

THE TERRIBLE SUITCASE WINS CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR

Many school students were part of the crowd present to cheer on the announcement of *The Terrible Suitcase* by Emma Allen and Freya Blackwood (Omnibus Books, Scholastic Press) as Book of the Year: Early Childhood. The win was announced at the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Children's Book of the Year Awards at the National Library of Australia on August 16.

Winning author Emma Allen was on hand to receive the award and to see Year 4 students from Canberra Girls Grammar perform *The Terrible Suitcase* as a Readers' Theatre for the large crowd. The event was hosted by the CBCA National President Angela Briant, with ABC Radio's Alex Sloan as a guest speaker.

Julie Hunt and Ron Brooks received the award for Picture Book of the Year for *The Coat* (Allen & Unwin), Margo Lanagan's *Sea Hearts* (Allen & Unwin) won Book of the Year: Older Readers, while Book of the Year: Younger Readers was awarded to *Children of the King* by Sonya Hartnett (Viking Books, Penguin Group Australia), and *Tom the Outback Mailman* by Kristin Weidenbach and Timothy Ide (Lothian Children's Books, Hachette Australia) won the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books. The Chrichton Award for new illustrators was awarded to Marc Martin for his work titled *A Forest* (Viking Books, Penguin Group Australia).

The night included the official launch of Children's Book Week by Steve Doszpot MLA, who affirmed the essential role of teacher librarians in schools in his address and congratulated the CBCA on a wonderful celebration of quality children's literature.

A book signing by the shortlisted authors and illustrators was held after the ceremony for the many attendees, who brought along their copies of the short-listed books and relished the opportunity to meet the creators of their favourite books.

Rachael Hind
ALIA ACT Manager
rachael.hind@alia.org.au



Jackie Kerin and Peter Gouldthorpe



Timothy Ide, Kristin Weidenbach



Authors Julie Hunt and Margo Lanagan

Partnering with the Profession

- 20+ years experience in Information Management
- Employment Consulting & Library Technical Services
- Local, State & Federal Government endorsed supplier

Zenith is a specialist agency offering Employment Consulting and Library Technical Services to the Library, Records, Archives and Information Management industries. Zenith serves clients across all sectors from public libraries and government departments to education, large corporate and not-for-profit organisations.

With offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, and as a member of Careers Multilist with over 90 affiliate partners around Australia, Zenith can offer a wider range of employment and technical services than other agencies within the Information Management sector.

As a partner we recognise you as a dynamic and creative market leader who appreciates emerging technologies and the impact a highly capable and motivated team can have.

A successful partnership with Zenith is assured as like us, you:

- embrace change and demonstrate a flexible approach to influencing stakeholders
- have a customer centric perspective which is evident across all business initiatives
- are keen to accept constructive input from experienced industry partners.

Please call John Cooksey, General Manager - Employment Services or Julie Daw, General Manager - Library Technical Services on 1300 852 555.

www.zenmgt.com

ZENITH
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Franchise Partner of CareersMultilist.com.au