



CBCA ACT NEWS

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Hello everyone and welcome to the August issue of the ACT Branch Newsletter! August, of course, is the month of Children's Book Week, and our busiest time of year. There is more information later in this newsletter, but this month we will be: organising visits from authors and illustrators to schools and the public libraries, running a Children's Seminar with the visiting authors and illustrators, announcing the Winners and Honour Books in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards, and selling Book Week merchandise. Phew!

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without our fantastic team of volunteers, so thank you to everyone on the committee, and to everyone who has volunteered to help out with Book Week events. You make all this possible!

Our Branch is also gearing up to take on the role of National Executive in eighteen months – the handover will take place in November 2012. We are currently putting together a National Executive committee, organising the National Conference, and organising the judge's conferences for 2013 and 2014. If you can help us in any way, either on the National Executive or on the Branch Committee, please let me know. All offers gratefully received!

Complicating the transition to National Executive will be the proposed restructure of the CBCA. If it goes ahead, it will be likely that a lot of the restructuring will happen while the ACT is the National Executive. I will keep everyone informed of any changes as they take place.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy Book Week, and I hope you enjoy all the activities you have planned!

Rebecca Kemble
President

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CBCA ACT Branch presents

CBCA Book of the Year Awards Announcement 2011!

The CBCA ACT Branch proudly invites you to attend

The Announcement of the Winners of the Children's Book
Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards 2011!

When: Friday the 19th of August 2011 at 11:30am

Where: Gungahlin Public Library, Ernest Cavanagh Street, Gungahlin

Cost: FREE!

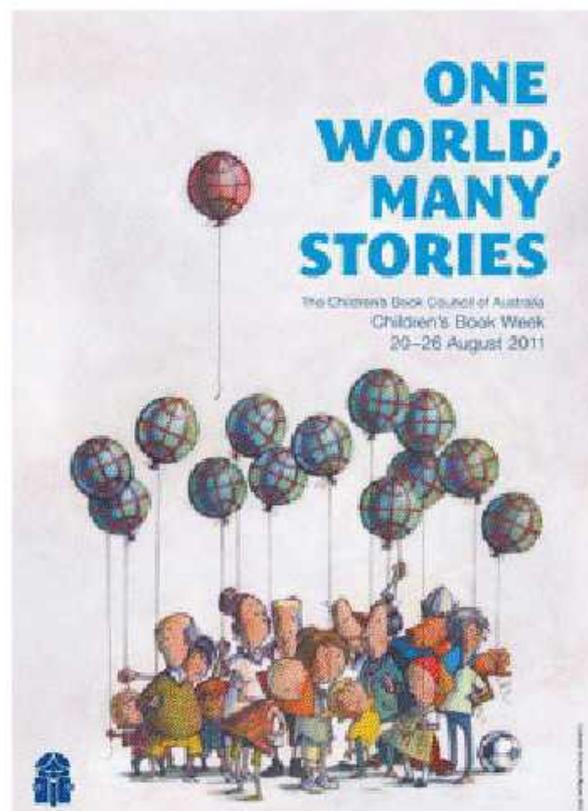
RSVP: act@cbca.org.au by Wednesday 17th August

- Performances by schools of shortlisted titles
- Announcement of the Book of the Year Award winners
- Refreshments served afterwards
- Kids especially welcome!

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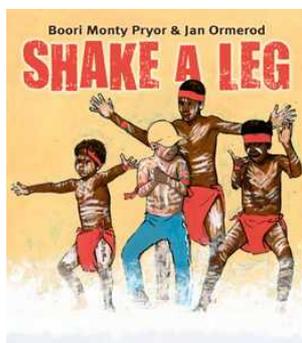


JUDGE'S REPORT AUGUST 2011

ROSEMARY THOMAS, ACT JUDGE 2010-2011

I am now busy with community and student talks. It is much easier this year as I do not have to judge entries for next year while doing the talks, which was quite a challenge last year! Over the school holiday break I was invited to speak to two groups at Kingston and Civic libraries. It was wonderful to share some of my favourite books with the children and discuss the judging process with the older children. ACT 7.30 came and filmed a segment to fit in with a programme they are doing on Book Talks. In the coming weeks I have several school and community talks in the ACT and the surrounding NSW area. I am also very excited about the upcoming Award winner announcement in Adelaide which I will be attending this year. There have been a couple of cancellations so if you still want a Judge's Talk at your school please contact me.

