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The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit organization which represents an international network of people committed to bringing books and children together.

IBBY Australia

You can join us or renew your membership [here](#). We would appreciate your continued support.

ICBD DAY 2022

International Children's Book Day was celebrated across the world on 2nd April.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

IBBY Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live, meet and work.



President's Letter

Dear IBBY Australia Members and Supporters,

We trust you enjoyed IBBY Australia's virtual celebration of International Children's Book Day, featuring our Hans Christian Andersen Award nominees past and present. Their varied responses to being nominated for the award, and to their international translations and audiences made fascinating viewing.

Our Ena Noël Award 2022 recipient was announced that day as well – Gary Lonesborough's brilliant debut novel *The Boy from the Mish* (Allen & Unwin) which has been receiving many accolades since being published in early 2021.

The winners of the HCAA 2022 were announced at Bologna Children's Book Fair on 21 March: Marie-Aude Marail (Writer – France) and Suzy Lee (Illustrator – Republic of Korea). Both will speak at the IBBY Congress in Putrajaya, Malaysia in September. The program is now available on the [IBBY Congress website](#).

The 14th national [CBCA conference](#) will be held in Canberra from 12 – 14 June, on the theme 'Dreaming With Eyes Open...' Speakers are to include Sofie Laguna, Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing, Claire Saxby, Sami Bayly, Jane Godwin, Lian Tanner and many others.

Our warmest welcome to Gabrielle Wang, our newest Australian Children's Laureate announced in March, who is featured in this issue.

In the latest issue of *Books for Keeps* (March 2022) Neil Philip surveys '[Ten of the Best Books by Joan Aiken](#)'. She was one of my earliest discoveries in my study of children's literature, and it was lovely to be reminded to return to the late Joan Aiken's oeuvre or to discover it anew. I was also saddened to read of the passing of the great British writer/illustrator Shirley Hughes (1927–2022) in February this year.

I am honoured to be delivering the [Book Links \(Qld\) annual Narelle Oliver Lecture](#) in children's literature on 26 May in Brisbane, and hope to see some of you there.

Yours sincerely,
Robyn Sheahan-Bright

Congratulations

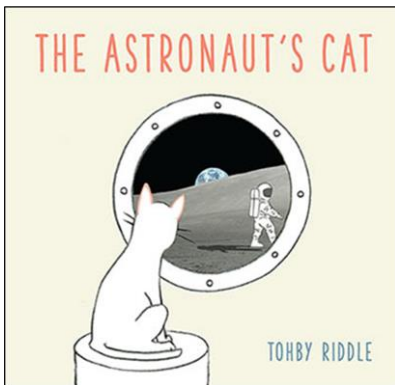
IBBY Honour List

This list of international authors and illustrators nominated by member countries including Australia can be viewed [here](#).

The 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury recommends

In addition to the books of the shortlist nominees, the Jury has created a list of outstanding books from the 2022 nominees that they felt were important enough to merit translation everywhere so that children around the world could read them. View the books recommended by the HCAA Jury in 2022, 2020 and 2018 [here](#) and download the list of recommendations for 2022 [here](#).

The Astronaut's Cat, illustrated and written by Tohby Riddle (Australia) and published by Allen & Unwin, was featured on the top of this list!



IBBY Australia congratulates all the creators shortlisted for the Book Of The Year Awards on April 29th. The CBCA Conference is coming up soon check the [website](#) for details.

IBBY Australia Ena Noël Award Winner 2022

The winner of the IBBY Australia Encouragement Award for a young emerging writer or illustrator was announced on April 2nd, International Children's Book Day.

Congratulations to Gary Lonesborough for his outstanding first novel, *The Boy from the Mish* (Allen & Unwin).

In this brilliant and moving debut, the author skilfully weaves in issues such as racism, police intimidation and homophobia but also many joys, the support of elders and family, identity community, self-belief, friendships and one epic love story. The judges were impressed with the maturity of the writing, the strong and engaging plot development shown by the author, and the way he tackled the issues of growing up, all written with a powerful command of voice.

Gary Lonesborough is a Yuin writer, who grew up on the Far South Coast of NSW as part of a large proud Aboriginal family. Growing up a massive Kylie Minogue and North Queensland Cowboys fan, Gary was always writing as a child, and continued his creative journey when he moved to Sydney to study at film school.



Gary responded:

"So thrilled my book has won the 2022 Ena Noël Award! Thanks so much to IBBY Australia and the judges".

The Ena Noël Medal presentation will take place later in the year.

