anna Ridley, designer Aaron Hayden (Thames & Hudson)



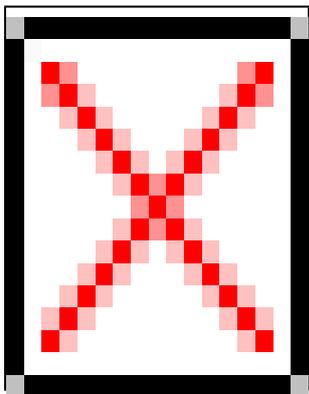
The judges said: "few books these days use light and tone or traditional watercolour skills to tell stories; it's worked into something quite magical here."

[Where is Your Sister?](#) [4], Puck Koper, editor Suzanne Carnell, designer Jo Spooner (Two Hoots)



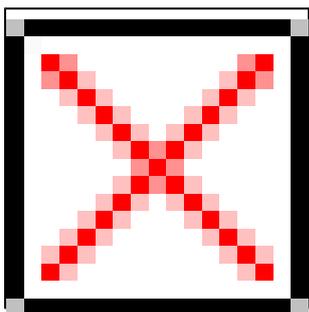
The judges said: "It goes at a wonderful pace, with laugh out loud moments. It's stylish and feels very sophisticated for a first book".

[On the Origin of Species](#), Sabina Radeva, editor Anna Barnes Robinson, designer Keren Greenfeld (Puffin)



The judges said: "It's full of detail and really reflects the beauty of nature. A feat of managing that amount of detail without it feeling cluttered. A wonderful reference book, a real companion for a child".

[One Fox: A Counting Thriller Book](#) [5], Kate Read, editor Suzanne Carnell, designer Jo Spooner



What the judges said: "Visually stunning. There's real drama here and the way the story is told is joyous. She's done a very clever thing and created a counting book while keeping within the beats of a story".

Chair of the judges Julia Eccleshare said: "Our shortlist demonstrates the vibrancy of contemporary illustration for children. Here are five very different books - the illustrators have different styles, use different techniques and have different intentions, but each achieves exactly what they set out to do with pictures that perfectly tell their stories. The [Klaus Flugge Prize](#) [6] has already highlighted many talented illustrators and in the fifth year of this important award, we're delighted to have another extremely strong and eye-catching shortlist".

Pam Smy, judge and Associate Lecturer in Illustration with the **Cambridge School of Art at Anglia Ruskin University**, says: "The publishing industry seems to have become visually richer, broader-minded and more outward looking over the last 5 years making this an exciting time for graduates to be stepping out into the publishing world".

The shortlist was due to be announced at a live event at **Foyles Charing Cross Road** on Tuesday 19th May. Instead, judge and 2019 winner Jessica Love made the announcement [live via social media](#) [7]. The winner will be revealed on Wednesday 16th September 2020 and will receive a cheque for £5,000.

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