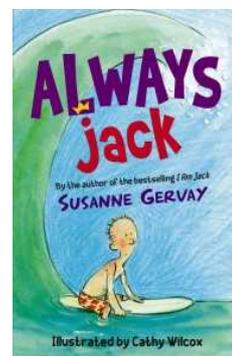
RECENT AWARD WINNERS AND NOMINEES



Winners of the 2011 Prime Minister's Literary Awards were announced on 8 July and include *Graffiti Moon* by Cath Crowley, winner of the Young Adult Fiction category, and *Shake a Leg* by Boori Monty Pryor and Jan Ormerod, winner of the Children's Fiction category.

<http://www.arts.gov.au/pmliteraryawards>

Susanne Gervay's book *Always Jack* has won the 2011 Australian Family Therapists' Award for Children's Literature.



2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 August: Children's Book of the Year Award Announcement

20-26 August: Children's Book Week. Slogan: One world, many stories

September/October: AGM – TBC

November: Christmas Shopping Night – TBC

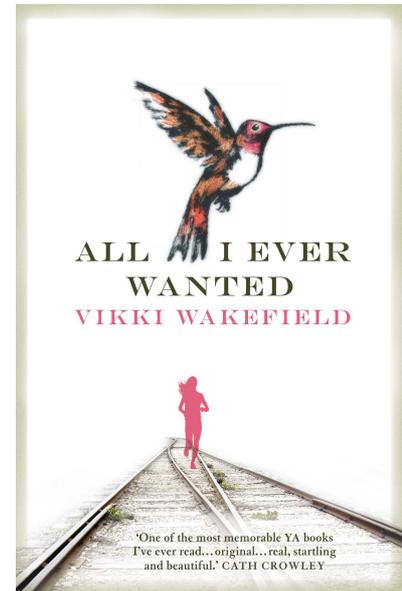
BOOK REVIEW

All I Ever Wanted by Vikki Wakefield
ISBN: 9781921758300
\$19.95

This is a Young Adult debut novel for writer Vikki Wakefield. This story revolves around Mim, the narrator, her family and neighbourhood. Mim lives on 'the wrong side of the tracks' with her mother, two drug dealing brothers in a messy run down house. She is about to turn seventeen and is planning to leave her old life and find new horizons.

Mim states that *'It's not that I hate poor people or people who are having shitty luck. I hate **being** poor'*. Through some wild and funny adventures Mim's concepts and world is turned upside down.

When Mim was still at primary school she wrote a set of rules for herself and girlfriend in a building near the railway tracks. She has kept faithfully to them until now (she thinks that she has done a drug run for her mum as her brothers are in remand), her girlfriend Tahnee has just broken the 'no sex' rule and is drifting away from her. Mim is finding the summer vacation very boring and lonely until she makes friends with Kate a talented musician and Lola her next door neighbour.



Lola is a young homeless girl who does phone sex to keep a roof over her head and live. She is studying to improve her way of life. Lola is scared by a prowler around her house and asks Mim to come stay with her at night. They strike up a good friendship even though Mim thought Lola was a prostitute and not the sort of person she should socialise with. Kate is the sister of the boy Mim has always idolised. Kate comes from a wealthy family who live in the neighbourhood. Just like Mim, Kate wants to break free of the constraints that her family has placed on her. These four girls support each other and work out their true values, beliefs and needs in and for their future life.