International IBBY News

Bologna Book Fair News

Winners of the 2022 IBBY-IREAD Outstanding Reading Promoter Award

Sylvia Vardell, Chair of the IBBY Reading Promotion Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), announced the following winners:

Zohreh Ghaeni from Iran, nominated by the IBBY sections in Canada and Iran; and **Jane Kurtz** from the United States, nominated by USBBY.

Winner of the 2022 IBBY-ASAHI Reading Promotion Award

Sylvia Vardell, Chair of the IBBY Reading Promotion Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), announced the 2022 winner:

Pinnguaqta, a programme of Iilitaqsinniq – The Nunavut Literary Council, from Canada.

Link here to the winners of the 2022 **Bologna Ragazzi Cross Media Award (BRAW)**, the top prizes for children's books offered by the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

ALMA Award announced at the Bologna Book Fair

Congratulations to Eva Lindström, a Swedish picture book artist. She has published 35 solo titles and has illustrated many books by other authors. Her work has been honoured with multiple awards. See the 2022 announcement [here](#)

2022 HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN AWARD WINNERS

Sixty-two candidates from 33 countries were nominated for the 2022 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award. Junko Yokota, President of the 2022 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury, announced the winners at the Bologna Book Fair, March 22nd.

Marie-Aude Murail from France for Writing and **Suzy Lee** from the Republic of Korea for Illustration.

2022 Author Winner Marie-Aude Murail

Over 30 years, Murail has written nearly a hundred books for children and young adults. Her dossier notes that in many ways, she embodies the values of IBBY: she is committed to the cause of children and reading and observes the world seriously, and with humour and caring optimism, opening numerous windows on the major stakes of contemporary society.

2022 Illustrator Winner Suzy Lee

Quoted in her dossier, Lee says that picture books are 'a joyful form of play, presented in the most refined style that tells the most serious of stories' and describes herself as 'someone who plays together with the readers over a little bowl of stories that come alive through pictures.'

Profiles of all the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award nominees can be found in the *Bookbird* special Andersen issue #59/4 and on [the IBBY website](#).

Dr. Robin Morrow AM Awarded Life Membership of IBBY Australia

Hans Christian Andersen Award Juror and IBBY Australia Past President Dr Robin Morrow received her citation and Certificate on April 2nd International Children's Book Day. A formal presentation will be arranged at a later date.



Pictured: Karen
Jameyson and Dr
Robin Morrow

Photo:
Margot Lindgren

Story Furnace

IBBY Australia offers this special limited-edition print by internationally acclaimed Australian author/illustrator Shaun Tan. Shaun generously made available one original illustration, *Story Furnace*, for giclée digital prints in a limited edition of 200.

Each print is signed and numbered with proceeds supporting the continued work of IBBY Australia.

Prints can be purchased from Books Illustrated, an IBBY supporter.

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Cost: \$150 (unframed)

Australia \$15 postage

Overseas \$35 postage



IBBY Outstanding Books For Young People With Disability

IBBY Australia has nominated ten titles for the IBBY Outstanding Books For Young People With Disability 2023.

Titles selected for this prestigious collection, exhibition and catalogue are:

Nat Amooore, *The Right Way to Rock* (Penguin Random House)

Asphyxia, *Future Girl* (Allen & Unwin)

Robyn Bavati, *A Weekend with Oscar* (Walker Books Australia)

Kate Gordon, *Xavier in the Meantime* (Yellow Brick Books)

Kay Kerr, *Please Don't Hug Me* (Text Publishing)

Hayley Lawrence, *Skin Deep* (Scholastic)

Paul Russell, Nicky Johnston, ill. *The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp* (EK Books)

Nelly Thomas, Cat MacInnes, ill. *Some Brains; A Book Celebrating Neurodiversity* (Black Inc.)

Allayne L. Webster, *Sensitive* (UQP)

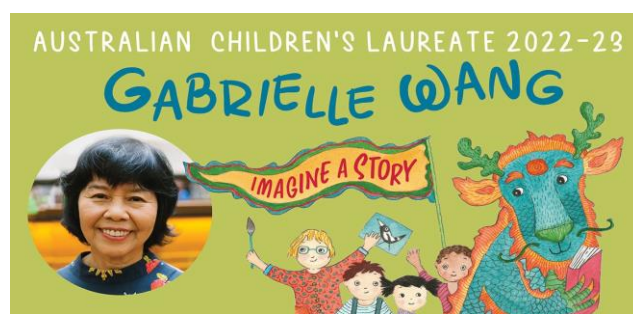
Anna Wheatley, *Peta Lyre's Rating Normal* (Allen & Unwin)

Read more about the IBBY Collection for Young People with Disabilities [here](#).

