Reactions On Winning the Blue Peter Book Award

"I'm thrilled and deeply honoured to win this award. Blue Peter was my must-watch show as a child. It inspired me to go out and investigate the world which has led to me becoming a writer of books for children. Awards like this are so important in publicising how books with facts can excite, entertain and inspire young minds as much, if not more, than fiction."

"As a child, I collected silver foil, made Christmas ornaments from crossed coat hangers, took part in Blue Peter appeals, read the annuals and tuned in to every episode. It was my favourite TV show as a child and inspired me to really go out and investigate the world which eventually led to me becoming a children's book writer. That the show has moved with the times but continues to entertain and inform children today is a remarkable achievement – which is why I am so delighted to win."

"Information books remain an invaluable way for children to engage with the world, to learn new things and to discover what interests them the most. There is still no better way to excite and encourage young minds than to give them a beautifully-crafted information book and let them delve right in and explore."

"Information books for children are the Cinderella of the publishing world, stuck in the corner and often ignored and overshadowed by the perceived glamour of fiction. Yet, they are absolutely crucial in stimulating a child or teen's interests and outlook on the world. This is why awards like this and the work Blue Peter and BookTrust do to promote reading is so important."