

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

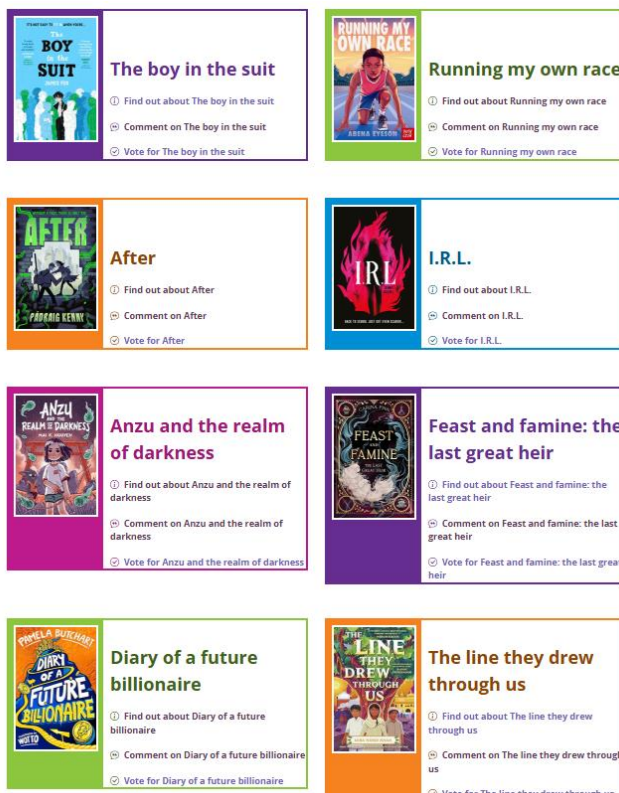
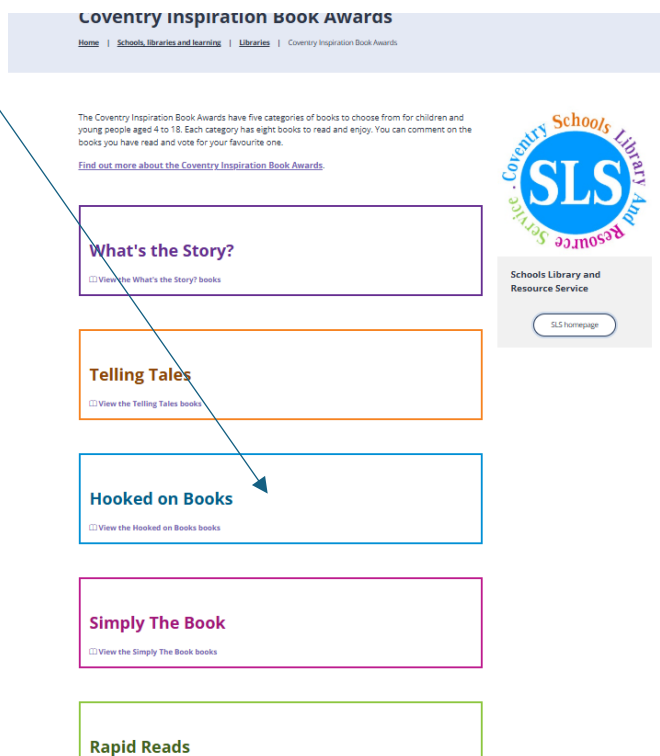
First click on the right shortlist.

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

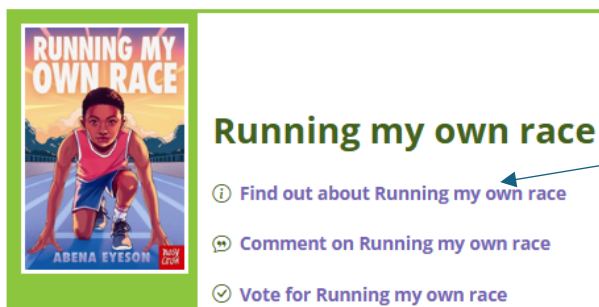
Telling Tales are short chapter books for ages 7-9

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

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



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



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

## Running my own race

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**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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[Author's X Account](#)  
[Publisher's Website](#)

### 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

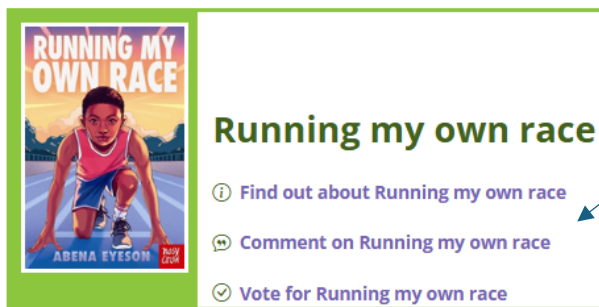
**Kicked out!**  
A M Dassu  
ISBN: 9781910646892



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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Make a comment

Name\*:

Email\*:

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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

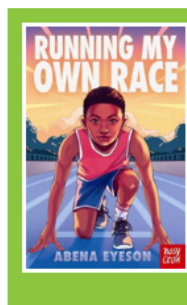
2. Sophia Says:

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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## Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2026

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

### 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 so
- ☐ The Floor

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

- ☐ The boy in the suit
- ☐ Anzu and the realm of darkness
- ☐ Diary of a future billionaire
- ☐ After
- ☐ The line they drew through us
- ☐ I.R.L.
- ☐ Feast and famine: the last great heir
- ☐ Running my own race

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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