



The Children's Book Council of Australia announces  
**THE 2021 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS**

**Book of the Year: Older Readers**

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers in their secondary years of schooling. Ages 13-18 years (NB: These books are for mature readers and some may deal with particularly challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended).*

WINNER			
Davina Bell	The End of the World is Bigger than Love	Text Publishing	9781922268822
HONOUR BOOKS			
Cath Moore	Metal Fish, Falling Snow	Text Publishing	9781922330079
Christie Nieman	Where We Begin	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781743535660

**Book of the Year: Younger Readers**

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. 7-12 years (NB: Some of the titles in this category may only be suitable for readers who are in the upper primary years as they contain mature themes, including violence. Parental guidance is recommended).*

WINNER			
Kate Gordon	Aster's Good, Right Things	Riveted Press	9780648492573
HONOUR BOOKS			
Jaclyn Moriarty (illus. by Kelly Canby)	The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst	Allen & Unwin	9781760875060
Sally Murphy (illus. by Sarah Davis)	Worse Things	Walker Books Australia	9781760651657

**Book of the Year: Early Childhood**

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading. Ages 0-6 years.*

WINNER			
Libby Hathorn & Lisa Hathorn-Jarman (illus. by Mel Pearce)	No! Never!	Hachette Australia	9780734418906
HONOUR BOOKS			
Anna McGregor	Anemone is not the Enemy	Scribble Kids' Books	9781922310118
Briony Stewart	We Love You, Magoo	Penguin Random House Australia	9781760896904

## Picture Book of the Year

*Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years (NB. Some of these books may be for mature readers).*

WINNER			
Matt Ottley (text by Meg McKinlay)	How to Make a Bird	Walker Books Australia	9781925381894
HONOUR BOOKS			
Philip Bunting	Not Cute.	Scholastic Australia	9781760972387
Felicita Sala (text by Maggie Hutchings)	Your Birthday Was the Best!	Affirm Press	9781925972535

## Eve Pownall Award

*Entries in this category should be books which have the prime intention of documenting factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style. Ages 0-18 years.*

WINNER			
Pamela Freeman (illus. by Liz Anelli)	Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu	Walker Books Australia	9781760650285
HONOUR BOOKS			
Sami Bayly	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals	Hachette Australia	9780734420015
David Hartley & Kirsty Murray (illus. by Dub Leffler)	Strangers on Country	National Library of Australia	9780642279552

## CBCA Award for New Illustrator

*This Award aims to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. Ages 0-18 years.*

WINNER			
Zeno Sworder	This Small Blue Dot	Thames & Hudson Australia	9781760761110

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