

Megan Moore

Was... 2017 Reading winner with a review of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

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Winning the Portico Sadie Massey KS5 Reading Award when I was a student encouraged me to read broader fiction and even helped with applications to universities to get onto an English course. Now, as a teacher years on, I still hold the award and the Portico Library in such high regard and love to see my own students now take part. It feels like a very full circle moment and giving them the same opportunity, knowing how many doors that it opened for me, is incredible. The Sadie Massey Awards encourage young people to strive to keep reading and writing, they inspire and further help develop young people's love for these two disciplines.

At the Awards ceremony, as the special guest, poet Tony Walsh appeared.



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