

# FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

## Book Prize 2009

In association with Arts & Business and Blackwell

The Bristol Festival of Ideas is an annual festival of ideas and debate. It takes place in May with special events through the year. Authors appearing at the festival include Margaret Atwood, Tony Benn, Robert Fisk, A C Grayling, Baroness Susan Greenfield, Nick Hornby, Naomi Klein, Steven Pinker, Tariq Ramadan, Jon Ronson, Ziauddin Sardar, Simon Singh, Alan Sokal and Clive Stafford Smith.

The Bristol Festival of Ideas is five years old in 2009. To celebrate this, and to provide a greater profile for debate about ideas, the festival launches **The Bristol Festival of Ideas Book Prize 2009** in association with **Arts & Business** and **Blackwell** bookshops. This prize is to be awarded to the book which presents new, important and challenging ideas, which is rigorously argued, and which is engaging and accessible. The winner will be announced in March each year and will collect their prize at the Bristol Festival of Ideas in May.

### Eligibility

The book must have been published in the 12 months of the full year before the award is made (for the 2009 award, this is books first published in 2008). **An annual prize of £10,000 is awarded.**

We encourage publishers to submit books in all genres written by a single author (the judges will consider books that have been

authored jointly, but not edited collections). A book of ideas may be a work of fiction or non-fiction; poetry or prose. The judges can also call in books that they feel should be considered. Nominations will also be encouraged from reviewers and commentators.

The prize is awarded in association with **Arts & Business** and **Blackwell** bookshops. The shortlist will be promoted through Blackwell stores and local, regional and national media. A short publication will be distributed each year which will include details of the books and an interview with each shortlisted author.

The author does not have to be UK based. Publishers should restrict submission to five books initially though can suggest others which may be called in and the judges may call in additional books.

### Submission of books

Publishers should complete the attached form. Please send six copies of each book submitted to:

#### Vicky Washington

Bristol Festival of Ideas  
Bristol Cultural Development Partnership  
Leigh Court, Abbots Leigh  
Bristol, BS8 3RA

## Decision making

The 2009 judging panel includes:

**Julian Baggini**, author and commentator

**Andrew Kelly**, Director, Bristol Festival of Ideas, author and commentator

**Professor Paul Gough**, Executive Dean, Faculty of Creative Arts and Pro-Vice Chancellor: University of the West of England, Bristol

**Jerry Cowhig**, science publisher, Managing Director of IOP Publishing, Bristol

**Sara Davies**, Executive Producer, BBC Radio 4

**Blackwell bookshop representative**

The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into as to the reasons the choice was made. For further details, please contact:

### Andrew Kelly

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For full details of this year's programme, please visit: [www.ideasfestival.co.uk](http://www.ideasfestival.co.uk)

### Book prize timetable

The timetable for the first award is as follows:

Launch	April 2008
Submission deadline	October 2008 *
Shortlist judging	October-December 2008
Shortlist announced	January 2009
Shortlist promotion	January-March 2009
Winner announced	March 2009
Winner promotion	April 2009
Prize awarded	May 2009 at Bristol Festival of Ideas

*\* Proofs and manuscripts can be submitted for books published in November and December 2008*

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### Entry form

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Bristol Cultural Development Partnership, Leigh Court, Abbots Leigh, Bristol, BS8 3RA

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of book submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date published: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm this book is eligible for entry into the Bristol Festival of Ideas Book Prize 2009

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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