

*The 31<sup>st</sup>  
Annual  
Book Report  
Competition  
for  
Secondary School  
Students*



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## A) Regulations

1. Entries must be recommended and submitted by the schools. The total number of entries for each Junior & Senior divisions of Chinese and English Sections must not exceed 10 respectively.
2. Students can participate in all sections of the same division. However, the book read for each report must be entirely different.
3. The recommended book lists are for reference only. Participants may choose books not specified in the book lists.

## B) Competition Divisions

### Chinese Section

#### Extensive Reading Section

- Junior Division: F.1 - F.3 (between 600 and 1,000 words)
- Senior Division: F.4 - F.6 (between 1,500 and 2,000 words)

#### Wén Yán Wén Section

- Junior Division: F.1 - F.3 (between 600 and 1,000 words\*)  
\* Not exceed 100 words if written by Wén Yán Wén
- Senior Division: F.4 - F.6 (between 1,500 and 2,000 words\*)  
\* Not exceed 250 words if written by Wén Yán Wén

### English Section

#### Extensive Reading Section

- Junior Division: F.1 - F.3 (between 600 and 1,000 words)
- Senior Division: F.4 - F.6 (between 1,500 and 2,000 words)

## C) Format of Entries

1. Entries should be legible and tidy. The number of pages and the total number of words must be marked.
2. Chinese entries: Typewritten on standard A4 size paper is highly recommended. Handwritten is also acceptable, but standard Chinese writing paper must be used.
3. English entries: Handwritten or typewritten are both acceptable, but standard A4 size paper must be used.
4. In view of fairness, do not write the name of the student and the school in the entry.
5. Please list the titles of the book, author and publisher in the entry.

## D) Submission

Entries must be sent either by mail or in person by **March 22, 2016 (Tuesday)** to Marketing Dept., Hong Kong Educational Publishing Co., 9/F Eastern Central Plaza, 3 Yiu Hing Road, Shaukeiwan, Hong Kong. Please mark "The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Book Report Competition for Secondary School Students" on the envelope.

## E) Awards

1. Winners of each division will be awarded trophies, certificates and book coupons:
  - Champion · HK\$3,000
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up · HK\$1,500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up · HK\$1,000
  - Merit (2 Prizes) · HK\$300
2. Every participant will be issued a "Certificate of Participation" and a discount coupon.
3. The school of the first-prize winner of each division will be awarded a pennant.

## F) Adjudication Panel (in alphabetical order)

### Chinese Section

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### English Section

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Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Association of  
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Division of English Language Education, The University of Hong Kong

**John MILLEN**

Former UK Head of Languages Department, Author of Athen Anthology

**Dr. Nicholas SAMPSON**

Research Assistant Professor, Department of English,  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

## Notes

1. The decisions made by the panel of judges and the organizers on the award list are final.
2. Prize Presentation Ceremony will be held in early July 2016.
3. The submissions must be original and unpublished, and we reserve the right to disqualify the submission that is found to be against the aforesaid.
4. The Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. holds the copyright of all the winning entries.
5. The particulars listed above are subjected to final confirmation and changes without prior notice.

## Enquiries

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For details of the competition, and the appreciation of the awarded reports of last year, please visit: [www.hkep.com](http://www.hkep.com).



**Grandpa's Great Escape!**

Harper Collins

*David Walliams*

An exquisite portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa - this book takes readers on an incredible journey with Spitfires over London and Great Escapes through the city in a high octane adventure full of comedy and heart.

**After**

Puffin Books

*Morris Gleitzman*

In the fourth part of Felix's story, continuing his adventures in World War Two, he faces perhaps his greatest challenge - to find hope when he's lost almost everything, including his parents. As Europe goes through the final agonizing stages of the war, Felix struggles to reconcile hatred and healing. He's helped by a new friend, but if he should lose her as well ...

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid #10: Old School**

Puffin Books

*Jeff Kinney*

Life was better in the old days. Or was it? That's the question Greg Heffley is asking as his town voluntarily unplugs and goes electronics-free. But modern life has its conveniences, and Greg isn't cut out for an old-fashioned world. With tension building inside and outside the Heffley home, will Greg find a way to survive?

**Counting by 7s**

Puffin Books

*Holly Goldberg Sloane*

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world...

**The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing**

Puffin Books

*Sheila Turnage*

When Miss Lana winds up the mortified owner of an old inn with an unidentified ghost in the fine print, Mo's itching to take the case. Plus, a historical ghost might make for some much needed Extra Credit in history. Who's haunting the old inn? And why?

