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THE 2021 BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST

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).

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Davina Bell	The End of the World is Bigger than Love	Text Publishing	9781922268822
Zana Fraillon	The Lost Soul Atlas	Hachette Australia	9780734419934
Jane Godwin	When Rain Turns to Snow	Hachette Australia	9780734420053
Cath Moore	Metal Fish, Falling Snow	Text Publishing	9781922330079
Christie Nieman	Where We Begin	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781743535660
Anna Whateley	Peta Lyre's Rating Normal	Allen & Unwin	9781760525309

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

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.

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Kate Gordon	Aster's Good, Right Things	Riveted Press	9780648492573
Jaclyn Moriarty (illus. by Kelly Canby)	The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst	Allen & Unwin	9781760875060
Sally Murphy (illus. by Sarah Davis)	Worse Things	Walker Books Australia	9781760651657
Katrina Nannestad	We Are Wolves	HarperCollins Publishers	9780733340888
Kirli Saunders (illus. by Dub Leffler)	Bindi	Magabala Books	9781925936667
Sue Whiting	The Book of Chance	Walker Books Australia	9781760651367

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.

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Sarah Allen	Busy Beaks	Affirm Press	9781925972948
Bernadette Green (illus. by Anna Zobel)	Who's Your Real Mum?	Scribble Kids' Books	9781925849493
Libby Hathorn & Lisa Hathorn-Jarman (illus. by Mel Pearce)	No! Never!	Hachette Australia	9780734418906
Anna McGregor	Anemone is not the Enemy	Scribble Kids' Books	9781922310118
Heidi McKinnon	There's No Such Thing	Allen & Unwin	9781760877279
Briony Stewart	We Love You, Magoo	Penguin Random House Australia	9781760896904

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).

Illustrator/Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Freya Blackwood	The Unwilling Twin	HarperCollins Publishers	9781460757536
Philip Bunting	Not Cute.	Scholastic Australia	9781760972387
Gabriel Evans	Norton and the Bear	Berbay Publishing	9780648785132
Bob Graham	Ellie's Dragon	Walker Books Australia	9781406387629
Matt Ottley (text by Meg McKinlay)	How to Make a Bird	Walker Books Australia	9781925381894
Felicita Sala (text by Maggie Hutchings)	Your Birthday Was the Best!	Affirm Press	9781925972535

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.

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Sami Bayly	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals	Hachette Australia	9780734420015
Maree Coote	Azaria: A True History	Melbournestyle Books	9780648568407
Pamela Freeman (illus. by Liz Anelli)	Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu	Walker Books Australia	9781760650285
David Hartley & Kirsty Murray (illus. by Dub Leffler)	Strangers on Country	National Library of Australia	9780642279552
Gina M Newton (illus. by Rachel Tribout)	Hold On! Saving the Spotted Handfish	CSIRO Publishing	9781486311842
Carole Wilkinson (illus. by Prue Pittock)	Matthew Flinders – Adventures on Leaky Ships	Wild Dog Books	9781742034935

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.*

Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Sofya Karmazina	Ribbit Rabbit Robot	Scholastic Australia	9781743834060
Mel Pearce	No! Never!	Hachette Australia	9780734418906
Dave Petzold	Seven Seas of Fleas	Starfish Bay Publishing	9781760360986
Shirley Purdie	Shirley Purdie: My Story, Ngaginybe Jarragbe	Magabala Books	9781925936131
Zeno Sworder	This Small Blue Dot	Thames & Hudson Australia	9781760761110
Robin Tatlow-Lord	Go Away, Worry Monster!	EK Books	9781925820393

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