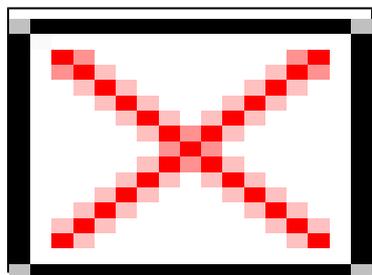
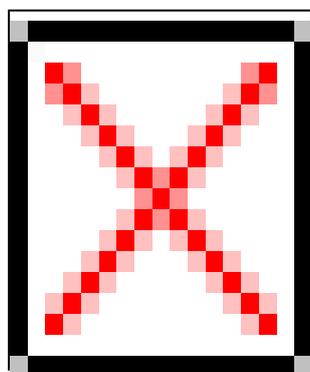
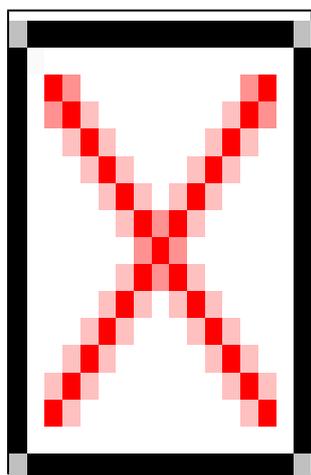




?INSPIRING?: CONTENDERS FOR THE 2020 BLUE PETER BOOK AWARDS REVEALED



Six books have made it onto the shortlists for the **2020 Blue Peter Book Awards**. There are two categories: Best Story, and ? in non-fiction November ? Best Book with Facts.



The contenders are:

Best Book with Facts

Fanatical About Frogs written and illustrated by Owen Davey (Flying Eye Books)

How to be an Astronaut and Other Space Jobs written by Dr Sheila Kanani and illustrated by Sol Linero (Nosy Crow)

Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories by Amanda Li and illustrated by Amy Blackwell (Buster Books)

Best Story

Owen and the Soldier written by Lisa Thompson from Barrington Stoke

Vote for Effie written by Laura Wood Scholastic Children?s Books

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy, Scholastic Children?s Books.

Lisa Thompson, author of **Owen and the Soldier**, the first dyslexia-friendly book to ever be shortlisted, said: ?To have a book nominated for an award is wonderful, but to have a book in the final three of the **Blue Peter Book Award** is an absolute honour! I was an avid Blue Peter viewer as a child, and I am so delighted to see **Owen and the Soldier**

included in the short list. It's so exciting!?

Blue Peter Editor Ellen Evans said: 'The story books make you feel empathy, feel empowered and fire your imagination. All the books celebrate the achievements of amazing kids and will inspire young people to think about who they might want to be in life, these are ideas that have been at the heart of **Blue Peter** for the last 60 years.'

This year nearly 500 schools applied to be a part of the judging process. The winning titles, voted for by over 400 children from 12 schools across the UK, will be revealed live on **Blue Peter** on **World Book Day**, Thursday 5th March 2020 with the winning authors and illustrators appearing on the special awards episode of the show.

Keep up-to-date with the Awards online and on Twitter by following @Booktrust and #BPBA

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