

2019 BOOK JURY

Helen Mort



Helen Mort is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. She has published two poetry collections with Chatto and Windus and her first novel 'Black Car Burning' is due in 2019. She has judged the Boardman Tasker Prize for mountain literature and has written a guide to trail running in the UK Lake District. Helen is a Senior Lecturer in creative writing at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Paul McSorley



After discovering climbing on the crags of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment as a teenager, Paul knew he'd found his destiny. Over the last twenty years he's been traveling the world from Pakistan to Patagonia, making big first ascents and many new friends along the way. He lives in Squamish, British Columbia, where there is an endless supply of unclimbed granite for him to explore.

Nandini Purandare



Nandini Purandare loves the Himalaya. Apart from having trekked and travelled extensively in this region for over 35 years she finds other ways to stay connected. Among them are editing the Himalayan Journal, reading mountain literature, administering the Himalayan Club as its Hon Secretary, and finally writing her first book. Since 2012, Nandini and her colleague have been collecting oral histories of the climbing Sherpas of Darjeeling--they are determined to tell the stories of this indomitable group of people without whom early exploration in the Himalaya would not have been possible.