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Announcing the Notable Books in the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Awards 2017

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) today announced the list of Notable Books (also known as the Long List) for the 2017 CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

The CBCA Awards are the longest running book awards in Australia. From the small list of books entered in 1946, entries have now grown to 443, underscoring the strength and richness of Australian publishing for children, and the talent of those who create the books.

This year the judges noted the high quality of entries, with the highest number coming from the Younger Readers and Picture Book categories. They also noted that the theme of war had declined from previous years, and in the Early Childhood category, the emphasis was on animals and emotions.

'The creativity of our authors and illustrators continues to surprise and delight,' said CBCA National Chair Professor Margot Hillel OAM. 'Every year we are thrilled to see stories reflecting issues of relevance and importance that are sure to engage young Australian readers.'

'It is also very satisfying to see the Australian children's book industry maintaining the level of excellence we have come to admire,' said Hillel.

A higher percentage of entries have been included in this year's notable lists, indicating a higher level of literary merit across entries. Judges were enthralled with new stories and new perspectives on older themes.

Although the big publishers continue to be successful, this year has seen the inclusion of smaller publishers in the CBCA Notable lists. 130 new authors and illustrators entered in the CBCA Awards this year.

The CBCA supports Australian authors and illustrators of books for young readers. These esteemed awards are extremely influential in children's publishing and bookselling, providing information about quality children's books for schools, libraries and the community at large.

The categories judged are:

- CBCA Book of the Year: Older Readers
- CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers
- CBCA Book of the Year: Early Childhood
- CBCA Picture Book of the Year
- The Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

The CBCA Short List will be announced on Tuesday March 28, 2017.

The CBCA Book of the Year Awards will be announced and presented in Hobart on Friday August 18, 2017.

Established in 1945, the **Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)** is a not-for-profit, volunteer run organisation that aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. For more information about the CBCA and the 2016 Notable Books please visit our website at **cbca.org.au**

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THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

THE 2017 NOTABLES

Book of the Year: Older Readers

NB: These books are for mature readers

Author	Illustrator	Book Title	Publishers	ISBN
Butters, Simon		The Hounded	Wakefield Press	9781743053959
Caddy, Meg		Waer	Text Publishing	9781922182210
Crowley, Cath		Words in Deep Blue	Pan MacMillan Australia	9781742612386
Eglington, Tara		My Best Friend is a Goddess	HarperCollins Publishers	9780732299903
Fraillon, Zana		The Bone Sparrow	Hachette Australia	9780734417138
Goodman, Alison		Lady Helen and the Dark Days Club	HarperCollins Publishers	9780732296094
Jacobson, Megan		Yellow	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143573333
Kasmer, Elizabeth		Becoming Aurora	University of Queensland Press	9780702254208
Kostakis, Will		The Sidekicks	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143309031
McGahan, Andrew		Ocean of the Dead	Allen & Unwin	9781760292188
Millard, Glenda		The Stars at Oktober Bend	Allen & Unwin	9781743315897
Pitt, Darrell		A Toaster on Mars	Text Publishing	9781922182869
Plozza, Shivaun		Frankie	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143573166
Sutherland, Krystal		Our Chemical Hearts	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143573906
Touchell, Dianne		Forgetting Foster	Allen & Unwin	9781760110796
Weetman, Nova		Everything is Changed	University of Queensland Press	9780702254161
Wild, Ailsa	Hutchings, Ben	The Invisible War	Scale Free Network	9780992587253
Zorn, Claire		One Would Think the Deep	University of Queensland Press	9780702253942

