


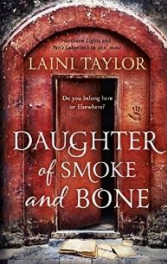
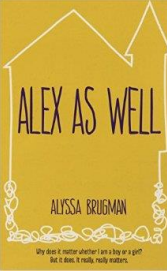

Hans Price Academy Book Awards 2016

After all the brilliant nominations for the HPA Book of the Year, a panel of students and staff have narrowed down the longlist to these eight great books.

You can now read your way through the shortlist and be ready to vote for your favourite towards the end of next term.



Nomination		Synopsis
<p>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban <i>J. K. Rowling</i></p> <p>The Harry Potter series turned me into an avid reader, but "The Prisoner of Azkaban" made me fall in love with the Potter universe: From Fred and George, the Marauders Map, trips to Hogsmeade, Butterbeer, Professor Lupin, "Riddikulus" and, of course, Sirius Black.</p>		<p>When the Knight Bus crashes through the darkness and screeches to a halt in front of him, it's the start of another far from ordinary year at Hogwarts for Harry Potter. Sirius Black, escaped mass-murderer and follower of Lord Voldemort, is on the run - and they say he is coming after Harry. In his first ever Divination class, Professor Trelawney sees an omen of death in Harry's tea leaves. But perhaps most terrifying of all are the Dementors patrolling the school grounds, with their soul-sucking kiss.</p>
<p>Split Second <i>Sophie McKenzie</i></p> <p>I would like to nominate this book because it is amazing. I really, really hated reading as I struggle with it. No matter how hard I try I can never stay attached to one book. So when we had to pick a book for the accelerated reader challenge, I randomly chose one thinking I wasn't going to ever finish it. I picked up the book and started to read and I couldn't stop. The book is so amazing that no matter where I am I will start to read and won't stop for ages. It hooks you in with the action, the terror, the thrill and the mystery. I recommend the book to EVERYONE!</p>		<p>Bound together by the devastating consequences of a terrorist attack on a London market, teenagers Charlotte (Charlie) and Nat appear at first to have much in common. But, as Charlie gets closer to Nat and his family, she begins to wonder if perhaps he knows more about the attack than he has let on. Split Second is an action-packed thriller that shifts between the perspectives of its two main characters as their courage and their loyalties are tested to the limit.</p>
<p>Moriarty <i>Anthony Horowitz</i></p> <p>The plot twist is executed exactly the way a plot twist should be executed: BRILLIANTLY!!</p>		<p>Sherlock Holmes is dead.</p> <p>Days after Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind. Ably assisted by Inspector Athelney Jones, a devoted student of Holmes's methods of investigation and deduction, Chase must hunt down this shadowy figure, a man much feared but seldom seen, a man determined to engulf London in a tide of murder and menace. The game is afoot . . .</p>
<p>Butter <i>Erin Lange</i></p> <p>This book makes you look at body image, confidence and bullying from a whole new perspective. It is really well written and the characters are believable and captivating.</p>		<p><i>I can't take another year in this fat suit, but I can end this year with a bang. If you can stomach it, you're invited to watch . . . as I eat myself to death.</i></p> <p>-Butter</p> <p>Prepare to gasp, laugh and cry at one boy's journey from lonely outcast to toast of the school as he nears his dreadful deadline . . .</p>

<p>Wonder R. J. Palacio</p> <p>I couldn't put this book down. I think everyone should read it and consider the way they treat others. The world should be a kinder place.</p>		<p><i>'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'</i></p> <p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>
<p>Daughter of Smoke and Bone Laini Taylor</p> <p>It introduces a new world that you can totally believe in, unlike any you have seen before. The story is gripping and challenging, with complex characters and themes. It encourages you to think about war, discrimination and love without being in any way preachy or distracting from the excitement and emotion of the book. It might also make you want to dye your hair blue.</p>		<p><i>Errand requiring immediate attention. Come.</i></p> <p>When Brimstone called, she always came.</p> <p>In general, Karou has managed to keep her two lives in balance. On the one hand, she's a seventeen-year-old art student in Prague; on the other, errand-girl to a monstrous creature who is the closest thing she has to family. Raised half in our world, half in 'Elsewhere', she has never understood Brimstone's dark work, nor how she came into his keeping. She is a secret even to herself, plagued by the sensation that she isn't whole.</p> <p>Now the doors to Elsewhere are closing, and Karou must choose between the safety of her human life and the dangers of a war-ravaged world that may hold the answers she has always sought.</p>
<p>Alex As Well Alyssa Brugman</p> <p>I loved this book. It was really important to me and I wish everyone would read it.</p>		<p>Why does it matter whether I am a boy or a girl? But it does...It really, really matters. When Alex was born, the doctors described him as sexually ambiguous, with both male and female reproductive organs. For the last fourteen years his parents have raised Alex as a boy. They dressed him in boy's clothes, sent him to a boy's school and gave him medication to help regulate his hormones. But last night at dinner, Alex made an announcement, three words that would change everything: 'I'm a girl.' And when Alex sets about changing her life her wardrobe, her school, her entire identity no one knows how to react, least of all her parents.</p>
<p>More Than This Patrick Ness</p> <p>This book is incredible. I didn't know what to expect and I wouldn't want anyone else to know either. It blew my mind from the first chapter and I couldn't put it down.</p>		<p>A boy called Seth drowns, desperate and alone in his final moments, losing his life as the pounding sea claims him. But then he wakes. He is naked, thirsty, starving. But alive. How is that possible? He remembers dying, his bones breaking, his skull dashed upon the rocks. So how is he here? And where is this place</p> <p>What's going on? And why is it that whenever he closes his eyes, he falls prey to vivid, agonizing memories that seem more real than the world around him? Seth begins a search for answers, hoping that he might not be alone, that this might not be the hell he fears it to be, that there might be more than just this...</p>

*Some of the books on the list may not be suitable for younger readers.