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Press release

Changes to the UK Christian Book Awards 2010

Speaking Volumes is pleased to announce that nominations for the UK Christian Book Award 2010 are now being sought.

Carolyn Armitage has been invited to join the shortlist panel to select just five books for one category – 'The Ultimate Christian Library Book'. Carolyn, a freelance editor, is a former Director of Religious Publishing at Hodder & Stoughton and author herself of four Christian books. She will be a great asset to the selection panel and joins other knowledgeable panellists.

Paula Renouf, Director of the Speaking Volumes commented 'We want to encourage Christian publishers and writers to consider a book suitable for the public library shelves that would to be an inspiration and appeal to a wide readership. 'The Ultimate Christian Library Book' is an attempt to do this. We think this award fits with the aims of Speaking Volumes and we are very excited to see what titles will be nominated.'

Nominations are being sought during August and September 2009 - full details of the criteria and nomination forms can be found on the website www.christianbookawards.org. The shortlist will be selected and available for the public to vote for online from January until March 2010, culminating in a presentation at the National Christian Resources Exhibition in May 2010. The winning author will receive a £1,000 cash prize plus £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice.

2008 winner of the biography prize, Richard Taylor, commented that 'The Award has raised the profile of my book 'To Catch a Thief' and has had a significant impact in my work to reach prison inmates.'

The trustees of the Speaking Volumes scheme (CBPT) hope that the 2010 awards will be equally successful.

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