

BALLARAT CBCA CLAYTON'S NIGHT

March 2020

***CURIOUS CREATURES,
WILD MINDS.***



**VIC BRANCH
THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA**

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The annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards affirm the quality of some of Australia's most creative people and provide a boost to their capacity to devote time to their craft.

Established with the first awards in 1946, the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim to:

- **promote quality literature for young Australians;**
- **support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and;**
- **celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.**

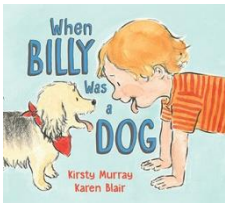
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EARLY CHILDHOOD

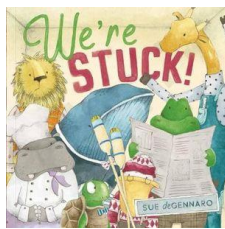
Julie Bull (*Librarian, Ballarat Libraries*)



General Comments:



WHEN BILLY WAS A DOG by Kirsty Murray (A); Karen Blair (I)



WE'RE STUCK! by Sue deGennaro (A/I)



MEERKAT SPLASH by Aura Parker (A/I)



GOODBYE HOUSE, HELLO HOUSE by Margaret Wild (A); Ann James (I)



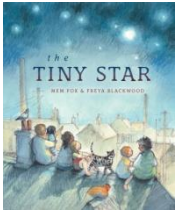
ONE RUNAWAY RABBIT by David Metzenthén (A); Mairead Murphy (I)



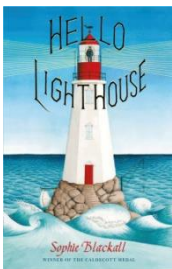
PICTURE BOOK



Karla Strambini (PB Author/Illustrator; Learning Support Officer, St Patrick's College)



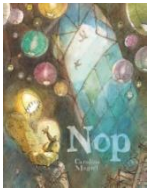
THE TINY STAR by Mem Fox (A); Freya Blackwood (I)



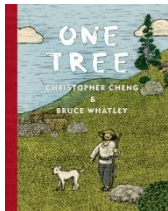
HELLO LIGHTHOUSE by Sophie Blackall (A/I)



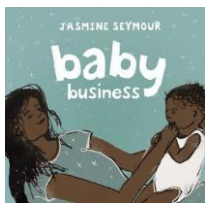
LIARBIRD by Laura Bunting (A); Philip Bunting (I)



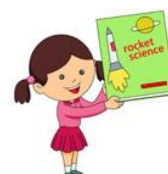
NOP by Caroline Mageri (A/I)



ONE TREE by Christopher Cheng (A); Bruce Whatley (I)



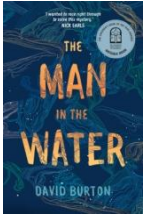
BABY BUSINESS by Jasmine Seymour (A/I)



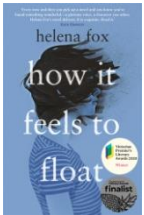
OLDER READERS



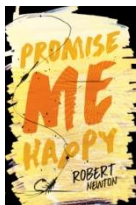
Rosalie Corbett (*Librarian, Ballarat H.S.*)



THE MAN IN THE WATER by David Burton



HOW IT FEELS TO FLOAT by Helena Fox



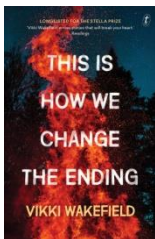
PROMISE ME HAPPY by Robert Newton



GHOST BIRD by Lisa Fuller



THE SURPRISING POWER OF A GOOD DUMPLING by Wai Chim



THIS IS HOW WE CHANGE THE ENDING by Vikki Wakefield



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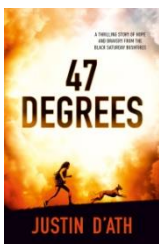
Loretta Kaval *(retired Teacher Librarian)*



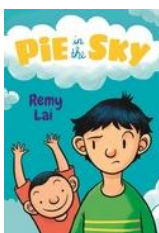
[CATCH A FALLING STAR](#) by Meg McKinlay



[HOW TO MAKE A MOVIE IN 12 DAYS](#) by Fiona Hardy



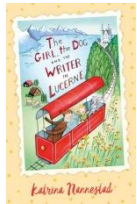
[47 DEGREES](#) by Justin D'Ath



[PIE IN THE SKY](#) by Remy Lai



DETENTION by Tristan Bancks



THE GIRL, THE DOG AND THE WRITER IN LUCERNE by Katrina Nannestad

Notables:

