

How to comment and vote on a book you have read from the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards

First click on the right shortlist.

What's the story is picture books for ages 4-7

Telling Tales are short chapter books for ages 7-9

Hooked on Books is for ages 9-12 (both Primary and Secondary schools)

Simply the Book is for age 13+ (Only Secondary schools)

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The Coventry Inspiration Book Awards have five categories of books to choose from for children and young people aged 4 to 18. Each category has eight books to read and enjoy. You can comment on the books you have read and vote for your favourite one.

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What's the Story?
 View the What's the Story? books

Telling Tales
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The boy in the suit
 Find out about The boy in the suit
 Comment on The boy in the suit
 Vote for The boy in the suit


Running my own race
 Find out about Running my own race
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 Vote for Running my own race

This will take you to the webpage that shows the 8 books that are on this shortlist.


After
 Find out about After
 Comment on After
 Vote for After


I.R.L.
 Find out about I.R.L.
 Comment on I.R.L.
 Vote for I.R.L.


Anzu and the realm of darkness
 Find out about Anzu and the realm of darkness
 Comment on Anzu and the realm of darkness
 Vote for Anzu and the realm of darkness


Feast and famine: the last great heir
 Find out about Feast and famine: the last great heir
 Comment on Feast and famine: the last great heir
 Vote for Feast and famine: the last great heir


Diary of a future billionaire
 Find out about Diary of a future billionaire
 Comment on Diary of a future billionaire
 Vote for Diary of a future billionaire


The line they drew through us
 Find out about The line they drew through us
 Comment on The line they drew through us
 Vote for The line they drew through us



Running my own race

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If you want to find out more about the book you have read including suggestions of other books you might enjoy then click on this link

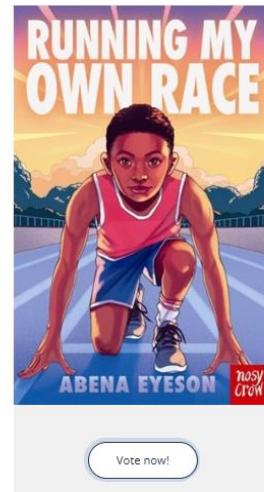
Title: Running my own race
Author: Abena Eyeson
Publisher: Nosy Crow

About the book

Kofi's mum is determined he's going to be 'somebody'. But when Kofi is given a place at a prestigious private school because of his athletic ability, everything changes. Kofi dreams of being a professional athlete - but he soon finds following your heart isn't an easy road. Under pressure from his mum to make the most of his academic opportunity, his best friend who doesn't want him to change, his community to make them proud, and a rival who will do anything to make sure Kofi doesn't outshine him - Kofi isn't sure where to turn. Can Kofi find a way to follow his own path?

Comments

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Related books

Other books by the author:

Our family farm
Looking Up

If you enjoyed this book, then give one of these a go:

The fastest boy in the world
Elizabeth Laird, Zeamanuel Abera and Peter Bailey (Illustrator)
ISBN: 9781035034680

Run club: Ghost
Jason Reynolds
ISBN: 9781999642525

The race
Roy Peachey
ISBN: 9781911279839

The first year
Matt Goodfellow and Joe Todd-Stanton (Illustrator)
ISBN: 9781915659606

Quiet Storm
Kimberly Whittam
ISBN: 9781803708065

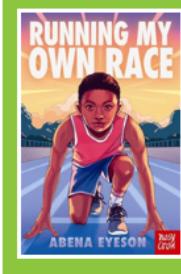
Bigg school: Scaredy cat
Lisa Williamson and Jess Bradley (Illustrator)
ISBN: 9781916558397

Kicked out!
A M Dassu
ISBN: 9781910646892

This will give you an information page which has weblinks for the author and/or for the book

Other books written by the author

A list of other books that are similar which you might also enjoy reading



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Hooked on Books - Running my own race

Let us know what you thought about this book. Did you enjoy it? Who was your favourite character? [What would you change about the book?](#) Would you recommend it to your friends?

This entry was posted by webeditors on 19 September 2025. You can leave your response.

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There are 4 responses to "Hooked on Books - Running my own race"

1. James Says:
03 December 2025

I really like this book. It's about a black boy who has been bullied. He has to face his challenges to win his races

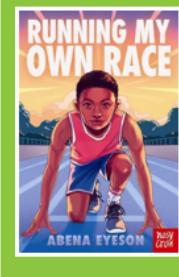
2. [View Comment](#)

Fill in the first 2 boxes with your first name (do not add your surname), your school email address

Add your comment (all comments are checked by SLS before being made live on the site.)

Check this box to show that you are human!

Other comments that have already been added and approved will appear here so that you can see what other students have said about the book



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Which book would you like to vote for? Remember to only v

What's The Story

- Don't trust fish!
- Don't think of tigers
- Frank the pizza
- Trouble at the bug hotel
- Tiny McToot
- Letters to a monster
- Kerfuffle Bird
- These are my books

Telling Tales

- Mina Mahmood: School trip
- Beastie Bros: The cabbage juice crime
- The night forest
- Wild magic: Legend of the black lion
- Tuck and Tina and the lost fortune
- The Lucky house detective agency
- Donut sc
- The Floo

Click on the circle next to the title of the book you want to vote for

You will then get up the voting page which has all 5 shortlists on it (in age order). You can only vote for 1 book per shortlist

You don't have to vote on all the shortlists just choose the one which has the book that you have read

Hooked on Books

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Your name *

Email address *

Name of school *

Click on the 'Submit' button below to vote for this book.

[Cancel](#)

Fill in the 3 boxes at the bottom with your first name (do not add your surname), your school email address and the name of your school.

Finally click on submit and that is your vote done!

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