



December / January Awards update

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ENTRIES HAVE NOW CLOSED FOR THE 2018 AWARDS.

Entries for the 2019 Awards will be open after the Short List Announcement.

JUDGES FOR 2019

The Awards Committee with the approval of the National Board is pleased to announce the following judges for the 2019 Awards. More details of each judge will be revealed after the Short List announcement.

Early Childhood

Amanda Cooper (VIC)
Kristy Genetti (NT)
Claire Elliott (NSW)

Younger Readers

Margaret McKay-Lowndes (QLD)
Felicia Harris (WA)
Tricia Scott (TAS)

Older Readers

Anne-Marie Strother (WA)
Pauline McLeod (QLD)
Emma Phillips (SA)

Eve Pownall

Julie Long (ACT)
Brook Tayla (VIC)
Kristin Twomey (NSW)

Picture Books

Jo Panckridge (VIC)
Kirrin Sampson (ACT)
Denise Cramsie (NSW)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2018 AWARDS

Notables List Announcement	27 th February at 7pm
Short List Announcement	27 th March at 12noon
Book of the Year Awards Announcement	17 th August at 12noon
CBCA Book Week	17 th -24 th August

*Theme: Find Your Treasure
with artwork by Early Childhood Winner Anna Walker*

Notifications to Branches (via Sharepoint)**

Entry List provided to Branches (via email request)	30 th January
Notables List (under embargo)	26 th February
Short List (under embargo)	26 th March
BOTYA (under embargo)	13 th August

** These lists, PDFs, Power Points, etc will be made available subject to the confirmation of the lists by the Awards Committee.

From the desks of our Judges

Please use these comments in your newsletters, it is the best way to keep up with what judges are thinking and doing around the country. Please don't get them to do additional reports, if you need specific information for your newsletters or reports, send through your request to awards@cbca.org.au and we will see if we can help.

It's half way through December, with Christmas inching ever closer and I have a long 'To-Do' list which somehow never grows shorter despite the satisfying red line crossings out moving further down the page. There is always more to add to the list. One of the lovely items on my list is where I'm up to with reading books in the Early Childhood category in preparation for the CBCA Awards for 2018.

There have been quite a few hefty parcels of books come over the doorstep in the last few weeks, in line with the end of year cut off period for publishers to submit books for the awards. Opening the parcels reminds me of the excitement young children have opening presents at Christmas. The books all come well wrapped to prevent damage on their postage travels, and often require scissors to cut through the layers of bubble wrap and paper. It's high excitement then to take each book out, have a quick look and then lift the next one out. Each pile of books is then moved onto the 'waiting' shelf until it's time for more in depth reading.

It's been a bumper year in the Early Childhood category. I am always surprised at the diversity of the books. In all ways, possible. In the ideas for stories, themes, the design layouts, the illustrations, use of mediums, the types of texts, fonts, the pace of a story and it's read aloudability.

Rich discussion about the books with the panel is very important, as is the opportunity to read many of the books with young children and listen to their reactions and opinions and what that particular story says to them. All of this reinforces my belief in the importance of story. What do stories do? They can inspire, give hope, give another viewpoint, move us, make us laugh, make us think, connect us and much more. Really important.

It's time to get back to the 'To-Do' list, but I look forward to a relaxing holiday season (and I hope you do too) with plenty of time to read more of those fabulous stories

Amanda Cooper (EC Judge)

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In memoriam

Jean Chapman • Max Fatchen • Beryl Moncrieff Matthews • Jill Midolo • Jan Ormerod • Eve Pownall • Marion E Robertson • Gregory Rogers • Cassandra Weddell • Maisie Williams, Garah, NSW

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