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Author	Illustrator	Book Title	Publishers	ISBN
Alexander, Goldie		Cybertricks	Five Senses Education	9781741308884
Balla, Trace	Balla, Trace	Rockhopping	Allen & Unwin	9781760112349
Banks, Angelica		Blueberry Pancakes Forever	Allen & Unwin	9781760110451
Battersby, Lee	Daoud, Amy	Magrit	Walker Books Australia	9781925081343
Bavati, Robyn		Within These Walls	Scholastic Australia	9781760152857
Brian, Janeen		Yong: the journey of an unworthy son	Walker Books Australia	9781925126297
Chim, Wai		Freedom Swimmer	Allen & Unwin	9781760113414
Ciddor, Anna		The Family With Two Front Doors	Allen & Unwin	9781925266641
Crabbe, Kay		The Pearl-Shell Diver: A Story of Adventure from the Torres Strait	Allen & Unwin	9781760290474
Fienberg, Anna		Wicked's Way	Allen & Unwin	9781743319901
Foxlee, Karen		A Most Magical Girl	Allen & Unwin	9781848125742
Gibbes, Lesley	Michael King, Stephen	Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts	Allen & Unwin	9781760112851
Gleitzman, Morris		Toad Delight	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143309239
Hall, Leanne		Iris and the Tiger	Text Publishing	9781925240795
Hamilton, Anne		Daystar	Wombat Books	9781925139518
Hawke, Rosanne		Daughter of Nomads	University of Queensland Press	9780702253935
Hayes, Paula		Lily in the Mirror	Fremantle Press	9781925163872
Heath, Jack		Fail Safe	Allen & Unwin	9781925266078
Jennings, Paul	Smith, Craig	The Unforgettable What's His Name	Allen & Unwin	9781760290856
Jinks, Catherine		Theophilus Grey and the Traitor's Mask	Allen & Unwin	9781760113612
Kane, Kim		When the Lyrebird Calls	Allen & Unwin	9781741758528
Kelly, Deborah	Hedstrom, Leigh	Ruby Wishfingers: Skydancer's Escape	Wombat Books	9781925139631
Knapp, Kate	Knapp, Kate	Ruby Red Shoes Goes to London	HarperCollins Publishers	9780732297626
Miller, Jessica		Elizabeth and Zenobia	Text Publishing	9781925355031
Murrell, Belinda		The Lost Sapphire	Penguin Random House Australia	9781925324112
O'Loghlin, James		The Twins of Tintarfell	Pan MacMillan Australia	9781743548097

Orr, Wendy		Dragonfly Song	Allen & Unwin	9781760290023
Pascoe, Bruce		Mrs Whitlam	Magabala Books	9781925360240
Perry, Ellyse & Clark, Sherryl		Pocket Rocket	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143781240
Phommavanh, Oliver		The Other Christy	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143505723
Rossell, Judith	Rossell, Judith	Wormwood Mire: A Stella Montgomery Intrigue	HarperCollins Publishers	9780733333019
Roxburgh, Richard		Artie and the Grime Wave	Allen & Unwin	9781760292140
Rushby, Pamela		Lizzie and Margaret Rose	Scholastic Australia	9781742991528
Smith, Jane	Kan, Pat	Tommy Bell Shoot-out at the Rock	Big Sky Publishing	9781925275940
Temple, Kate & Temple, Jol	Foye, John	Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade	Allen & Unwin	9781760291938
Walsh, Myles	Pitcha Makin Fellas	What's in a Name?	boh books	9780992395018
Weetman, Nova		The Secrets We Keep	University of Queensland Press	9780702254215
Wild, Ailsa	Wood, Ben	Squishy Taylor and the Bonus Sisters	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760126759
Wolfer, Dianne		The Shark Caller	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143780557

