



THE CHILDREN'S
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THE 2019 CBCA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The CBCA Lifetime Achievement Award recognises a long-standing contribution by an Australian citizen to Australian children's books and a lifetime commitment to Australian readers.



Paul Jennings AM

Australian children, and indeed children around the world, have been turned on to reading by writers of humour. Paul Jennings, has made an important and significant contribution to the success of Australian books for children.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Paul Jennings was born on 30 April 1943 in Heston, Middlesex (now part of Hounslow, London). In 1949 his family emigrated to Australia where he attended Bentleigh West Primary School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Education Studies from Frankston Teachers College, Monash University in 1978. He then taught at Frankston State School, Kangaroo Flat State School, Turana Youth Training Centre and the Royal Children's Hospital State School in Mount Eliza. He went on to the Lincoln Institute and became a speech pathologist, then a lecturer at Burwood State College and the Warrnambool Institute of Adult Education.

- The Paul Jennings phenomenon began with the publication of *Unreal!* in 1985. Since then, readers all around the world have devoured his books.
- He has written over one hundred stories and has been voted 'favourite author' more than forty times by Australian children, winning every children's choice award.
- The top-rating TV series 'Round the Twist' and 'Driven Crazy' are based on a selection of his enormously popular short-story collections such as *Unseen!* which, was awarded the 1999 Queensland Premier's Literary Award for Best Children's Book.
- In 1995 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to children's literature and was awarded the prestigious Dromkeen Medal in 2001.
- Paul Jennings has sold more than 8 million books worldwide.



AND NOW THEY'RE
LAUGHING!

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13TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2019 CBCA Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Paul Jennings at the CBCA 13th National Conference 'And Now They're Laughing!' at 1.45pm on 2 June at QT, Canberra. Although the program is varied, there will be a focus on writers of humour and their contribution to Australian children's literature.

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