

## YOUNG AUSTRALIANS BEST BOOK AWARDS

More than 200 children and adults attended a ceremony at Victoria College, Burwood Campus when citations were presented to the authors of the Australian fiction books judged most popular in 1986 by young readers for all parts of Victoria.

The winners were:

### Section One — Picture Story Books

Ruth Park (text) and Deborah Niland (illus) for *When the Wind Changed*.

### Section Two — Fiction for Younger Readers

Morris Lurie for *The Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race*

### Section Three—Fiction for Older Readers

Robin Klein for *Hating Alison Ashley*

A YABBA list of titles in order of popularity is available. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope to YABBA Council PO Box 238, Kew Vic 3101

Young Victorian readers will be invited to participate in another Young Australians' Best Book Award scheme in 1987. This year's winners will not be eligible for next year's voting list. Look for more details in *InCite* next year!

B. M. FINCHER  
YABBA Chairman/convenor

### LIST IN ORDER OF POPULARITY

#### SECTION ONE — PICTURE STORY BOOKS. (7355 votes)

1. *When the Wind Changed* by Ruth Park. Illus. by Deborah Niland. Collins P/B
2. *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox. Illus. by Julie Vivas. Omnibus. H/C
3. *Wombat Stew* by Marcia Vaughan. Illus. by Pamela Lofts. Ashton H/C and P/B
4. *Arthur* by Amanda Graham. Illus. by Donna Gynell. Era. H/C
5. *The Inch Boy* by Junko Morimoto. Collins. P/B
6. *There's a Sea in My Bedroom* by Margaret Wild. Illus. by Jane Farmer. Nelson. P/B
7. *The Friends of Emily Culpepper* by Ann Coleridge. Illus. by Ron Harvey. Collins. P/B
8. *Who Sank the Boat?* by Pamela Allen. Nelson. P/B
9. *Home in the Sky* by Jeannie Baker, Franklin Watts. H/C
10. *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox. Illus. by Julie Vivas. Omnibus. H/C

#### SECTION TWO — FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS. (6117 votes)

1. *The Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race* by Morris Lurie. Penguin. P/B
2. *Ginger Meggs* by James Kemsley. A & R. P/B
3. *The Complete Adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs. A & R H/C and P/B
4. *Enemies* by Robin Klein. A & R. H/C
5. *The Complete Adventures of Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall. A&R H/C and P/B
6. *Storm Boy* by Colin Thiele. Rigby. P/B
7. *The Super Roo of Mungalongaloo* by Osmar White. Penguin. P/B
8. *Junk Castle* by Robin Klein. O.U.P. H/C
9. *Bottersnikes and Gumbles* by S.Wakefield. Collins P/B
10. *The Nimbin* by Jenny Wagner. Penguin P/B

11. *The Magic Pudding* by Norman Lindsay. A&R H/C and P/B
12. *Charlie up a Gum Tree* by E.A. Schurmann. H & S. H/C
13. *Thing* by Alison Lester and Robin Klein. O.U.P H/C and P/B
14. *The Adventures of the Muddle Headed Wombat* by Ruth Park. A & R. H/C
15. *Wait for Me, Wait for Me* by Thurley Fowler. Rigby. P/B

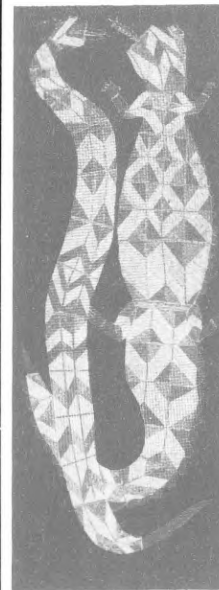
#### SECTION THREE — FICTION FOR OLDER READERS (5288 votes)

1. *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein. Penguin P/B
2. *The Man from Snowy River* by Elyne Mitchell. A & R. H/B
3. *Unreal* by P.Jennings. Penguin. P/B
4. *Playing Beattie Bow* by Ruth Park. Penguin. P/B
5. *Penny Pollard's Diary* by Robin Klein. O.U.P. H/C and P/B
6. *People Might Hear You* by Robin Klein. Penguin H/C and P/B
7. *Top Kid* by J.Hepworth and Bob Ellis. McPhee Gribble. P/B
8. *Penny Pollard's Letters* by Robin Klein. O.U.P. H/C and P/B
9. *Midnite* by Randolph Stow. Penguin. P/B
10. *Blue Fin* by Colin Thiele. Rigby. P/B
11. *Fire in the Stone* by Colin Thiele. Penguin. P/B
12. *Going Bananas* by Max Dann. O.U.P. P/B
13. *Master of the Grove* by Victor Kelleher. Penguin. P/B
14. *Seven Little Australians* by Ethel Turner. Ward Lock or Lansdowne. H/C
15. *Skin Zip Me* by Hazel Edwards. Kangaroo (Roo Books). P/B

#### Notes:

- \* 18760 young Victorian readers in Years 1-9 at school each cast one vote.
- \* One vote for one book from one section for one reader was allowed.
- \* Only votes for titles on the YABBA voting list were accepted.
- \* A statement, countersigned by an adult, that the book had been freely chosen and had been read was required from each voter.

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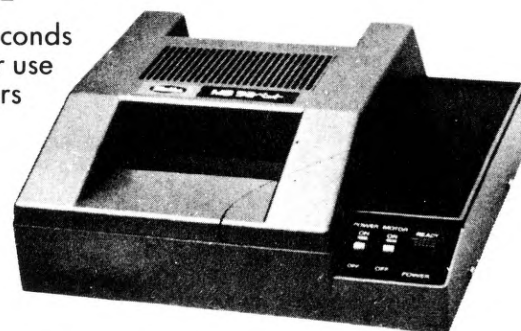
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