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Author	Illustrator	Book Title	Publishers	ISBN
Alafaci, Marie	McGowan, Shane	Zelda's Big Adventure	Allen & Unwin	9781925266382
Bell, Davina	Acton, Sara	Oh Albert!	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078608
Bell, Johanna	Beasley, Dion	Go Home, Cheeky Animals!	Allen & Unwin	9781760291655
Bentley, Jonathan	Bentley, Jonathan	Where is Bear?	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760122911
Blabey, Aaron	Blabey, Aaron	Pig the Winner	Scholastic Australia	9781760154288
Brian, Janeen	Snell, Danny	Little Chicken Chickabee	Raising Literacy Australia	9780994385338
Brooke, Cori	Forward, Megan	All I Want For Christmas Is Rain	New Frontier Publishing	9781925059717
Calder, Charlotte	Jellett, Tom	The 12th Dog	Hachette Australia	9780734416919
Chambers, Susannah	Jackson, Mark	The Snow Wombat	Allen & Unwin	9781760113810
Crumble, Paul	Gifford, Lucinda	The Cat Wants Custard	Scholastic Australia	9781760155780
Dunstan, Kylie	Dunstan, Kylie	Nannie Loves	Working Title Press	9781921504839
Fox, Mem	Horacek, Judy	Ducks Away!	Scholastic Australia Omnibus Books	9781760158514
Gibbes, Lesley	Stewart, Lisa	Little Bear's First Sleep	Scholastic Australia	9781743624012
Godwin, Jane & Wagner, Michael	Joyner, Andrew	Bear Make Den	Allen & Unwin	9781760110017
Graham, Bob	Graham, Bob	Home in the Rain	Walker Books Australia	9781406368239
Howarth, Kylie	Howarth, Kylie	Chip	Bonnier Publishing Australia	9781760400736
James, Ann	James, Ann	Bird and Bear and the Special Day	Bonnier Publishing Australia	9781760402808
Lester, Alison	Lester, Alison	Hello Little Babies	HarperCollins Publishers	9780733330414
McCartney, Tania	Racklyeft, Jess	Smile/Cry	Exisle Publishing	9781921966989
Morgan, Sally	Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Dream Little One, Dream	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078868
Morgan, Sally	Kwaymullina, Ambelin	Joey Counts to Ten	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760121266
Parker, Aura	Parker, Aura	Twig	Scholastic Australia	9781760157067
Parker, Danny	Blackwood, Freya	Molly and Mae	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781742975276
Pignataro, Anna	Pignataro, Anna	Agatha and the Dark	Bonnier Publishing Australia	9781760402075
Rudge, Leila	Rudge, Leila	Gary	Walker Books Australia	9781925081695
Saxby, Claire	Brecon,	Wild Pa	Penguin Random House	9780857988003

	Connah		Australia	
Shanahan, Lisa	Rudge, Leila	The Whole Caboodle	Scholastic Australia	9781743629321
Treml, Renee	Treml, Renee	Ten Little Owls	Penguin Random House Australia	9780143780564
Walker, Sue	Tortop, Anil	My Perfect Pup	New Frontier Publishing	9781925059601
Webb, Cassandra	Francey, Amanda	Take Ted Instead	New Frontier Publishing	9781925059533
Wyatt, Edwina	Masciullo, Lucia	Together Always	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781742979632

Picture Book of the Year

Some of these books may be for mature readers

Arranged by illustrator

Illustrator	Author	Book Title	Publishers	ISBN
Ainslie, Tamsin	Gibson, Carlie	The Sisters Saint-Claire	Allen & Unwin	9781760291563
Anelli, Liz	Watkins, Ross	One Photo	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670077977
Anelli, Liz	Freeman, Pamela	Desert Lake: The Story of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre	Walker Books Australia	9781921529436
Baker, Jeannie	Baker, Jeannie	Circle	Walker Books Australia	9781406338010
Balchin, Lance	Balchin, Lance	Mechanica	Bonnier Publishing Australia	9781760401085
Bancroft, Bronwyn	Bancroft, Bronwyn	Colours of Australia	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781742976914
Bentley, Jonathan	Bentley, Jonathan	Where is Bear?	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760122911
Bentley, Jonathan	Holmes, Janet A	Blue Sky, Yellow Kite	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760124229
Blabey, Aaron	Blabey, Aaron	Don't Call Me Bear!	Scholastic Australia	9781760159849
Blackwood, Freya	Parker, Danny	Molly and Mae	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781742975276
Blackwood, Freya	Godwin, Jane & Bell, Davina	Hattie Helps Out	Allen & Unwin	9781743435434
Blair, Karen	Caisley, Raewyn	Something Wonderful	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078455
Bland, Nick	Bland, Nick	The Fabulous Friend Machine	Scholastic Australia	9781760277659
Cowcher, Robin	Sharpe Shelberg, Rebecka	Reflection: Remembering Those Who Serve in War	Walker Books Australia	9781922179050
Evans, Gabriel	Morrison, Penny	Captain Sneer the Buccaneer	Walker Books Australia	9781922179609
Forward, Megan	Forward, Megan	A Patch from Scratch	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078295
Gordon, Gus	Gordon, Gus	Somewhere Else	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078851
Graham, Bob	Graham, Bob	Home in the Rain	Walker Books Australia	9781406368239
Harvey, Roland	Harvey, Roland	On the River	Allen & Unwin	9781760112455
Hobbs, Leigh	Hobbs, Leigh	Mr Chicken Arriva a Roma	Allen & Unwin	9781925266771
Huxley, Oliver	Huxley, Dee & Huxley, Tiffany	My Brother	Working Title Press	9781921504853
Jellett, Tom	Newman, Paul	Grandpa's Big Adventure	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670078172
Joyner, Andrew	Storer, Jen	Blue, The Builder's Dog	Penguin Random House Australia	9780670077809

