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Book Dedicated to Two Soldiers Who Fell At The Somme Shortlisted For Prestigious Children's Book Award.

Where The Poppies Now Grow by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey has been shortlisted alongside books by Quentin Blake and Michael Morpurgo for the prestigious English Association Book Award 2015.

Reviewer Carolyn Swain said the “sympathetic narrative poem uses repetition and rhythm to excellent effect” and described the book as a “poignant yet hopeful story of how friendship endures the hardship of times and provides an accessible route into considering the First World War.”

Of Martin Impey's artwork she said his “gentle watercolour illustrations soften subject matter which could be distressing for young children.”

Dedicated to their great uncles who fell in the Somme, the creators were commended for the way they have explored the experience of war in a manner that provides reassurance to younger readers.

Hilary and Martin said they were delighted that the panel recognised the importance and relevance of the story during the commemorative four year period.

Founded in 1904 the aim of the English Association is to further knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the English language and its literatures and to foster good practice in its teaching and learning at all levels.

The winners will be announced on May 13th.

More information on the awards <http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/english-association/primary/english-4-11-book-awards/2015-awards-1/2014-reviews>

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