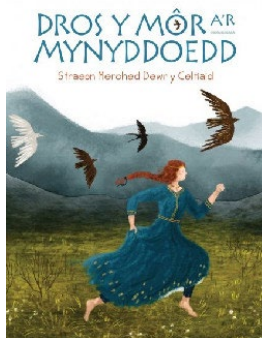


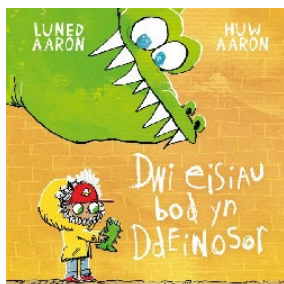


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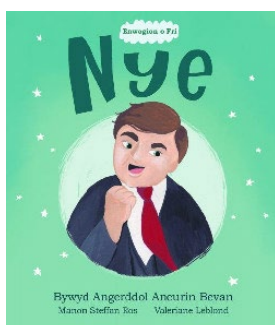
## Primary Age Shortlist



***Dros y Môr a'r Mynyddoedd***, various authors, illustrated by Elin Manon (Gwasg Carreg Gwalch)  
 A beautiful collection of international Celtic stories. While each story is unique and different they all have one thing in common – the strong and determined female characters that lead each one.

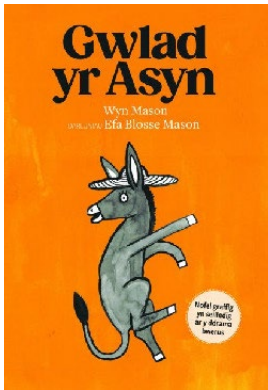


***Dwi Eisiau bod yn Ddeinosor***, Huw Aaron and Luned Aaron (Atebol)  
 A modern, funny and colourful book that's full of fun, with an important message – you're enough just as you are.



***Enwogion o Fri: Nye*** – ***Bywyd Angerddol Aneurin Bevan***, Manon Steffan Ros, illustrated by Valériane Leblond (Llyfrau Broga)  
 The perfect combination of words and pictures come together to tell the story of a shy young boy from South Wales, who succeeded in helping millions of people through his work to establish one of our national treasures.

## Secondary Age Shortlist



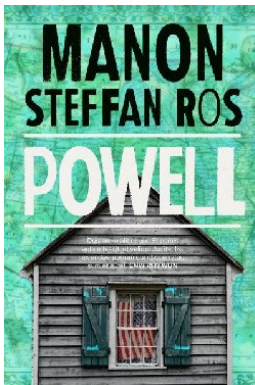
***Gwlad yr Asyn***, Wyn Mason, illustrated by Efa Blossie Mason (Gwasg Carreg Gwalch)

A witty and unusual graphic novel, based on a stage play. It tells the story of a donkey that is used to spending all its time around people, but by the end she comes to question her own identity!



***Manawydan Jones: Y Pair Dadeni***, Alun Davies (Y Lolfa)

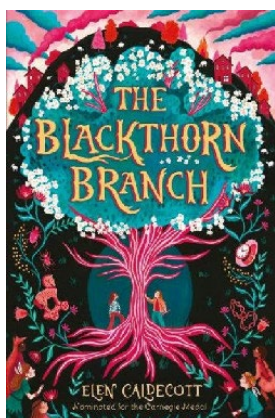
A fantasy adventure full of mystery that crosses the boundary between the real and magical worlds. A modern and fresh twist on the old tales of the Mabinogi, presented for a new generation.



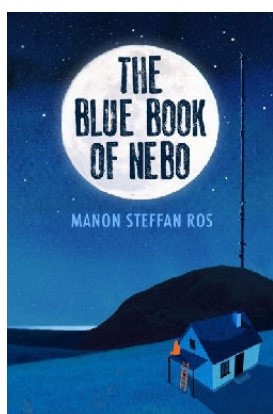
***Powell***, Manon Steffan Ros (Y Lolfa)

A poignant, important and timely novel that shines a light on a difficult subject – Wales' role in the slave industry. As we have come to expect from the author, it is the characters who are at the heart of the story throughout.

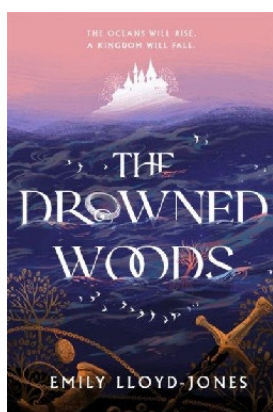
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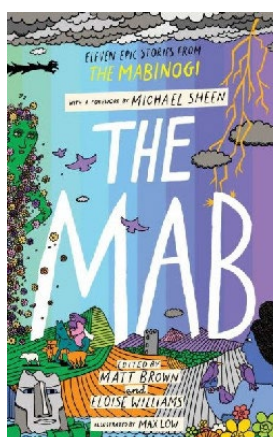
***The Blackthorn Branch***, Elen Caldecott (Andersen Press)  
A relatable modern Welsh setting with characters you feel instantly at home with. And yet these joyous working-class kids are drawn into a parallel fantasy realm and have to battle magical creatures as well as deal with their own struggles – not least a missing brother and grieving family.



***The Blue Book of Nebo***, Manon Steffan Ros (Firefly)  
Adapted by the author from a multi-award winning Welsh novel. The book explores the relationship between a mother and son and their survival after The End (a nuclear event). For such demanding and distressing subject matter, there are moments of great tenderness, hope and optimism.



***The Drowned Woods***, Emily Lloyd-Jones (Hodder)  
*Game of Thrones* comes to Cardigan Bay! *The Drowned Woods* is a vividly imagined medieval heist full of danger, threat and magic. Drawing on Welsh mythology including the legend of Cantre'r Gwaelod, this YA fantasy thriller is hugely enjoyable and will have wide appeal.



***The Mab***, by various authors, illustrated by Max Low, Ed. Matt Brown and Eloise Williams, (Unbound)  
*The Mab* brings together the very best of contemporary Welsh authors to retell the stories of the Mabinogion. New life is given to these classic tales – the humour, eccentricity, threat and sheer brilliance of these ancient stories are evident through the joy of the writing.

All the shortlisted titles are available now from your local bookshop.  
The winners will be announced in June 2023.