Kennedy, Lisa	Murphy, Aunty Joy	Welcome to Country	Walker Books Australia	9781922244871
Lesnie, Phil	Hathorn, Libby	A Soldier, a Dog and a Boy	Hachette Australia	9780734416377
McKenzie, Heath	McKenzie, Heath	Archie No Ordinary Sloth	Bonnier Publishing Australia	9781760067892
McMahon, Michael	McMahon, Michael	Melbourne Word by Word	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781760126674
Michael King, Stephen	Michael King, Stephen	Snail and Turtle: Rainy Days	Scholastic Australia	9781760159061
Nixon, Chris	Owen, Chris	Pandamonia	Fremantle Press	9781925163339
Ottley, Matt	Parker, Danny	Crusts	Hardie Grant Egmont	9781742979830
Plant, Andrew	Wallace, Adam	Spark	Ford Street Publishing	9781925272413
Redlich, Ben	Redlich, Ben	Smeck	Windy Hollow Books	9781922081650
Riddle, Tobhy	Riddle, Tobhy	Milo: A Moving Story	Allen & Unwin	9781760111632
Rudd, Van T	Clarke, Maxine Beneba	The Patchwork Bike	Hachette Australia	9780734416681
Rudge, Leila	Rudge, Leila	Gary	Walker Books Australia	9781925081695
Simmonds, Brian	Ramage, Jan	Dog Lost	Windy Hollow Books	9781922081612
Smith, Craig	Jackson Hill, Diane	Chooks in Dinner Suits	Museum Victoria	9781921833380
Swan, Owen	de Pourbaix, Angela	Out	Scholastic Australia	9781743629000
Thompson, Colin	Thompson, Colin	Stanley	HarperCollins Publishers	9780733332852
Tregonning, Mel	Tregonning, Mel	Small Things	Allen & Unwin	9781742379791
Whatley, Bruce	French, Jackie	Cyclone	Scholastic Australia	9781743623596
Wu, Di	Cheng, Christopher	New Year Surprise!	National Library of Australia	9780642278838

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

NB: These books are intended for an audience birth to 18 years.

Author	Illustrator	Book Title	Publishers	ISBN
Baker, Jeannie	Baker, Jeannie	Circle	Walker Books Australia	9781406338010
Cole-Adams, Jenmet & Gauld, Judy		Resource - Stories of Australian innovation in wartime	Department of Veterans' Affairs	9780992583989
Coote, Maree	Coote, Maree	Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C	Melbournestyle Books	9780992491727
Cossins, Jennifer	Cossins, Jennifer	A-Z of Endangered Animals	Red Parka Press	9780987594662
Deeves, Pauline		Socks, Sandbags & Leeches: Letters to My Anzac Dad	National Library of Australia	9780642278845
Freeman, Pamela	Anelli, Liz	Desert Lake: The Story of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre	Walker Books Australia	9781921529436
Greenwood, Mark	Denton, Terry	Boomerang and Bat	Allen & Unwin	9781743319246
Hendry, Lorna		The Gigantic Book of Genes	Wild Dog Books	9781742034102
Jackson Hill, Diane	Smith, Craig	Chooks in Dinner Suits	Museum Victoria	9781921833380
Karmel, Joanna	Flowers, Tony	Hello!	National Library of Australia	9780642278876
Lieberman, Cassy & Carter Jenkins, Sara	Borghesi, Emma	Australia's Nightingale: Nellie Melba		9781925386042
Martin, Helen & Simpson Judith	Orsini, Cheryl	The ABC Book of Food	HarperCollins Publishers	9780733334269
McMullin, Neridah	McLean, Andrew	Fabish: The Horse that Braved a Bushfire	Allen & Unwin	9781925266863
Newton, Gina M.		Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks	National Library of Australia	9780642278883
Ryan, Kate	Bennett, Cally	Degas: An Art Book for Kids	National Gallery of Victoria	9781925432138
Sedunary, Michael	Emmerichs, Bern	William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times	Berbay Publishing	9780994289537
Tarakson, Stella	Morden, Richard	Aliens, Ghosts and Vanishings: Strange and Possibly True Australian Stories	Penguin Random House Australia	9781925324969