**The Land of Stories #4: Beyond the Kingdoms**

Little, Brown

*Chris Colfer*

The Masked Man is on the loose in the Land of Stories, and it's up to Alex and Conner Bailey to stop him...except Alex has been thrown off the Fairy Council, and no one will believe they're in danger. With only the help of the ragtag group, they discover the Masked Man's secret scheme. So begins a race through the magical Land, the fantastical world of Neverland, the madness of Wonderland, and beyond.

**Queenie**

Yearling

*Jacqueline Wilson*

It's 1953, the year Elizabeth is to be crowned Queen of England. Elsie Kettle can't wait to go to London to see the celebrations on Coronation Day. Elsie lives with her mum works as a showgirl, so she's not around very often. Elsie just wishes she was allowed a cat to keep her company sometimes. Then tragedy strikes...

**Gustav Gloom and The Four Terrors**

Grosset &amp; Dunlap

*Adam-Troy Castro*

In Gustav Gloom and the Four Terrors, things are not always what they seem in the Gloom Mansion. Gustav decides that he needs to rescue his father from the Dark Country, but he can't do that without Fernie's help. After Gustav convinces Fernie's safety-conscious father to enter the Gloom Mansion with Fernie and Pearlie, there is a prison break and it's up to Fernie to save her family and Gustav before it's too late.

**Atticus Claw On the Misty Moor**

Faber &amp; Faber

*Jennifer Gray*

Cheddar family are celebrating New Year's Eve in a Scottish castle! Surely even Atticus can't find trouble here. But with rumours of hidden treasure, an ancient family curse, and sightings of a mysterious giant cat on the moor, it seems Police Cat Sergeant Claw's detective skills will be needed once again. And danger lurks everywhere on the misty moor.

**George and the Unbreakable Code**

Doubleday Childrens

*Lucy Hawking*

George and his best friend Annie haven't had any space adventures for a while and they're missing the excitement. But not for long, seriously strange things start happening. It looks like the world's biggest and best computers have all been hacked. They will travel further into space than ever before in order to find out who is behind it.

**In the Heart of the Sea**

Puffin Books

*Nathaniel Philbrick*

In 1820, the whaleship Essex was rammed and sunk by an angry sperm whale, leaving the desperate crew to drift for more than ninety days in three tiny boats. Nathaniel Philbrick uses little-known documents and vivid details about the Nantucket whaling tradition to reveal the chilling facts of this infamous maritime disaster.

**Crenshaw**

Feiwel &amp; Friends

*Katherine Applegate*

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

**The Magician's Elephant**

Walker Books

*Kate Dicamillo*

When a fortune-teller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchenne knows the questions that he must ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her?

**The Mozart Question**

Walker Books

*Michael Morpurgo*

When Lesley is sent to Venice to interview world-renowned violinist Paulo Levi on his fiftieth birthday, she cannot believe her luck. She is told that she can ask him anything at all - except the Mozart question. But it is Paulo himself who decides that the time has come for the truth to be told...

**Goth Girl and the Wuthering Fright**

Macmillan

*Chris Riddell*

People are flocking to Ghastly-Gorm Hall from far and wide to compete in Lord Goth's Literary Dog Show. The esteemed judges are in place and the contestants are all ready to win. But there's something strange going on at Ghastly-Gorm - mysterious footprints, howls in the night and some suspiciously chewed shoes...

**The 39-Storey Treehouse**

Macmillan

*Andy Griffiths*

Andy and Terry's amazing treehouse has thirteen new levels! They've added a chocolate waterfall you can swim in, a volcano for toasting marshmallows, a baby-dinosaur-petting zoo, a not-very-merry merry-go-round, a boxing elephant called the Trunkinator, and a top-secret thirty-ninth level which hasn't even been finished yet! But what good is all this stuff...

**Diary of Dorkius Maximus in Egypt**

Buster Books

*Tim Collins*

When Dorkius is invited by Julius Caesar on a trip to Egypt he's in for one big adventure. In a hilarious string of events, Dorkius encounters the 13-year-old King Ptolemy and his sister Cleopatra, whom he introduces to Caesar, thus bringing about one of the greatest love stories of all time, and ultimately the defeat of the pharaoh.

**Wonder**

Transworld Books

*R.J. Palacio*

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

**Percy Jackson and the Greek Heroes**

Puffin Books

*Rick Riordan*

In this gripping follow-up to Percy Jackson and the Greek Gods, demigod Percy Jackson tells the stories of twelve of the original Greek heroes in all their gory, bloodthirsty glory.

**The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto**

Sphere

*Mitch Albom*

At nine years old, Frankie Presto is sent to America in the bottom of a boat. His only possession is an old guitar and six precious strings. Frankie's talent is touched by the gods, and his amazing journey weaves him through the musical landscape of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Travelling to Infinity**

Alma Books

*Jane Hawking*

As Stephen's academic renown soared, his body was collapsing under the assaults of motor-neuron disease, and Jane's candid account of trying to balance his twenty-four-hour care with the needs of their growing family will be inspirational to anyone dealing with family illness.

