

2019 Costa Short Story Award Judging Panel

The judges for the 2019 Costa Short Story Award are:



Sarah Franklin

Author, Founder of Short Stories Aloud & Senior Lecturer in Publishing at Oxford Brookes University

Sarah Franklin is founder and host of Oxford literary night Short Stories Aloud and a Senior Lecturer in Publishing at Oxford Brookes University. She is the author of two novels: *Shelter* and *How to Belong* and has written for *The Guardian*, *The Irish Times*, *Psychologies* and the *Sunday Express*.



Joe Haddow

Radio Producer / Podcast Host

Joe is a radio producer, literary event chair and podcaster. A regular at Harrogate, Edinburgh and Bath literary festivals, he's a keen supporter of libraries and reading initiatives through his work with The Reading Agency and Book Aid. Host of the Book Off and Booker Prize podcasts, he also runs the *Radio 2 Book Club*.



Adele Parks

Author

Adele has published 19 novels in 19 years, all of which were Times Top Ten bestsellers. Her latest domestic thriller, *Lies Lies Lies* is a number 1 bestseller. She's sold over three and a half million copies of her work in the UK alone and is also translated into 26 different languages. Adele is a Patron of The National Literacy Trust and Guildford Book Festival.



Simon Trewin

Agent

Simon has been a literary agent for 25 years and has launched the careers of a generation of debut authors who have gone on to be published in over 50 languages and shortlisted for a host of prizes. A passionate nurturer of new writing talent, he is also Employee No.1 of The Garage Press - a letterpress studio in Brixton.



Kit de Waal

Author

Kit de Waal writes about forgotten and overlooked places where the best stories are found. She is a former Costa Short Story Award finalist and the author of *My Name Is Leon* and *The Trick to Time*. Her first YA novel, *Becoming Dinah*, was published earlier this year.