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## 2023 CBCA 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	Illustrator	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Eva Collins		Ask No Questions	9781922571342	Puncher & Wattmann
Biffy James		Completely Normal (and Other Lies)	9781760508746	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Sarah Winifred Searle		The Greatest Thing	9781761067655	Allen & Unwin
Tom Taylor	Jon Sommariva	Neverlanders	9781761049071	Penguin Random House Australia
Hayley Lawrence		The Other Side of Tomorrow	9781760976453	Scholastic Australia
Mike Lucas		What We All Saw	9781761045936	Penguin Random House Australia

### 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	ISBN	Publisher
Pip Harry		August & Jones	9780734420350	Hachette Australia
Neridah McMullin	Astred Hicks	Evie and Rhino	9781760654207	Walker Books Australia
Zana Fraillon & Bren MacDibble		The Raven's Song	9781761065798	Allen & Unwin
Craig Silvey		Runt	9781761067846	Allen & Unwin
Zana Fraillon	Sean Buckingham	Way of Dog, The	9780702265563	University of Queensland Press
Kate Gordon		Xavier in the Meantime	9780645218091	Riveted Press

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### Book of the Year: Early Childhood

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Author	Illustrator	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Katrina Germein	Mandy Foot	Bev and Kev	9780645027051	Little Book Press
Bob Graham		Jigsaw: A Puzzle in the Post	9781529503319	Walker Books Australia
Corinne Fenton	Tracie Grimwood	Lionel and Me	9781922326607	New Frontier Publishing
Carrie Gallasch	Hannah Sommerville	Market Day	9781760504076	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Anna Walker		Snap!	9781922585387	Scribble Kids' Books
Vikki Conley	Max Hamilton	Where the Lyrebird Lives	9780645323566	Windy Hollow Books

### 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	ISBN	Publisher
Tom Jellett	Michael Wagner	Dirt by Sea	9781760894061	Penguin Random House Australia
Sophie Blackall		Farmhouse	9780734421654	Hachette Australia
Sean E Avery		Frank's Red Hat	9781760654283	Walker Books Australia
Zeno Sworder		My Strange Shrinking Parents	9781760761233	Thames & Hudson Australia
Dub Leffler	Kirli Saunders	Our Dreaming	9781742995113	Scholastic Australia
Levi Pinfold		Paradise Sands: A Story of Enchantment	9781406383942	Walker Books Australia

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### Eve Pownall Award

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Author	Illustrator	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Frané Lessac		A Is for Australian Reefs	9781760652258	Walker Books Australia
Jennifer Cossins		Amazing Animal Journeys	9780734421432	Hachette Australia
Isaiah Firebrace	Jaelyn Biunaiwai	Come Together: Things Every Aussie Kid Should Know about the First Peoples	9781741178166	Hardie Grant Explore
Jess McGeachin		DEEP: Delve into Hidden Worlds	9781913519483	Welbeck Publishing
Vianne Brain	Clare Bradley	Opal and Dart	9780645510119	Forty South Publishing
Leonard Cronin	Chris Nixon	Wild Australian Life	9781760637224	Allen & Unwin

### 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	Author	Title	ISBN	Publisher
Brentos		Australia: From Dawn to Dusk	9781922806321	Affirm Press
Sylvia Morris	Jane Godwin	Best Hiding Place, The	9781922848086	Affirm Press
Ingrid Bartkowiak	Deborah Frenkel	Naturopolis	9780645191530	Storytorch Press
Jake A. Minton	Jessica Dettmann	There's No Such Book	9781760509743	Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Sally Soweol Han		Tiny Wonders	9780702263477	University of Queensland Press
Jandamarra Cadd	Duncan Smith, Nicole Godwin	We Are Australians	9781742036328	Wild Dog Books

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