

The Inkys – Teen choice book awards long-list announced

The long-list of 20 youth literature books in the running for the second annual Inky Awards have been announced by the State Library of Victoria.

The Inkys are Australia's only teen choice book awards reflecting what teenagers want to read rather than what they are told to read. There are two awards, Golden Inky for Australian books and the Silver Inky for international titles while this year a new award, the Inkys Creative Reading Prize will go to a reader who develops the best creative response to a book on the Inkys long-list.

The Inky Awards were created by the State Library of Victoria's Centre for Youth Literature to encourage reading for pleasure amongst teenagers. The long-list of ten Australian books and ten international books has been selected by the Centre for Youth Literature. This long-list will be read by a panel of six young judges, who will whittle the list down to six books (three Australian, three international). On 12 September, online voting opens to teen readers on <http://www.insideadog.com.au> and the books with the most votes win.

<http://www.insideadog.com.au> is Australia's best-loved website on books and reading for young people. Featuring competitions, reviews, a forum, excerpts from new titles, downloads and a monthly writer in residence, the website has a loyal and enthusiastic following – receiving over 500,000 hits in the last year. The website is a project of the Centre for Youth Literature, State Library of Victoria; proudly supported by the Copyright Agency Limited and The Age.

The 2008 judges are:

Simonne Howell, author of *Notes from the Teenage Underground* and winner of the 2007 Golden Inky, Andrew Finegan, librarian and comedian, NT, Gabriella, 16, from Adelaide, Aidan, 15, from Queensland, Luke, 14, from Wangaratta and Sarah, 18, from NSW.

The winners of the Golden and Silver Inkys and Creative Reading Prize will be announced at the State Library of Victoria, Thursday 6 November 2008.

View the long-list at

http://www.insideadog.com.au/inkys/2008_longlist.html



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