



## Judging Criteria for Students 2024 Shortlist

The Reading Rampage winner should be a book, which brings you pleasure and enjoyment and engages your curiosity.

Think carefully about the following when you are reading each book:

### The narrative (story or plot)

- Is it well planned with a clear order of events?
- Does the story grip you all the way through?
- Does the story have a satisfying or interesting ending?
- One of this year's books is a poetry anthology; do the poems in the collection follow a pattern or link together?

### Characters (people in the story)

- Are the characters believable/intriguing?
- Do they develop during the book?
- Do the characters interact with each other successfully?
- In the poetry anthology, do you feel a sense of character through either the 'voice' of the poems or the people who are described in the poems?

### Themes (key idea or topic running through the story e.g. friendship, love, fears)

- Does the book include themes which you can relate to as a young person?
- How well do the themes link to the story and the characters or increase your understanding or enjoyment of the poems?

### Finally...

When thinking about the book in comparison to others on the Reading Rampage list, think about the lasting effect that the book has on you:

- Is it memorable? Does the book 'stay with you'?
- Would you recommend this book to someone else?

Use your Reading Rampage Booklet to log your thoughts using the star rating after each book. Once you have read as many books as you can (hopefully, that's all 10!) nominate your top three reads.

**READ IT. RATE IT. PASS IT ON.**