

The Children’s Book Council of Australia announces

**THE 2023 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).

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Tom Taylor (illus. by Jon Sommariva | Neverlanders | Penguin Random House Australia | 9781761049071 |
| **HONOUR BOOKS** | | | |
| Biffy James | Completely Normal (and Other Lies) | Hardie Grant Children’s Publishing | 9781760508746 |
| Hayley Lawrence | The Other Side of Tomorrow | Scholastic Australia | 9781760976453 |

**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).

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Craig Silvey | Runt | Allen & Unwin | 9781761067846 |
| **HONOUR BOOKS** | | | |
| Neridah McMullin (illus. by Astred Hicks) | Evie and Rhino | Walker Books Australia | 9781760654207 |
| Zana Fraillon & Bren MacDibble | The Raven’s Song | Allen & Unwin | 9781761065798 |

**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.

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Vikki Conley (illus. by Max Hamilton) | Where the Lyrebird Lives | Windy Hollow Books | 9780645323566 |
| **HONOUR BOOKS** | | | |
| Katrina Germein (illus. by Mandy Foot) | Bev and Kev | Little Book Press | 9780645027051 |
| Anna Walker | Snap! | Scribble Kids’ Books | 9781922585387 |

**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).*

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Zeno Sworder | My Strange Shrinking Parents | Thames & Hudson Australia | 9781760761233 |
| **HONOUR BOOKS** | | | |
| Tom Jellett (text by Michael Wagner) | Dirt by Sea | Penguin Random House Australia | 9781760894061 |
| Levi Pinfold | Paradise Sands: A Story of Enchantment | Walker Books Australia | 9781406383942 |

**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.

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Jess McGeachin | DEEP: Dive into Hidden Worlds | Welbeck Publishing | 9780645510119 |
| **HONOUR BOOKS** | | | |
| Isaiah Firebrace (illus. by Jaelyn Biumaiwai) | Come Together: Things Every Aussie Kid Should Know about the First Peoples | Hardie Grant Explore | 9781741178166 |
| Leonard Cronin (illus. by Chris Nixon) | Wild Australian Life | Allen & Unwin | 9781760637224 |

**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.*

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| **WINNER** | | | |
| Sally Soweol Han | Tiny Wonders | University of Queensland Press | 9780702263477 |

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