Two titles were featured in the annotated catalogue of the [2021 Selection of Outstanding Books for Young People With Disabilities](#).

New Australian Children's Laureate

Gabrielle Wang is the new Australian Children's Laureate! IBBY Australia congratulates Gabrielle on this exciting new role. Link to her video [here](#).



Paul Collins 2021

Leila St John Award Recipient

The Victorian Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) announced Paul Collins as the 2021 recipient of the Leila St John Award. This annual award is for services to children's literature in Victoria for the previous year and was first presented in 1999. Paul launched Ford Street Publishing in 2007 and has written more than 140 books for children and young adults. He is commended for his contribution in enriching Australian children's literature through his commitment to children's publishing. Collins has been awarded a citation and medallion by CBCA VIC Branch and joins a list of esteemed past recipients from the children's literature community in Victoria.

Our Library

On March 24th Bankstown Library hosted the launch of a special new book *Our Library* by Donna Rawlins. The Libraries as Communities group funded by a NDIS grant have developed training modules lead by Anne Rauch, Program Manager from [Plumtree](#). The grant also assisted in funding this new picture book.

The book has been freely distributed widely to public libraries across Australia. Inviting a range of professionals to an advisory committee the group continues to trial and evaluate the modules and resources for children's librarians and staff of public libraires to further encourage inclusive programmes.

Copies of this brilliant hardcover title are also available for purchase in your bookshop in standard and large format size.

Pictured Advisory group members Claire Stuckey, author Donna Rawlins, Anne Raunch (Chair) and Marie Vlahakis.



Indigenous Literacy Foundation News

Translation Rights Project

The two titles selected are *Run Like a Rabbit* by ILF Lifetime Ambassador Alison Lester, which has been translated into Garawa, and *What's That Noise?* by Sally Rippin with illustrations by Lorette Broekstra, which has been translated into Kriol and Garawa. These books will be available through the Book Buzz program. Further titles, including *Where is the Green Sheep?* written by Mem Fox and illustrated by Judy Horacek are on the way. This title has been translated into Kriol and Pitjantjatjara.

Behind the scenes with Leo Timmers

Timmers talks about his latest book *Elephant Island* in [this video](#). Click here to see a short clip of his work [On Elephant's Island](#) Thank you to Gecko Press for this link and English translation.

From the past: Miranda Harrowell AM

[Click here](#) to see the full article as Miranda shares decades of IBBY events from 1978. Picture shows Australians in New York in 1990.



Conferences and Events

2022

26th May [Narelle Oliver Lecture in Children's Literature](#), Book Links QLD Inc.

10th – 12th June CBCA National Conference, Canberra

1st – 3rd July 14th [Biennial Conference](#) of the Australasian Children's Literature Association

22nd – 24th July China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair

20th – 26th August CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

[Dreaming with eyes open...](#)

24th - 27th Beijing International Book Fair: www.bibf.net/en

1st September Indigenous Literacy Day August

5th – 8th September 38th IBBY World Congress, Putrajaya, Malaysia
[The Power of stories](#)

19th – 23rd October [Frankfurt Bookfair](#)

2024 – 39th IBBY World Congress, Trieste, Italy

2025 – 40th IBBY World Congress, Ottawa, Canada

Please check all events and dates with the relevant organisations.

Vale

Sad news re the passing of the brilliant Jan Pieńkowski in February, [link here](#). Sarah Lawrance reveals a campaigning side to Jan Pieńkowski in an interesting article on his career [here](#).

A [Tribute to Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper \(tintin.com\) illustrator of Tintin](#) here.

Award-winning children's book author Patricia MacLachlan, widely lauded for her spare, realistic stories about everyday family life, [died on March 31 in the US](#).

David McKee, the author and illustrator of many the iconic children's books has died aged 87. The Guardian quotes his publisher [here](#). 08/04/22

Children in Crisis Fund

Ukrainian children, who have fled their country to escape conflict, have had their lives turned upside down. Give comfort to a Ukrainian child in Poland by donating to the Universal Reading Foundation based in Warsaw. They have established a project in conjunction with Polish and Ukrainian children's book publishers to put a book into the hands of each child who is a refugee from the Ukraine. [Read more about this project which is supported by IBBY](#)

Can you help?

Donate direct to the [Universal Reading Foundation](#) or through [IBBY Children in Crisis](#)

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