

The Betty Trask Prize and Awards

Awarded to a writer under the age of 35 for a first novel. The author must be a Commonwealth citizen, and the work must be 'of a romantic or traditional nature, i.e. not experimental'. Annual prize of £25,000 (shared).

2004

- **Becoming Strangers** Louise Dean **Winner**
- **The Sun Road** Hannah MacDonald
- **The Afterglow** Anthony Cartwright
- **The Last Song of Dusk Siddharth** Dhanvant Shanghvi

2003

- **If nobody speaks of remarkable things** Jon McGregor **Winner**
- **Haweswater** Sarah Hall
- **Gaveston** Stephanie Merritt
- **Nightdancing** Elizabeth Garner
- **Negative Space** Zoe Strachan
- **Politics** Adam Thirlwell

2002

- **The Impressionist** Hari Kunzru **Winner**
- **The Dark room** Rachel Seiffert
- **The World unseen** Shamim Sarif
- **My Summer of love** Helen Cross
- **A Child's book of true crime** Chloe Hooper
- **The Earthquake bird** Susanna Jones
- **Cold water** Gwendoline Riley

2001

- **White teeth** Zadie Smith **Winner**
- **The Drink and dream teahouse** Justin Hill
- **Take one young man** Vivien Kelly
- **Moth smoke** Mohsin Hamid
- **Musungu Jim and the Great Chief Tuloko** Patrick Neate

2000

- **The Season ticket** Jonathon Tulloch **Winner**
- **The Hunter** Julia Leigh
- **Sunset over Chocolate Mountain** Susan Elderkin
- **By the shore** Galaxy Craze
- **The Requiem shark** Nicholas Griffin

1999

- **Three Dollars** Elliot Perlman **Winner**
- **The Last King of Scotland** Giles Foden
- **Olympia** Dennis Bock
- **Tipping the velvet** Sarah Waters
- **In beautiful disguises** Rajeev Balasubramanyam

1998

- **Hullabaloo in the guava orchard** Kiran Desai **Winner**
- **Zigzag Street** Nick Earls
- **Eclipse of the sun** Phil Whitaker
- **The Cure for death by lightning** Gail Anderson-Dargatz
- **Underground** Tobias Hill

1997

- **The Beach** Alex Garland **Winner**
- **Poker face** Josie Barnard
- **Beach boy** Ardashir Vakil
- **Some kind of black** Diran Adebayo
- **Theory of mind** Sanjida O'Connell

1996

- **The Debt to pleasure** John Lanchester **Winner**
- **Anita and me** Meera Syal
- **The Testimony of Talesin Jones** Rhidian Brook
- **The Luxury of exile** Louisee Carol Buss

1995

- **Dependence Day** Robert Newman **Winner**
- **The Smell of apples** Mark Behr
- **Midnight feast** Martina Evans
- **A Speck of coaldust** Robit Manchanda *Unpublished*
- **Hallelujah Jordan** Juliet Thomas *Unpublished*
- **The Latecomer** Philippa Walshe *Unpublished*
- **The Tennis party** Madeline Wickham

1994

- **Divorcing Jack** Colin Bateman **Winner**
- **Season of the rainbirds** Nadeem Aslam
- **After the hole** Guy Burt
- **The Game** Frances Lairdet
- **Some hope** Jonathan Rix

1993

- **Youll never be here again** Mark Blackaby **Winner**
- **Pig** Andrew Cowan
- **Tommy was here** Simon Corrigan
- **Mothers and other lovers** Joanna Briscoe

1992

- **The Dreamstone** Liane Jones **Winner**
- **Kissing through a pane of glass** Peter M Rosenberg
- **Under the frog** Tibor Fisher
- **The Last of his line** Eugene Mullen *Unpublished*
- **Never Mind** Edward St Aubyn

1991

- **A Strange and sublime address** Amit Chaudhuri **Winner**
- **Teaching Little Fang** Mark Swallow
- **Quite contrary** Suzannah Dunn

- **Honour thy father** Lesley Glaister

- **Lives of the Saints** Nino Ricci

1990

- **Ripley Bogle** Robert McLiam Wilson **Winner**

- **The Wild hunt** Elizabeth Chadwick

- **No strange land** Rosemary Cohen *Unpublished*

- **The Vision of Elena Silves** Nicholas Shakespeare

1989

- **The Life game** Nigel Watts **Winner**

- **Watercolour sky** William Riviere

- **Harry's last wedding** Paul Houghton

- **Uncle Henry's last stand** Alasdair McKee

1988

- **The General interruptor** Alex Martin **Joint Winner**

- **A Case of knives** Candia McWilliam **Joint Winner**

- **Behind the waterfall** Georgina Andrewes

- **Left of north** James Friel

- **Burning your own** Glenn Patterson

- **Small tales of a town** Susan Webster

1987

- **Return journey** Helen Flint **Joint Winner**

- **The Levels** Peter Benson **Joint Winner**

- **Hard luck** James Maw

- **Lost time** Catherine Arnold

- **Gestures** H S Bhabra

- **The Pink stallion** Lucy Pinney

1986

- **Tongues of flame** Tim Parks **Winner**

- **Family myths and legends** Patricia Ferguson

- **Mzungu's wife** Philippa Blake
- **Whore banquets** Matthew Kneale
- **The Road to Dilmun** J F McLaughlin *Unpublished*
- **The Prodigal father** Kate Saunders

1985

- **Legacy** Susan Kay **Winner**
- **A Season of peace** Gary Armitage
- **A Very private enterprise** Elizabeth Ironside
- **Instead of Eden** Alice Mitchell *Unpublished*
- **The Standing hills** Caroline Stickland
- **The Earth abides forever** George Schweiz *Unpublished*

1984

- **Winter journey** Ronald Frame **Winner**
- **Cold showers** Clare Nonhebel
- **A Parish of rich women** James Buchan
- **Playing fields in winter** Helen Harris
- **The Disinherited** Gareth Jones
- **The Devil's looking glass** Simon Rees