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R Cecil Florey, Principal Librarian, Technical Services of The Library Board of WA has alerted *InCite* readers to the latest little exercise in ripping off libraries.

A letter (reproduced right), addressed to the Director of Libraries, Perth, Australia, was delivered to the State Library Service. On receipt of a \$6000 advance payment from the library's funds, the ordering librarian is offered a 'personal and confidential commission' of \$3000!

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The Short List for the Braille Book of the Year Award for 1986 consists of:

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- P. Carey *Illywhacker*
- H. Garner *The children's Bach*
- K. Grenville *Lilian's story*
- C. Koch *The doubleman*
- M. Lurie *The night we ate the sparrow*

The titles for the Short List were selected by the Literary Panel for the Award — Dr. Stephen Murray Smith, Joyce Nicholson and Barrett Reid.

Barrett Reid described it as one of the most citing Short Lists so far. He said, 'There was extraordinarily rich and diverse collection of books published in Australia last year and it is notable that high quality books of fiction were as numerous as quality books of fact. Australian publishing is obviously in a very healthy state.'

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Jan Smark Nilsson

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