

## Richard Osman, David Nicholls, Dolly Alderton and Stanley Tucci among authors honoured at The Bestseller Awards

- UK book sales remain steady and fiction emerges as winning genre for 2024
- Richard Osman recognised with Platinum Award for third year in a row

London, Monday 20 January: Nielsen BookData, in partnership with BolognaBookPlus, celebrated the annual Bestseller Awards this evening at the Ham Yard Hotel in central London with Richard Osman, David Nicholls, Dolly Alderton and Stanley Tucci among the stellar line-up of prize winners.

The Bestseller Awards, which were presented by Rebecca Jones, former BBC arts correspondent and Chief News Presenter, are the only awards based on UK volume sales data, recognising all-time sales across print and e-book formats. The awards honour the authors whose books have sold more than 250,000 copies (Silver); more than 500,000 copies (Gold); and more than one million copies (Platinum).

The Awards celebrated 25 titles that have achieved Silver, Gold and Platinum status – collectively totalling sales of almost 14.7m books. Following a turbulent year politically in 2024, UK book sales have remained steady with the nation choosing to lose itself in a good story. Fiction sales increased in volume by 6.15%, and data reveals a particular taste for crime thrillers – and fiction written by women. In all, more than 195m print books were bought in the UK in 2024, with a value of £1.82bn.

Five titles achieved Platinum status. **Richard Osman** received a Platinum award this evening for *The Last Devil to Die* – the fourth book in the record-breaking series *The Thursday Murder Club*. This is the third time he has been recognised in this category. **David Nicholls** achieved Platinum status for *One Day*; **Bonnie Garmus** for *Lessons in Chemistry*; and **Julia Donaldson** and **Axel Scheffler** for two books: *Superworm* and *Tabby McTat*.

**The Guinness World Records**, which marks its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025, was recognised in the inaugural Series Platinum Award for achieving sales of more than 12 million copies. This new award was introduced this year to recognise and acknowledge a series that has gone on to achieve great success, not just in terms of sales but in keeping people coming back for more.

Three authors received the Author Platinum Award in recognition of sales of more than five million copies. They are **Dilly Court**, author of historical novels and family sagas; the author and illustrator **Liz Pichon** best known for her *Tom Gates* series which have sold more than six million copies; and **Dav Pilkey**, author and illustrator, and creator of the *Captain Underpants* series.

**Dolly Alderton's** *Everything I Know About Love* achieved Gold status alongside **Lucy Foley** (*The Guest List*); **Freida McFadden** (*The House Maid*); **Rebecca Yarros** (*Fourth Wing*); and **Richard Osman** for *We Solve Murders*, the first book in his new series. **Julia Donaldson** and **Axel Scheffler** were recognised in the Gold category for *The Smeds and The Smoos*, and *Zog and the Flying Doctors*.

**Stanley Tucci's** *Taste: My Life Through Food* achieved Silver status alongside **Susan Lewis's** *One Minute Later*. **Lucy Foley** (*The Paris Apartment*) and **Rebecca Yarros** (*Iron Flame*) both picked up their second award of the night. Meanwhile **Adele Parks** (*Lies Lies Lies* and *Both of You*); **Freida McFadden** (*The Housemaid's Secret* and *The Housemaid is Watching*); **CL Taylor** (*The Guilty Couple* and *The Missing*); and **Claire Douglas** (*The Wrong Sister* and *The Woman who Lied*) received two Silver awards each. **Julia Donaldson** and **Axel Scheffler** were also recognised in the Silver category for *The Baddies*.

Commenting on behalf of Nielsen BookData, Andre Breedt, Managing Director, said: "We are thrilled to host these awards and celebrate the success of our much-loved authors and illustrators and the teams that support them. My thanks to the BolognaBookPlus team for all their support helping us make this annual event a highlight of the publishing calendar. The Bestseller Awards are unique, recognising the achievements across all genres by the ultimate measurement: book sales."

