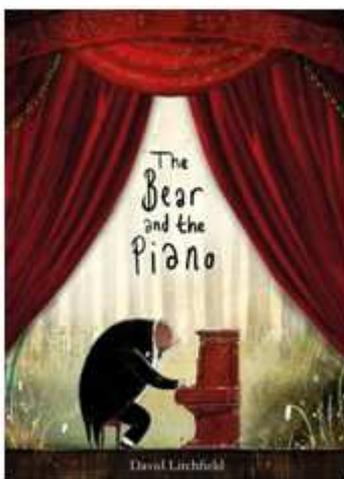


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## Winner Waterstones Children's Book Prize



Last night, Frances Lincoln Children's Books won Best Illustrated Book at the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for debut *THE BEAR AND THE PIANO* by David Litchfield.

*The Bear and the Piano* is the story of a young bear who stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument, and eventually goes on an incredible journey to New York, where his piano playing makes him a huge star. He has fame, fortune and all the music in the world, but he misses the friends and family he has left behind. A moving tale of exploration and belonging from an exciting debut author-illustrator.

*The Bear and the Piano* was first published the 3rd September 2015, and is available now in both Hardback and Paperback.

David Litchfield first started to draw when he was very young, creating Star Wars and Indiana Jones 'mash up' comics for his older brother and sister. Since then his work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, books and on T-shirts. He has exhibited his illustrations in the U.K, Europe and America. *The Bear and the Piano* is his first picture book. David lives in Bedford with his family.

Rachel Williams, Publisher of Frances Lincoln Children's Books, says:

*The Bear and the Piano* captures the spirit of what it means to follow your dreams and find a place to call home. We are extremely proud of David's debut book, warming hearts everywhere.'

Frances Lincoln Children's Books is an imprint of The Quarto Group, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

Marcus Leaver, CEO of The Quarto Group, says:

'I am grateful to David Inman, MD of Quarto Publishing Group UK, for implementing the vision of increasing our Children's publishing over the last couple of years with the re-invigoration of Frances Lincoln Children's Books, the creation of the new imprint

Wide Eyed Editions, and more. We have a truly talented and creative team and this award is just the start of the recognition they deserve. Their creative ability is matched only by their financial acumen, a combination which will allow Quarto to create and sell even more beautiful children's books in future.'

### About The Quarto Group

The Quarto Group (QRT: LSE) is the leading global illustrated book publisher and distribution group, publishing both children's and adults' titles in over 35 countries and in more than 25 languages.

Founded in 1976, Quarto is celebrating its 40th year of publishing this year.