

**James Dawson is Queen of Teen books**

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All rise for his majesty the queen as James Dawson, the author of Hollow Pike and Say Her Name , becomes the first male winner of the Queen of Teen award for his latest book, Cruel Summer .

After a vigorous social media campaign, Dawson topped a shortlist entirely nominated by teens ( Cathy Cassidy , Beth Reekles, Holly Smale , Cassandra Clare , Veronica Roth , John Green, S.C. Ransom, Tonya Hurley, and Natasha Farrant ) to join an illustrious cast of previous winners including Louise Rennison, Cathy Cassidy and Maureen Johnson.