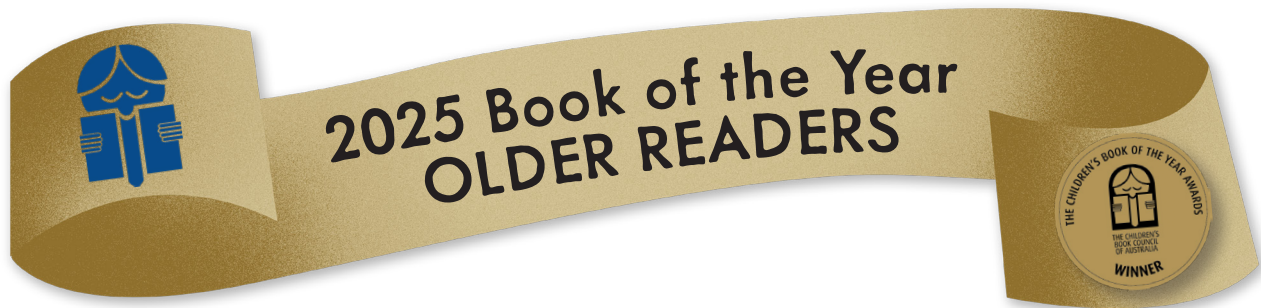




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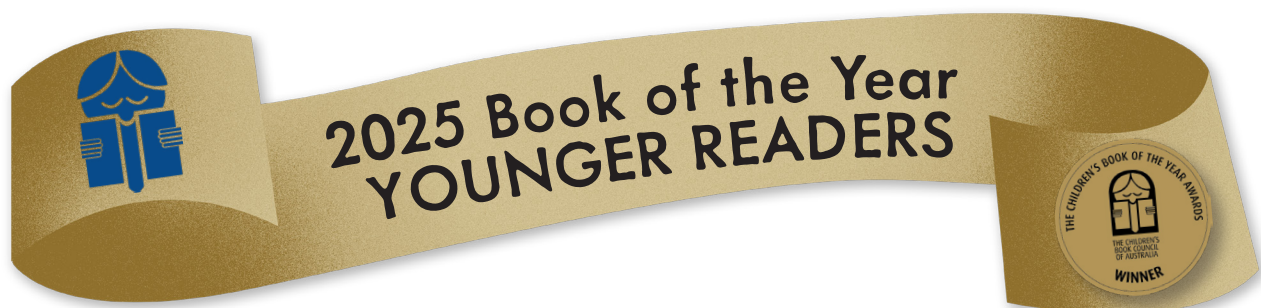
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I'm Not Really Here	Gary Lonesborough	A&U Books for Children and Young Adults	9781761180767

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Birdy	Sharon Kernot	Text Publishing	9781922790606
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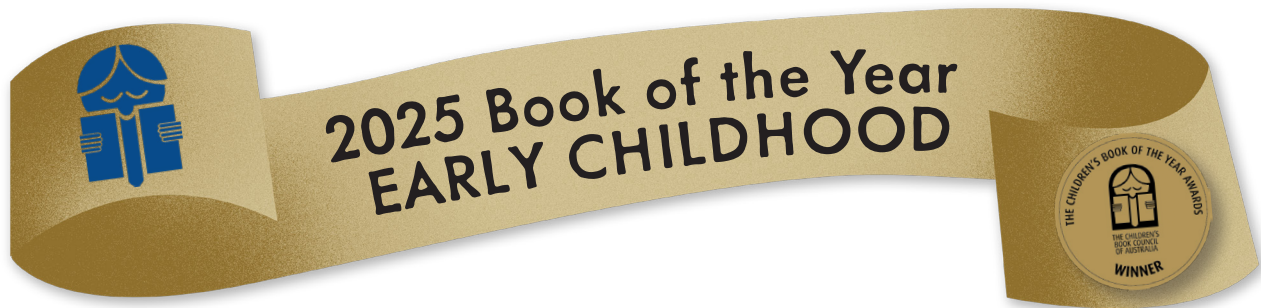
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Laughter is the Best Ending	Maryam Master	Astred Hicks	Pan Australia	9781761560132

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Title	Author	Illustrator	Publisher	ISBN
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Fluff: Mess Up!	Matt Stanton	Matt Stanton	ABC Books	9780733342110

