**James Dawson beats John Green to become the first male winner of the Queen of Teen book prize**

And the winner is...

So what if the prize is a sparkly tiara? That definitely hasn't stopped James Dawson, who has only gone and bagged himself the coveted Queen of Teen 2014 book award, beating the one and only John Green in the process.

Having kicked off his campaign by dressing up as Eurovision winner Conchita Wurst, James has come out victorious in the battle to win fave teen author in the UK. It wasn't an easy competiton either and he beat fellow YA authors Beth Reekles, Cassandra Clare, Veronica Roth, Cathy Cassidy, Natasha Farrant, Holly Smale, S.C Ransom, Tonya Hurley and John Green to get his hands on that tiara.

Crowned at the fancy award ceremony in Surrey earlier on, James said of the prize: “The Queen of Teen, unlike the majority of other major children’s book awards, forgoes a panel of experts or steering committees and relies on young adults aged between nine and 18 to crown a winner.

"I was the first ever bloke to be nominated, which opened the gates to a more diverse shortlist. The seeming lack of focus – is it for 'girl’s books'; is it a UK prize; should men be allowed on the shortlist – has caused some confusion amongst authors, but I think the organisers have created a fanocracy. There is only one remit – to celebrate teen fiction.”

A MASSIVE congrats to James, who you'll probably know as the author of Hollow Pike, Cruel Summer, Being A Boy and Say Her Name. If not then you know what to do - GET READING.

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