

## 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)





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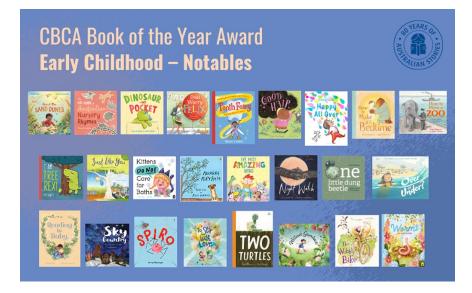
- *Aggie Flea Steals the Show* by Tania Ingram, illustrated by Anne Yi (Scholastic Australia)
- Countdown to Yesterday by Shirley Marr (Penguin Random House Australia)
- *Ella and the Amazing Frog Orchestra* by Cassy Polimeni, illustrated by Hykie Breeze (UWA Publishing)
- Fluff: Mess Up! by Matt Stanton, 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 Amoore, 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.)

## The 2025 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Early Childhood Notables are...



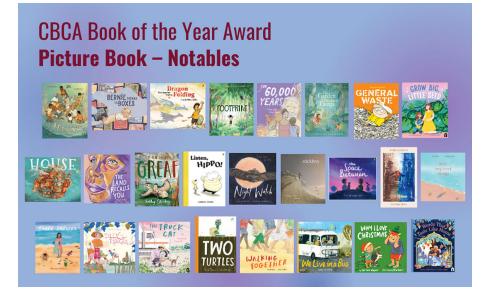
- Amid the Sand Dunes by Andrea Rowe, illustrated by Hannah Sommerville (Little Hare)
- The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes by Frané Lessac (Walker Books Australia)
- **Dinosaur in My Pocket** by Ashleigh Barton, illustrated by Blithe Fielden (Lothian Children's Books)
- **Don't Worry, Felix** 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 Natashia 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 Hélène 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...



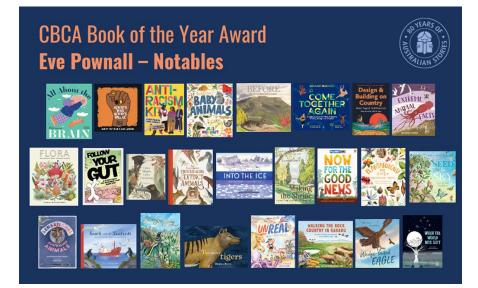
- Afloat by Freya Blackwood, text by Kirli Saunders (Little Hare)
- Bernie Thinks in Boxes by Zoe Bennett, text by Jess Horn (Affirm Press)
- **Dragon Folding** by Lucia Masciullo, text by Christopher Cheng (Penguin Random House Australia)
- **Footprint** by Sally Soweol Han, text by Phil Cummings (A&U 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)