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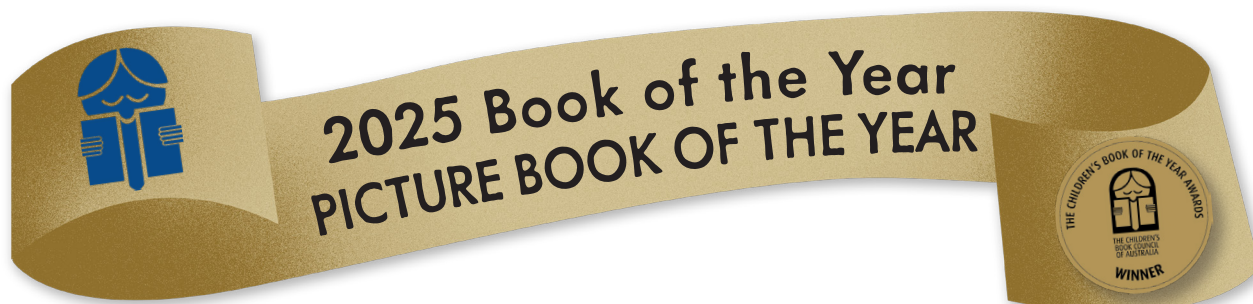
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The Wobbly Bike	Darren McCallum	Craig Smith	Walker Books Australia	9781760656416

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How to Move a Zoo	Kate Simpson	Owen Swan	A&U Books for Children and Young Adults	9781761180309
One Little Dung Beetle	Rhiân Williams	Heather Potter & Mark Jackson	Wild Dog Books	9781742036656

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Title	Author	Illustrator	Publisher	ISBN
Spiro	Anna McGregor	Anna McGregor	Scribble	9781761381010



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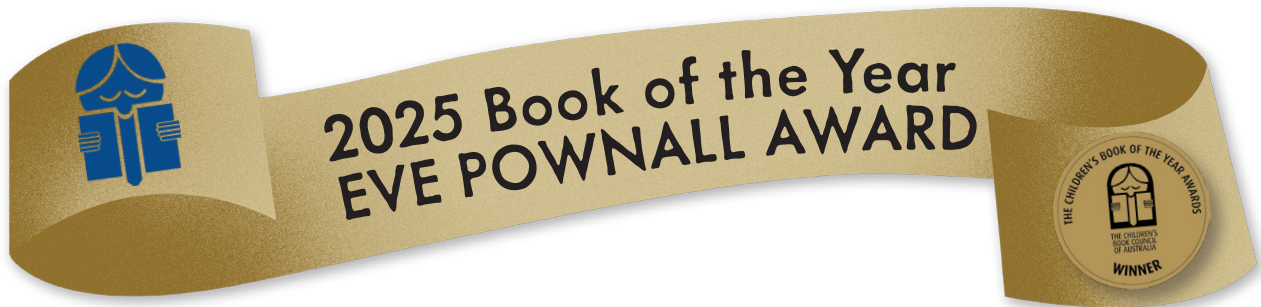
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The Truck Cat	Danny Snell	Deborah Frenkel	Bright Light	9781761215766

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Title	Illustrator	Author	Publisher	ISBN
Afloat	Freya Blackwood	Kirli Saunders	Little Hare	9781760505899
These Long-Loved Things	Ronojoy Ghosh	Josh Pyke	Scholastic Australia	9781761293849

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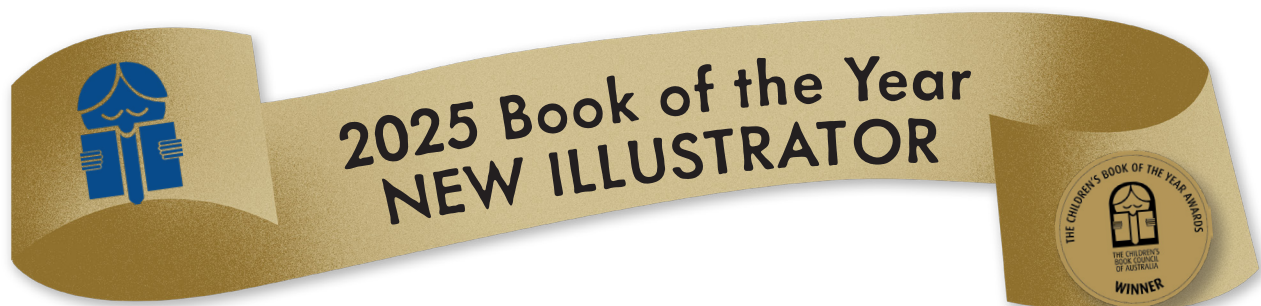
Title	Author	Illustrator	Publisher	ISBN
Always Was, Always Will Be	Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson		Magabala Books	9781922777614

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Title	Author	Illustrator	Publisher	ISBN
Making the Shrine: Stories From Victoria's War Memorial	Laura J Carroll	Laura J Carroll	The Crossley Press	9781763515604
South With the Seabirds	Jess McGeachin	Jess McGeachin	A&U Books for Children and Young Adults	9781761068645

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Flora: Australia's Most Curious Plants	Tania McCartney	Tania McCartney	NLA Publishing	9781922507716
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