THE GLIMME by Emily Rodda (A); *Mark McBride (I)*

NULLABOO HULLABALOO by Fleur Ferris

THE LITTLE WAVE by Pip Harry

LEMONADE JONES AND THE GREAT SCHOOL FETE by Davina Bell (A); *Karen Blair (I)*

THE THING ABOUT OLIVER by Deborah Kelly (A)

WOMBAT, MUDLARK AND OTHER STORIES by Helen Milroy (A)

A book that was confusing:

The Secrets of Magnolia Moon Edwina Wyatt





OUR JUDGES:

EARLY CHILDHOOD CATEGORY: JULIE BULL

Julie is a former primary school teacher who has been fortunate enough to be employed as the **Children's and Youth Services Librarian for Ballarat Libraries** for almost ten years. She is absolutely passionate about children's literacy, libraries and books. Julie presents library programs to children aged 0-18 and is the coordinator of the Bulldogs Read Program which is an initiative between Ballarat Libraries, the Western Bulldogs Football Club and Ballarat primary schools. The aim of the program is to improve literacy skills and self esteem in students between Years 3-6. This program also encourages an increase in physical activity. If you would like to know more about the program visit www.bulldogsread.com.au

OLDER READERS CATEGORY: ROSALIE CORBETT

Rosalie is currently a **librarian at Ballarat High School**. She has worked as a librarian in secondary schools for the past 8 years in Catholic and public schools. Rosalie is passionate about supporting students to find books that they will enjoy. An avid reader herself, she enjoys reading many genres, particularly contemporary and magical realism. This is her second appearance at Ballarat Clayton's as a Judge.

PICTURE BOOK CATEGORY: KARLA STRAMBINI

Karla was born in Townsville, North Queensland, and currently lives in Ballarat. She did well at school, especially in English and Art, and went on to study the former at University. Before her degree was quite complete she had a baby girl and spent the next six years raising her to be a genius, then began all over again with a son. In-between planning birthday parties for her children, Karla tried to write a couple of picture books. She has since completed a Diploma of Visual Art and created an amazing picture book: ***The Extraordinary Mr Qwerty***. She currently works as a **Learning Support Officer at St Patrick's College**. This is her first appearance at Ballarat Clayton's as a Judge.

YOUNGER READERS CATEGORY: LORETTA KAVAL

Loretta is a **retired Teacher Librarian**, most recently at Damascus College, but she also has experience in primary school libraries (at St Augustine's, Creswick and St Mary's Star of the Sea, Corowa). One of her greatest joys as a teacher was always when a student came to her wanting to talk about what they'd just read. Loretta also has a secret life as a maths/science teacher! Loretta reads everything, but especially loves fantasy for all ages, where new worlds are created and the big questions are challenged. Science fiction in any media is a favourite. She has long taught teenagers but now, with 3 and a half grandchildren under 7, Loretta was keen to take up the challenge of the younger reader category.



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Forthcoming CBCA Events

CBCA Short List Announced:

Tuesday, March 31st — 12 noon

CBCA JUDGES' TALK, Ballarat

Saturday, DATE tbc - (May or June)

Charlie Napier Hotel (Main St, Sovereign Hill)

10.30 – 3.00 pm

CBCA Book of the Year Announced:

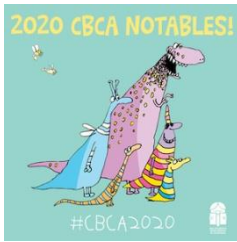
Friday, August 22nd - 12 noon



CBCA Children's Book Week: August 22-28th

THEME : *CURIOUS CREATURES; WILD MINDS*

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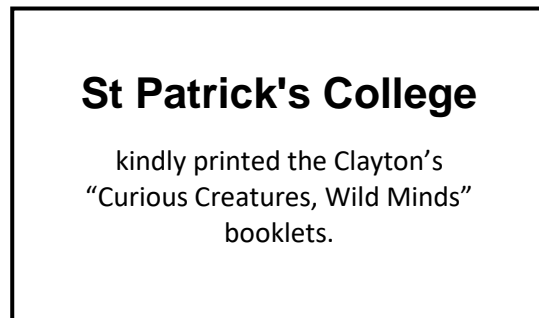


The CBCA Notables list for 2020 was announced in February:

Please find information about the announcement on the CBCA National website here: [Announcing the 2020 CBCA Notables](#)

Please find the full list of the CBCA Notables on the National website here: [Notables 2020](#)

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