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The 2008 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal

The CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal, established in 1956 and named in honour of the distinguished illustrator, is awarded for 'outstanding illustration in a children's book'. The 2008 winner is Emily Gravett for her book **Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears** (Macmillan). The other shortlisted books were **Silly Billy** by Anthony Browne (Walker Books), **Penguin** by Polly Dunbar (Walker), **Monkey and Me** by Emily Gravett (Macmillan), **The Lost Happy Endings** by Carol Ann Duffy, ill. Jane Ray (Bloomsbury), **Ottoline and the Yellow Cat** by Chris Riddell (Macmillan) and **Banana** by Ed Vere (Puffin).

The 2008 CILIP Carnegie Medal

The CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's longest running and most respected award for children's writing. Philip Reeve is the 2008 winner for **Here Lies Arthur** (Scholastic). The other shortlisted books were **Gatty's Tale** by Kevin Crossley-Holland (Orion), **Ruby Red** by Linzi Glass (Penguin), **Crusade** by Elizabeth Laird (Macmillan), **Apache** by Tanya Landman (Walker), **What I Was** by Meg Rosoff (Penguin) and **Finding Violet Park** by Jenny Valentine (HarperCollins).

The 2008 Branford Boase Award

The annual Branford Boase Award celebrates the most promising book for seven-year-olds and upwards by a first-time novelist, and highlights the importance of the editor in nurturing new authors. **Before I Die** by Jenny Downham, edited by David Fickling and published by David Fickling Books, is the 2008 winner. Managing to be both heart breaking and life-affirming, it is the story of a girl trying desperately to fit a lifetime of experiences into the few weeks left before she dies. **Finding Violet Park** by Jenny Valentine, edited by Stella Paskins at HarperCollins, was Highly Commended. The other shortlisted titles were **Anna Hibiscus** by Atinuke, edited by Averil Whitehouse (Walker), **Nathan Fox** by L Brittney, edited by Rachel Denwood (Macmillan), **Waves** by Sharon Dogar, edited by Barry Cunningham (Chicken House) and **Door of No Return** by Sarah Mussi, edited by Beverly Birch (Hodder).

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