Mim never wants to grow up like her mother (another one of her rules) but through the adventures and ordeals of nine days leading up to her birthday she also finds she is breaking that rule too. Mim's mum seems hard and working in illegal drugs but she turns out to be a very loving, caring and hard working person.

The author has produced a very thought provoking story that is easy to read with subtle humour, tears, a positive and joyful ending. The main characters are believable and easily identifiable to the reader. Vikki Wakefield used an experience when house sitting in an undesirable neighbourhood as a basis for this story. She states *'The people who lived there didn't have money or material things – but what they did have was pride, a sense of community and bucket loads of humanity'*. This is clearly reflected in this her first novel.

Highly recommended

Rosemary Thomas

All I Ever Wanted was supplied by Text Publishing.



MEET AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS
IN BOOK WEEK 2011

The Children's Book Council of Australia, ACT Branch, aims to bring children and quality children's books together. We invite children to attend an afternoon where Australian authors and illustrators will speak and answer questions. The children are encouraged to bring with them any copies of books by the speakers, to have signed or to use as reference for discussion. Afternoon tea will be provided and the children who attend will be presented with a certificate.

Students from Year 4 to Year 10 are welcome to attend.

The event will be held from **4.30pm until 6.00pm on Wednesday 24 August** at Aranda Primary, Banambilla Crescent Aranda 62055977 (school).

Guest speakers will be Pauline Deeves (author), Judy Horacek (author/illustrator), Katie Taylor (author), Stephanie Owen Reeder (author and illustrator) and Steve Isham (author and Illustrator).

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Julie Long
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The cost is \$7.00 per student (for members) or \$8.00 per student (for non-members). Schools are welcome to send up to 6 students. Please make cheques payable to The Children's Book Council of Australia, ACT Branch. Receipts may be collected at the seminar.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2011

ATTENTION: THE LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE

Children's Book Week will be held this year from 20 - 26 August. The theme for this year is '**One World, Many Stories**'. The Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network is producing a book of ideas and activities based on the theme and books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards.

The book contains blackline masters and lists of activities and ideas including display ideas suitable for libraries and classrooms to help celebrate Book Week. It can be used as a source of ideas to support literacy outcomes in future years.



The Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network is a Major Donor to the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards Foundation.

Books available at the end of June. Order now to ensure you receive your copy.

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Do you remember Elisabeth Macintyre?

What about this line from the book: 'This is Katherine, who lives in Australia, with her toys, and her pets, and her paraphernalia' (*Katherine*, 1946). Several months ago, Elisabeth Macintyre's daughter, Jane Eldershaw, sent an email to the CBCA national website asking if there was a national children's literature collection where she could donate her mother's books? We got in touch with each other and from there exchanged many emails and later four books arrived of her mother's, which we didn't have in the Archives. We had several editions of *Katherine*, but not the one she sent us, nor two further editions of *Ambrose Kangaroo* (1941). Jane also sent us a copy of *The Willing Donkey* (1944) with the text edited to 'improve' the English. Most interesting is a comment written in Elisabeth Macintyre's handwriting in the front of the American edition of *Katherine* which goes like this: 'If I didn't write this here I would give it away and I really must keep this last copy.' We're glad to have this special copy resting on the Archives' shelves.

The Archives is engaging with Canberra's Retirement Communities

Last year we applied for a grant to deliver a program about Australian children's literature to two Canberra retirement communities, Calvary and Kangara Waters. Shirley Campell, former librarian at Radford College, is our project manager, and several ACT Branch members including Julie Long, Helen Davis, Pat Smith and Margaret Carmody have engaged with these seniors. Anne Campell, from the University of Canberra, has designed sessions on reminiscing about childhood stories and memories. An Australian publisher donated new children's picture books, novels and collections of poetry, so we were able to give each community 35 books to share and enjoy. We had a mid-year evaluation recently, and everyone agreed this has been a fascinating and worthwhile project.

