



Dead Yard wins Dolman Travel Book of the Year

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Ian Thomson's insight into modern-day Jamaica has been awarded the 2010 Dolman Travel Book of the Year. *The Dead Yard*,

published by Faber, won Thomson the £2,500 prize at a ceremony yesterday evening (6th July) at the Arts Club in London. His title was chosen from more than 70 titles submitted to the prize.

Chair and travel writer Michael Jacobs, speaking from South America, said: "*The Dead Yard* is not just a beautifully written and very rich account of a distant place, but also a book of vital importance for the understanding of a major element in contemporary British culture." The shortlist for this year's prize, the fifth, comprised:

Along the Enchanted Way by William Blacker (John Murray)

A Single Swallow by Horatio Clare (Chatto)

Eleven Minutes Late by Mathew Engel (Macmillan)

Lost and Found in Russia by Susan Richards (I B Tauris)

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Tequila Oil: Getting Lost in Mexico by Hugh Thomson (Weidenfeld)

The Dead Yard by Ian Thomson (Faber)

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