

2024 CBCA Book of the Year Award: Winners and Honours Sun Project: Shadow Judging 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.

Note: Books in this category are for mature readers and some may deal with particularly challenging themes including violence and suicide. Parental guidance is recommended.

Winner			
Karen Comer	Grace Notes	9780734421722	Lothian Children's Books
Honour Books			
Lili Wilkinson	A Hunger of Thorns	9781760526948	A & U Children
Megan Williams	Let's Never Speak of This Again	9781922790392	Text Publishing
Shadow Judging Winner			
Suzy Zail	Inkflower	9781760653736	Walker Books Australia

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.

Note: 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			
Tristan Bancks	Scar Town	9780143791812	Penguin Random House Australia
Honour Books			
H. Hayek	Huda Was Here	9781761068430	A & U Children
Andrew McDonald (text) Ben Wood (illustrator)	Real Pigeons Flap Out	9781761211546	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Shadow Judging Winner			
Tristan Bancks	Scar Town	9780143791812	Penguin Random House Australia

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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			
Briony Stewart	Gymnastica Fantastica!	9780734421852	Lothian Children's Books
Honour Books			
Caz Goodwin (text) Pip Kruger (illustrator)	Grace and Mr Milligan	978981500811	Marshall Cavendish International
Sue DeGennaro	Bear & Duck are Friends	9781761210327	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Shadow Judging Winner			
Bob Graham	The Concrete Garden	9781529512649	Walker Books Australia

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			
Kelly Canby	Timeless	9781760992323	Fremantle Press
Honour Books			
Mateja Jager (illustrator) Margrete Lamond (text)	Paper-flower Girl	9780645352399	Dirt Lane Press
Ronojoy Ghosh & Niharika Hukku (illustrators) Kate Temple & Jol Temple (text)	That Bird Has Arms	9781761210310	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Shadow Judging Winner			
Peter Cheong	Every Night at Midnight	9781922992383	Affirm Press

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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			
Isolde Martyn & Robyn Ridgeway (text) Louise Hogan (illustrator)	Country Town	9781922696342	Ford Street Publishing
Honour Books			
Jess Racklyeft	Australia: Country of Colour	9781922863881	Affirm Press
Mark Greenwood (text) Frané Lessac (illustrator)	Our Country: Where History Happened	9781760653576	Walker Books Australia
Shadow Judging Winner			
Jess Racklyeft	Australia: Country of Colour	9781922863881	Affirm Press

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			
Erica Wagner (text by Johanna Bell)	Hope is the Thing	9781761180026	A & U Children

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