Working with Schools

For several years we have hosted visits by secondary school students who are studying children's literature. It's something of a tradition now to demonstrate how picture books are created using the original artwork and preliminary drawings, author's various manuscripts, and correspondence with the book designer and publisher. We enjoy these very much, and from the repeat visits, so do the schools and students from Melrose High, Radford, and Hawker College. Our space is limited in the Archives, so we book a room in the library so we can spread the material around. Favourites so far have been *My Dog* by John Heffernan and Andrew McLean, *Beneath the Surface* by Gary Crew and Steven Woolman, *Way Home* by Margaret Wild and Wayne Harris and *The Hottest Boy Who Ever Lived* by Anna Fienberg and Kim Gamble. Having the artwork, manuscripts and correspondence to share is a unique and special experience for everyone.

New Wish List

After nine years, we've 'retired' our Colin Thiele wish list. During the time Thiele's books we were missing was on our website, we were able to cross off over 50 books on our list. We've decided on Hesba Brinsmead for our next wish list. Her list isn't as long as Thiele's so we may be lucky and fill in the gaps more quickly. We hope you can help us! Do you haunt second hand bookshops? Print out our list and carry it around with you. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/lu-rees/donations/wishlist> We'd be very grateful for your help.

Emily Rodda Event

We thoroughly enjoyed our big event this year: celebrating the cataloguing of 470 overseas editions in 20 languages. The finale was an address on 23 March by Emily Rodda at the Anne Harding Conference Centre. She gave a moving talk about the value of children's books in uniting the world. We were able to exhibit a dozen framed artworks from our collection, plus translations, Rodda's manuscripts and various merchandise from the *Deltora Quest* series. Over 200 people attended. While Emily Rodda was in Canberra she spoke with over 700 children. The National Library hosted a community event, and said they'd never had such a long queue for book signings. One father brought a huge stack of 20 books which his four children had read, and he was willing to queue up twice to have each one personally signed! Have a look at some pictures from this event and an article about it. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/lu-rees/emily-rodde>

Volunteer Contributions

Our volunteers continue to undertake very important projects. Our stocktake is up to C – quite a way to go yet, but this is proving very useful as we refine cataloguing records. Our funding group continues to help with writing grant applications and finding possible funding sources. One volunteer is working on an entry on the Archives for Wikipedia. We've rearranged our established and pending author/illustrator research files to make more room for new files and older ones that grow like weeds! A couple of our volunteers have described and rehoused more artworks from Bob Graham and 97 illustrations by Pixie O'Harris for *The Wind in the Willows*. Two volunteers spot titles we need from the Lifeline Book Fair – several hundred in fact. Our journal editor, Anna Beth McCormack, also a volunteer, has just produced her first issue, No. 32, which you will have received by now. We are very grateful for all these efforts.



INSIDE THE SHORTLIST

A comprehensive teacher resource on the 30 shortlisted CBCA books

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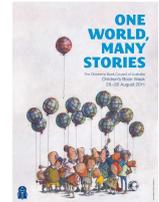
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- Special members' rates for CBCA activities such as author and illustrator visits, the biennial national CBCA conference and local CBCA events. (Attendance at CBCA events can be attributed towards professional development obligations.)
- The opportunity to meet and network with other people committed to the same objectives, including some of Australia's leading authors and illustrators
- Substantial discounts on purchases at our annual Christmas shopping night
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We had a dream . . .



That there would be monetary prizes for authors and illustrators of Winning and Honour Books in the Children's Book of the Year Awards. Receiving a cheque is an enormous boost to the creators of these wonderful Australian children's books.

Ten years of hard work resulted in \$1 million which now earns interest to fund the monetary prizes given. However, this is not the end of fund raising. The capital constantly needs 'top ups' so that one day the amount paid for prizes can be increased. There are now several 'richer' awards, but none have the effect on book sales that the CBCA Awards have.

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