

The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Older Readers Notables are...



- **A Way Home** by Emily Brewin (MidnightSun Publishing)
- **A Wreck of Seabirds** by Karleah Olson (Fremantle Press)
- **Birdy** by Sharon Kernot (Text Publishing)
- **Comes the Night** by Isobelle Carmody (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **Deep is the Fen** by Lili Wilkinson (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **Eleanor Jones Can't Keep a Secret** by Amy Doak (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **I Hope This Doesn't Find You** by Ann Liang (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **I'm Not Really Here** by Gary Lonesborough (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **Into the Mouth of the Wolf** by Erin Gough (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- **The Invocations** by Krystal Sutherland (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **Kate Forsyth's Long-Lost Fairy Tales** by Kate Forsyth, illustrated by Lorena Carrington (New Dawn Publishing)
- **Liar's Test** by Ambelin Kwaymullina (Text Publishing)
- **Look Me in the Eye** by Jane Godwin (Lothian Children's Books)
- **Maria Petranelli is Prepared for Anything (Except This)** by Elisa Chenoweth (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- **My Brother, Finch** by Kate Gordon (Riveted Press)
- **My Family and Other Suspects** by Kate Emery (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **Return to Sender** by Lauren Draper (Macmillan Australia)
- **The Skin I'm In** by Steph Tisdell (Macmillan Australia)
- **The Sweetness Between Us** by Sarah Winifred Searle (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **Thunderhead** by Sophie Beer (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **White Noise** by Raelke Grimmer (UWA Publishing)
- **Wrong Answers Only** by Tobias Madden (Penguin Random House Australia)

The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Younger Readers Notables are...



- ***Aggie Flea Steals the Show*** by Tania Ingram, illustrated by Anne Yi (Scholastic Australia)
- ***Countdown to Yesterday*** by Shirley Marr (Penguin Random House Australia)
- ***Ella and the Amazing Frog Orchestra*** by Cassy Polimeni, illustrated by Hykie Breeze (UWA Publishing)
- ***Fluff: Mess Up!*** by Matt Stanton, illustrated by Matt Stanton (ABC Books)
- ***Hello Twigs, Look Who's Grumpy*** by Andrew McDonald, illustrated by Ben Wood (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- ***How to Break a World Record and Survive Grade Five*** by Carla Fitzgerald (University of Queensland Press)
- ***Jy Goes for Gold*** by Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler Samantha Campbell (HarperCollins AU)
- ***The Kindness Project*** by Deborah Abela (Penguin Random House Australia)
- ***Landovel*** by Emily Rodda (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Laughter is the Best Ending*** by Maryam Master, illustrated by Astred Hicks (Pan Aust.)
- ***The Midwatch*** by Judith Rossell (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- ***Ming and Ada Spark the Digital Age*** by Jackie French (HarperCollins AU)
- ***Oscar vs the Grand Old Dude Named York*** by Ross Curnow (Walker Books Australia)
- ***The Other Shadow*** by Tania Ingram (Scholastic Australia)
- ***Real Pigeons Power Up*** by Andrew McDonald, illustrated by Ben Wood (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- ***Saskia Spark-Lee: Fundraiser Fail*** by Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg, illustrated by Sofya Karmazina (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Shower Land 1: Break the Curse*** by Nat Amooore, illustrated by James Hart (Penguin Random House Australia)
- ***Six Summers of Tash and Leopold*** by Danielle Binks (Lothian Children's Books)
- ***Small Acts*** by Kate Gordon & Kate Foster (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*** by Jackie French (HarperCollins AU)
- ***To and Fro*** by Anton Clifford-Motopi (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Tweet*** by Morris Gleitzman (Penguin Random House Australia)

- ***Twinning BFF's (NOT)*** by Alexa Moses, illustrated by Sofya Karmazina (Scholastic Aust.)
- ***We Do Not Welcome Our Ten-Year-Old Overlord*** by Garth Nix (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Worst Week Ever Saturday*** by Eva Amores, illustrated by Matt Cosgrove (Scholastic Aust.)
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The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Early Childhood Notables are...



