



The Children's Book Council of Australia announces  
**THE 2022 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			
Rebecca Lim	Tiger Daughter	Allen & Unwin	9781760877644
HONOUR BOOKS			
Felicity Castagna	Girls in Boys' Cars	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781760982980
Steven Herrick	How to Repaint a Life	University of Queensland Press	9780702263156

**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			
Shirley Marr	A Glasshouse of Stars	Penguin Random House Australia	9781760899547
HONOUR BOOKS			
Karen Foxlee	Dragon Skin	Allen & Unwin	9781760526108
Katrina Nannestad	Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief	ABC: An Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers	9780733341465

**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			
Andrea Rowe (illus. by Hannah Sommerville)	Jetty Jumping	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	9781760500658
HONOUR BOOKS			
Nick Bland	Walk of the Whales	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	9781760509026
Vikki Conley (illus. by Nicky Johnston)	Amira's Suitcase	New Frontier Publishing	9781922326133

### 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			
Jess Racklyeft (text by Claire Saxby)	Iceberg	Allen & Unwin	9781760526047
HONOUR BOOKS			
James Foley	Stellarphant	Fremantle Press	9781760990732
Christopher Nielsen (text by Margrete Lamond & Anthony Bertini)	Just One Bee	Dirt Lane Press (WestWords)	9780648023890

### 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. (NB. Books in this category may be for mature readers and some may deal with particularly challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended).*

WINNER			
Safdar Ahmed	Still Alive, Notes from Australia's Immigration Detention System	Twelve Panels Press	9780980593730
HONOUR BOOKS			
Sami Bayly	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Peculiar Pairs in Nature	Hachette Australia	9780734420046
Karen Wyld (illus. by Jaelyn Biunaiwai)	Heroes, Rebels and Innovators	Hachette Australia	9780734419835

### 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			
Michelle Pereira	The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing	9781760509361

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