Jacks Thomas, Guest Director, BolognaBookPlus, said: "In all walks of life we hear so much about the power of data. If ever there was data to celebrate, it is the irrefutable evidence of the books our nation is choosing to read. It is a joy to spotlight the achievements of the UK's favourite authors and to recognise all the talent and hard graft that is behind a bestseller."

The Bestseller Awards data is provided by Nielsen BookData's BookScan service, which has been tracking UK book sales continuously for 30 years. BolognaBookPlus, an advocate of authors, rights, and creativity, delivers the annual awards in partnership with Nielsen BookData.

The full List of books and authors who have achieved Platinum, Gold or Silver status:

## PLATINUM WINNERS

*Superworm* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Scholastic)  
*Tabby McTat* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Scholastic)  
*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (Penguin Random House)  
*One Day* by David Nicholls (Hachette)  
*The Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman (Penguin Random House)

## GOLD WINNERS

*Everything I Know About Love* by Dolly Alderton (Penguin Random House)

*The Smeds and The Smoos* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Scholastic)  
*Zog and the Flying Doctors* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Scholastic)  
*The Guest List* by Lucy Foley (HarperCollins)  
*The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden (Little, Brown)  
*We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman (Penguin Random House)  
*Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros (Little, Brown)

## SILVER WINNERS

*The Baddies* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Scholastic)  
*The Wrong Sister* by Claire Douglas (Penguin Random House)  
*The Woman Who Lied* by Claire Douglas (Penguin Random House)  
*The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley (HarperCollins)  
*One Minute Later* by Susan Lewis (HarperCollins)  
*The Housemaid's Secret* by Freida McFadden (Little, Brown)  
*The Housemaid is Watching* by Freida McFadden (Source Books)  
*Lies Lies Lies* by Adele Parks (HarperCollins)  
*Both of You* by Adele Parks (HarperCollins)  
*The Guilty Couple* by C.L. Taylor (HarperCollins)  
*The Missing* by C.L. Taylor (HarperCollins)  
*Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci (Penguin Random House)  
*Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros (Little, Brown)

## AUTHOR PLATINUM AWARDS

Dilly Court (HarperCollins)  
Liz Pichon (Scholastic)  
Dav Pilkey (Scholastic)

## SERIES PLATINUM AWARD

Guinness World Records (Guinness Publishing)

For further information please contact: Jane Acton  
E: [jane@janeactonpr.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeactonpr.co.uk) / T: 07971 661576

## NOTES TO EDITORS

Images available from Jane Acton on request

To arrange interviews with authors and representatives from the Awards, please contact Jane Acton

Further information about The Bestseller Awards available [here](#).

## **About Nielsen BookData**

Nielsen BookData provides a range of services to the book industry internationally, aiding the discovery and purchase, distribution and sales measurement of books. Nielsen BookData is responsible for the ISBN and SAN Agencies for UK & Ireland as well as providing search and discovery services for booksellers and libraries. Its research services provide retail sales analysis for both print and e-books alongside research from the Books and Consumers Survey. For publishers Nielsen BookData offers a range of services from assigning an ISBN to a book to adding metadata to its database and providing promotional tools to help market books. The company is wholly owned by NIQ. For more information, visit: [www.nielsenbook.co.uk](http://www.nielsenbook.co.uk)

## **About BolognaBookPlus (BBPlus)**

BolognaBookPlus was launched in 2020 by BCBF/BolognaFiere, in collaboration with the Italian Publishers Association (AIE), to reach a general trade publishing audience via a three-day exhibit, training and conferences - among other opportunities- taking place alongside the acclaimed Bologna Children's Book – 31 March to 3 April 2025. Working closely with the Bologna team, BolognaBookPlus is led by Jacks Thomas as Guest Director, supported by a UK team.

## **About Bologna**

Three global book events for international rights and licensing trading takes place annually in the eponymous Italian city where culture meets style and commercial relationships are created.