- ***Amid the Sand Dunes*** by Andrea Rowe, illustrated by Hannah Sommerville (Little Hare)
- ***The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes*** by Frané Lessac (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Dinosaur in My Pocket*** by Ashleigh Barton, illustrated by Blithe Fielden (Lothian Children's Books)
- ***Don't Worry, Felix*** by Yohann Devezy & Katharine Alice, illustrated by Zoe Bennett (New Frontier Publishing)
- ***Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Tooth Fairy (And Some Things You Didn't)*** by Briony Stewart (Lothian Children's Books)
- ***Good Hair*** by Yvonne Sewankambo, illustrated by Freda Chiu (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Happy All Over*** by Emma Quay (ABC Books)
- ***How to Make a Bedtime*** by Meg McKinlay, illustrated by Karen Blair (Walker Books Aust.)
- ***How to Move a Zoo*** by Kate Simpson, illustrated by Owen Swan (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***I am Tree Rex!*** by Mo Davey (Berbay)
- ***Just Like You*** by Natasha Curtin (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Kittens Do Not Care for Baths*** by Ali Rutstein, illustrated by Niña Nill (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- ***Meerkat Mayhem*** by Mem Fox, illustrated by Judy Horacek (PenguinRandom House Aust.)
- ***The Most Amazing Thing*** by Ian Hayward Robinson, illustrated by Matt Shanks (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Night Watch*** by Jodi Toering, illustrated by Tannya Harricks (Walker Books Australia)
- ***One Little Dung Beetle*** by Rhian Williams, illustrated by Heather Potter & Mark Jackson (Wild Dog Books)
- ***Over or Under?*** by Pip Harry, illustrated by Hilary Jean Tapper (Lothian Children's Books)

- **Reading to Baby** by Margaret Wild, illustrated by Hannah Sommerville (Affirm Press)
- **Sky Country** by Aunty Patsy Cameron, illustrated by Lisa Kennedy (Magabala Books)
- **Spiro** by Anna McGregor (Scribble)
- **To Stir With Love** by Kate Mildenhall, illustrated by Jess Racklyeft (Simon & Schuster Aust.)
- **Two Turtles** by Kiah Thomas, illustrated by Jake Minton (Little Book Press)
- **Willow's Gumboots** by Beverly McWilliams, illustrated by H el ene Magisson (MidnightSun Publishing)
- **The Wobbly Bike** by Darren McCallum, illustrated by Craig Smith (Walker Books Aust.)
- **Worms Are Our Friends** by Toni D'Alia, illustrated by Mica Purnell (Bright Light)

The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Picture Book of the Year Notables are...

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- **Afloat** by Freya Blackwood, text by Kirli Saunders (Little Hare)
- **Bernie Thinks in Boxes** by Zoe Bennett, text by Jess Horn (Affirm Press)
- **Dragon Folding** by Lucia Masciullo, text by Christopher Cheng (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **Footprint** by Sally Soweol Han, text by Phil Cummings (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- **For 60,000 Years** by Rhys Paddick, text by Marlee Silva (Scholastic Australia)
- **The Garden of Broken Things** by Freya Blackwood (HarperCollins AU)
- **General Waste** by Michel Streich (Scholastic Australia)
- **Grow Big, Little Seed** by Sarah Capon, text by Bec Nanayakkara (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- **House** by Charlotte Lane, text by Dan Giovannoni (Fremantle Press)
- **The Land Recalls You** by David Cragg & Noni Cragg, text by Kirli Saunders (Scholastic Australia)
- **A Leaf Called Greaf** by Kelly Canby (Fremantle Press)
- **Listen, Hippo!** by Gabriel Evans (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **Night Watch** by Tannya Harricks, text by Jodi Toering (Walker Books Australia)
- **Stickboy** by Matt Ottley, text by Rebecca Young (Scholastic Australia)

