

DESIGNER BOOKBINDERS UK ANNUAL COMPETITION 2020

An important message from the organisers.

As some of you may already be aware, we are planning an exciting rebranding of the DB UK Annual Competition and, with the blessing of our lovely sponsors, the Folio Society, we have decided to make the competition biennial. In order to give ourselves a good run-up, we are taking a break in 2019 and will return with a bang in 2020.

Our set book will be John Steinbeck's classic "Of Mice and Men". We will be posting details of how to order a copy this June but you can put a definite date in your diary now.

Hand in deadline Saturday 17th October 2020.

Look out for announcements on social media and on the Annual Comp page of the DB website:

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John Steinbeck - Of Mice and Men. Illustrated by James Albon.

112p. 228 x 146 mm. 3 colour illustrations, inc 2 double page spreads.

Published by The Folio Society for the first time, this powerful story tells of migrant labourers George and Lennie, who have little social status in the land they sow and harvest for others' financial gain. George is slight and savvy, Lennie a hulking simpleton, and the pair have formed an unlikely friendship. They wander state to state, working on ranches and sleeping rough between jobs, until Lennie's childlike naivety inevitably lands him in trouble and they must move on again.

John Steinbeck's electrifying tale of injustice and shattered dreams, set during the Great Depression, remains a firm classic with a message still relevant today. The characters are drawn with confident self-restraint that borders on detachment; Steinbeck sets the scene then pulls back to allow them space to tell their story. The effect is overpowering and ensures this thought-provoking novella will endlessly gnaw at the reader's conscience.

We look forward to seeing some thought-provoking responses in the Bookbinding Competition.

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