

The Whitbread Award for Fiction

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2004

- Best Novel **Small Island** Andrea Levy
- First Novel **Eve Green** Susan Fletcher
- Poetry **Corpus** Michael Symmons Roberts

2003

- Best Novel **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** Mark Haddon
- First Novel **Vernon God Little** DBC Pierre
- Poetry **Landing Light** Don Paterson

2002

- Best Novel **Spies** Michael Frayn
- First Novel **The Song of Names** Norman Lebrecht
- Poetry **The Ice Age** Paul Farley

2001

- Book of the year and Children's book of the year **The Amber Spyglass** by Philip Pullman (part 3 of **His Dark Materials** series)
- Novel **Twelve bar blues** Patrick Neate
- First novel **Something like a house** Sid Smith

2000

- Book of the year **English passengers** Matthew Kneale
- First novel **White teeth** Zadie Smith
- Novel **English passengers** Matthew Kneale

1999

- Book of the Year **Beowulf** Seamus Heaney
- First Novel **White city blue** Tim Lott
- Novel **Music and silence** Rose Tremain

1998

- Book of the Year **Birthday letters** Ted Hughes
- First Novel **The Last King of Scotland** Giles Foden
- Novel **Leading the cheers** Justin Cartwright

1997

- Book of the Year and First Novel **The Ventriloquist's tale** Pauline Melville
- Novel **Quarantine** Jim Crace

1996

- Book of the Year and First Novel **A Debt to pleasure** John Lanchester
- Novel **Every man for himself** Beryl Bainbridge

1995

- Book of the Year and First Novel **Behind the scenes at the museum** Kate Atkinson
 - Novel **The Moor's last sigh** Salman Rushdie
- 1994
- Novel and Book of the Year **Felicia's journey** William Trevor
 - First Novel **The Longest memory** Fred D'Aguiar
- 1993
- Novel and Grand Prize **Theory of war** Joan Brady
 - First Novel **Saving Agnes** Rachel Cusk
- 1992
- Novel **Poor things** Alasdair Gray
 - First Novel **Swing hammer swing!** Jeff Torrington
- 1991
- Novel **The Queen of the tambourine** Jane Gardam
 - First Novel **Alma Cogan** Gordon Burn
- 1990
- Novel **Hopeful monsters** Nicholas Mosley
 - First Novel **The Buddha of Suburbia** Hanif Kureishi
- 1989
- Novel **The Chymical wedding** Lindsay Clarke
 - First Novel **Gerontius** James Hamilton-Paterson
- 1988
- Novel **Satanic verses** Salman Rushdie
 - First Novel and Grand Prize **The Comforts of madness** Paul Sayer
- 1987
- Novel **The Child in time** Ian McEwan
 - First Novel **The Other garden** Francis Wyndham
- 1986
- Novel and Grand Prize **An Artist of the floating world** Kazuo Ishiguro
 - First Novel **Continent** Jim Crace
- 1985
- Novel **Hawksmoor** Peter Ackroyd
 - First Novel **Oranges are not the only fruit** Jeanette Winterson
- 1984
- Novel **Kruger's Alp** Christopher Hope
 - First Novel **A Parish of rich women** James Buchan
- 1983
- Novel **Fools of fortune** William Trevor
 - First Novel **Flying to nowhere** John Fuller
- 1982
- Novel **Young shoulders** John Wain
 - First Novel **On the black hill** Bruce Chatwin
- 1981
- Novel **Silver's city** Maurice Leitch
 - First Novel **A Good man in Africa** William Boyd
- 1980
- Novel and Book of the Year **How far can you go?** David Lodge
- 1979
- Novel **The Old jest** Jennifer Johnston
- 1978
- Novel **Picture palace** Paul Theroux
- 1977
- Novel **Injury time** Beryl Bainbridge
- 1976
- Novel **The Children of Dynmouth** William Trevor
- 1975
- Novel **Docherty** William McIlvanney
- 1974
- Novel **The Sacred and profane love machine** Iris Murdoch

1973

- Novel **The Chip-chip gatherers** Shiva Naipaul