**Voices From Chernobyl**

Picador

*Svetlana Alexievich*

On April 26, 1986, the worst nuclear reactor accident in history occurred in Chernobyl and contaminated as much as three quarters of Europe. Journalist Svetlana Alexievich interviewed hundreds of people affected by the meltdown, and their stories reveal the fear, anger, and uncertainty with which they still live.

**A Little Life**

Anchor Books

*Hanya Yanagihara*

When four graduates from a small Massachusetts college move to New York to make their way, they're broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition. Over the decades, their relationships deepen and darken, tinged by addiction, success, and pride.

**Go Set A Watchman**

Harper

*Harper Lee*

Twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch returns home from New York City to visit her ageing father. Set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions and political turmoil that were transforming the South, Louise's homecoming turns bittersweet when she learns disturbing truths about her close-knit family, the town and the people dearest to her.

**Gray Mountain**

Hodder

*John Grisham*

Donovan Gray is ruthless and fearless.

Just the kind of lawyer you need, deep in small-town Appalachia. Samantha Kofer is a world away from her former life at New York's biggest law firm. If she is going to survive in coal country, she needs to start learning fast.

Because as Donovan knows only too well, the mountains have their own laws.

**Leaving Time**

Hodder

*Jodi Picoult*

Jenna Metcalf was with her mother the night she disappeared, but she remembers nothing. Over ten years have passed, and still Jenna reads and rereads her mother's journals, hoping to find some clue hidden there.

**Mightier than the Sword**

Pan

*Jeffrey Archer*

When Harry Clifton visits his publisher, he learns that he has been elected as the new president of English PEN and immediately launches a campaign for the release of a fellow author Anatoly Babakov, who's imprisoned in Siberia. Writing a book called Uncle Joe, a devastating insight into what it was like to work for Stalin. So determined is Harry to see Babakov released and the book published that he puts his own life in danger.

**Still Alice**

Pocket Books

*Lisa Genova*

Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so hard to build. At fifty, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a renowned expert in linguistics with a successful husband and three grown children. When she begins to grow forgetful and disoriented, she dismisses it for as long as she can until a tragic diagnosis changes her life.

**The Danish Girl**

Penguin Books

*David Ebershoff*

The Danish Girl eloquently portrays the unique intimacy that defines every marriage and the heroic story of Lili Elbe, a pioneer in transgender history, and the woman torn between loyalty to her marriage and her own ambitions and desires.

**Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage**

Vintage Books

*Haruki Murakami*

Tsukuru Tazaki had four best friends at school. By chance all of their names contained a colour. One day Tsukuru Tazaki's friends announced that they didn't want to see him, or talk to him, ever again. Since that day Tsukuru has been floating through life, unable to form intimate connections with anyone.

**The Festival of Insignificance**

Faber and Faber

*Milan Kundera*

Casting light on the most serious of problems and at the same time saying not one serious sentence; being fascinated by the reality of the contemporary world and at the same time completely avoiding realism - that's The Festival of Insignificance.

**Paper Towns**

Bloomsbury

*John Green*

Quentin Jacobsen has always loved Margo Roth Spiegelman, for Margo (and her adventures) are the stuff of legend at their high school. So when she one day climbs through his window and summons him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow. But the next day Margo doesn't come to school and a week later she is still missing...

**The Goldfinch**

Back Bay Books

*Donna Tartt*

Theo Decker miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his longing for his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her.

**Look Who's Back**

Maclehose Press

*Timur Vermes*

Berlin, Summer 2011. Adolf Hitler wakes up, alive and well. Things have changed - no Eva Braun, no Nazi party, no war. Hitler recognises his beloved Fatherland, filled with immigrants and run by a woman. People certainly recognise him, albeit as a flawless impersonator who refuses to break character. The inevitable happens, and the ranting Hitler goes viral, becomes a YouTube star, gets his own T.V. show, and people begin to listen.

**Adultery**

Arrow Books

*Paulo Coelho*

Linda knows she's lucky. Yet every morning when she opens her eyes to a so-called new day, she feels like closing them again. Her friends recommend medication. But Linda wants to feel more, not less.

**Room**

Little, Brown

*Emma Donoghue*

To five-year-old-Jack, Room is the world. It's where he was born, it's where he and his Ma eat, sleep, play and learn. At night, his Ma shuts him safely in the wardrobe, where he is meant to be asleep when Old Nick visits. Room is a tale at once shocking, riveting, exhilarating — a story of unconquerable love in harrowing circumstances, and of the diamond-hard bond between a mother and her child.