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The Children's Book Council of Australia announces  
**THE 2020 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).*

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Drews, C.G.	The Boy Who Steals Houses	Hachette Australia	9781408349922
Fox, Helena	How It Feels to Float	Pan Macmillan Australia	9781760783303
Fuller, Lisa	Ghost Bird	University of Queensland Press	9780702260230
Nunn, Malla	When the Ground is Hard	Allen & Unwin	9781760524814
Scholte, Astrid	Four Dead Queens	Allen & Unwin	9781760524418
Wakefield, Vikki	This Is How We Change the Ending	Text Publishing	9781922268136

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

*Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry and should be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. Ages 7-12 years.*

Author/Illustrator	Title	Publisher	ISBN
Harry, Pip	The Little Wave	University of Queensland Press	9780702260476
Kelly, Deborah	The Thing About Oliver	Wombat Books	9781925563818
MacDibble, Bren	The Dog Runner	Allen & Unwin	9781760523572
McKinlay, Meg	Catch a Falling Star	Walker Books Australia	9781925381207
Rodda, Emily (illus. by Marc McBride)	The Glimme	Scholastic Australia	9781862919570
Wyatt, Edwina (illus. by Katherine Quinn)	The Secrets of Magnolia Moon	Walker Books Australia	9781760651541

## 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
deGennaro, Sue	We're Stuck!	Scholastic Australia	9781760663476
Metzenthien, David (illus. by Mairead Murphy)	One Runaway Rabbit	Allen & Unwin	9781760523558
Moses, Alexa (illus. by Anil Tortop)	Bat vs Poss	Hachette Australia	9780734418388
Murray, Kirsty (illus. by Karen Blair)	When Billy Was a Dog	Allen & Unwin	9781760631826
Watts, Frances (illus. by A. Yi)	My Friend Fred	Allen & Unwin	9781760290948
Wild, Margaret (illus. by Ann James)	Goodbye House, Hello House	Allen & Unwin	9781743311103

## 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
Blackall, Sophie	Hello Lighthouse	Hachette Australia	9781408357392
Magerl, Caroline	Nop	Walker Books Australia	9781760651251
McKimmie, Chris	I Need a Parrot	Ford Street Publishing	9781925804287
King, Stephen Michael	Three	Scholastic Australia	9781760664053
Ober, Jules & Coonan, Felicity (text by Pierre-Jacques Ober)	The Good Son: A Story from the First World War, Told in Miniature	Walker Books Australia	9781536204827
Walker, Anna (text by Jane Godwin)	Tilly	Scholastic Australia	9781760663728

## 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
Bayly, Sami	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals	Hachette Australia	9780734419019
Gibbes, Lesley (illus. by Judy Watson)	Searching for Cicadas	Walker Books Australia	9781922244420
Mitchell, Abbie (illus. by Astred Hicks)	A Hollow is a Home	CSIRO Publishing	9781486308057
Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kelly, Andrew (illus. by Lisa Kennedy)	Wilam: A Birrarung Story	Walker Books Australia	9781925381764
Pascoe, Bruce	Young Dark Emu: A Truer History	Magabala Books	9781925360844
Riddle, Tohby	Yahoo Creek: An Australian Mystery	Allen & Unwin	9781760631451

## 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
Cowan, Grant	Louie and Snippy Save the Sea	Berbay Publishing	9780648529101
Macdonald, Bethany	Paperboy	Dirt Lane Press	9780648023869
McGeachin, Jess	Fly	Penguin Random House Australia	9781760892562
Watson, Leanne Mulgo	Cooee Mittigar: A Story on Darug Songlines	Magabala Books	9781925936865
Seymour, Jasmine	Baby Business	Magabala Books	9781925768671
Malibirr, Johnny Warrkatja	Little Bird's Day	Magabala Books	9781925768923

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