

## CARNEGE MEDAL SHORTLIST 2021 – join the debate!

It is the time of year that Library and English staff at **Teignmouth Community School** look forward to most – it is spring and the annual **Shadowing scheme for the CILIP Carnegie Medal** is now underway! The Carnegie Medal is the nation's oldest, most prestigious children's book award. It is awarded every year by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.



This year's shortlist has now been revealed, the judges have been *“drawn towards optimistic books that offer an escape from a year of lockdown. Themes of freedom, the Great Outdoors, and the natural world all feature heavily”*. Multiple copies of each title have been added to our library stock and reading can commence from now until the middle of June when the final winners are announced.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the books, the shadowing process is supported by a dedicated website: <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/cilip-carnegie-medal-shortlist-2021/> which has more information about each story and each author.

Any interested student is able to join the Shadowing this year – by emailing [library@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:library@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk) Just let us know which book you want to borrow... However, the Shadowing will also be introduced to Y7 and Y8 students in English and Reading lessons. This popular reading for pleasure scheme has thousands of registered

school groups and reading groups in the UK and overseas, who read, review and discuss the shortlisted books to 'shadow' the judging process and select their favourites. It is a brilliant way to enjoy and interact with the very best current writing for children and young people. Students and staff also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite novel for the **Shadower's Choice Medal** which is awarded along-side the official medal.

TCS library has previous shortlists of some amazingly good books going back many years...



This year there is a children's book "shelfie" competition open until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 if you want to try to win a complete set of the current shortlist – for terms and conditions check out this webpage <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/take-part/my-ckg-shelfie-alsc-book-giveaway/>