- ***The Space Between*** by Jess McGeachin (Penguin Random House Australia)
- ***Then and Now*** by Datsun Tran (Slingshot Books)
- ***These Long-Loved Things*** by Ronojoy Ghosh, text by Josh Pyke (Scholastic Australia)
- ***Three Dresses*** by Wanda Gibson (University of Queensland Press)
- ***Tilly in a Tangle*** by Monty Lee, text by Margrete Lamond (Dirt Lane Press)
- ***The Truck Cat*** by Danny Snell, text by Deborah Frenkel (Bright Light)
- ***Two Turtles*** by Jake Minton, text by Kiah Thomas (Little Book Press)
- ***Walking Together*** by Dub Leffler, text by Coral Vass (Scholastic Australia)
- ***We Live in a Bus*** by Dave Petzold (Thames & Hudson Australia)
- ***Why I Love Christmas*** by Tom Jellett, text by Michael Wagner (PenguinRandom House Aust.)
- ***Words That Taste Like Home*** by Michelle Pereira, text by Sandhya Parappukkaran (Bright Light)

The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Eve Pownall Award Notables are...



- ***All About the Brain*** by Gabriel Dabscheck (Berbay)
- ***Always Was, Always Will Be*** by Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson (Magabala Books)
- ***Anti-Racism Kit*** by Sabina Patawaran & Jinyoung Kim, illustrated by Emma Ismawi (Hardie Grant Children's Publishing)
- ***Australia's Baby Animals*** by Jess Racklyeft (Affirm Press)
- ***Before the Mountain had a Name*** by Fiona Levings (Forty South Publishing)
- ***Come Together Again*** by Isaiah Firebrace, illustrated by Jaelyn Biumaiwai (Hardie Grant Explore)
- ***Design & Building on Country*** by Alison Page & Paul Memmott, illustrated by Blak Douglas (Thames & Hudson Australia)
- ***Extreme Animal Facts*** by Jennifer Cossins (Lothian Children's Books)
- ***Flora: Australia's Most Curious Plants*** by Tania McCartney (NLA Publishing)
- ***Follow Your Gut*** by Ailsa Wild & Lisa Stinson, with Briony Barr & Gregory Crocetti, illustrated by Ben Hutchings (Scribe Publications)
- ***I am a Magpie, I am a Currawong*** by Bridget Farmer (Black Cockatoo Books)

- ***The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Extinct Animals*** by Sami Bayly, illustrated by Sami Bayly (Lothian Children's Books)
- ***Into the Ice: Reflections on Antarctica*** by Alison Lester & Coral Tulloch (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Making the Shrine: Stories From Victoria's War Memorial*** by Laura J Carroll (The Crossley Press)
- ***Now for the Good News*** by Planet Ark Environmental Foundation, illustrated by Sarah Wiecek (Penguin Random House Australia)
- ***Plantabulous! More A to Z of Australian Plants*** by Catherine Clowes, illustrated by Rachel Gyan (CSIRO Publishing)
- ***Seed to Sky: Life in the Daintree*** by Pamela Freeman, illustrated by Liz Anelli (Walker Books Australia)
- ***Sensational Australian Animals*** by Stephanie Owen Reeder, illustrated by Cher Hart (CSIRO Publishing)
- ***South With the Seabirds*** by Jess McGeachin (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Sunny Finds His Song*** by Catherine Storey & Penny Watson, illustrated by Sarah Matsuda (Wet Season Books)
- ***Too Many Tigers*** by Monica Reeve (Forty South Publishing, Tasmania)
- ***Unreal*** by Kate Simpson, illustrated by Leila Rudge (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Walking the Rock Country in Kakadu*** by Diane Lucas & Ben Tyler, illustrated by Emma Long (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)
- ***Wedge-tailed Eagle*** by Claire Saxby, illustrated by Christina Booth (Walker Books Aust)
- ***When the World Was Soft*** by Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation, illustrated by Alex Mankiewicz (A&U Books for Children and Young Adults)