

# AUSTRALIAN WRITING AWARDS TO CELEBRATE

Look for the *List of Australian Literary Awards* on Wikipedia and you will find over 100 prizes for literature, short stories, poetry, fiction and non-fiction. We have taken some hard decisions and narrowed it down to around 30 for libraries and booksellers. Timing can vary, so even though we have given you an idea of when the winners are normally announced, please do check the dates.

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## MAJOR NATIONAL AWARDS



### ANNUAL

#### Prime Minister's Literary Awards

The Australian Prime Minister's Literary Awards (PMLA) were announced at the end of 2007. They are administered by the Minister for the Arts.  
[arts.gov.au/funding/awards/pmla/2014/entry-guidelines](http://arts.gov.au/funding/awards/pmla/2014/entry-guidelines)

### MAY

#### Australian Book Industry Awards

The Australian Book Industry Awards (ABIAs) is an annual celebration that acknowledges our finest and most popular writers and industry personalities. The awards are primarily for Australian writers and illustrators however there is one award that is specifically for a writer or illustrator who is not Australian, this award is for the International Book of the Year.  
[abiawards.com.au](http://abiawards.com.au)

#### The Nielsen BookData Booksellers' Choice Award

This award recognises the Australian new release that booksellers most enjoyed reading, marketing and handselling during the previous year.  
[www.abaconference.org.au/awards](http://www.abaconference.org.au/awards)

### JUNE

#### Miles Franklin Award

The Miles Franklin Literary Award is an annual literary prize awarded to 'a novel which is of the highest literary merit and presents Australian life in any of its phases'.  
[www.milesfranklin.com.au](http://www.milesfranklin.com.au)

## MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



### MARCH

#### Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is the world's largest award for children's and young adult literature. The award, which amounts to SEK 5 million, is given annually to a single laureate or to several. Authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and reading promoters are eligible.  
[www.alma.se](http://www.alma.se)

### JUNE

#### International IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award

The International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award was established by Dublin City, Civic Charter in 1994. Nominations are made by libraries in capital and major cities throughout the world. Participating libraries can nominate up to three novels each year for the Award. Over 400 library systems in 177 countries worldwide were invited to nominate books for the 2014 award.  
[www.impacdublinaward.ie](http://www.impacdublinaward.ie)

### OCTOBER

#### Man Booker International Prize

The Man Booker International Prize is an international literary award given every two years to a living author of any nationality for a body of work published in English or generally available in English translation.  
[www.themanbookerprize.com/man-booker-international-prize-2015](http://www.themanbookerprize.com/man-booker-international-prize-2015)

### NOVEMBER

#### Nobel Prize for Literature

The world's pre-eminent literary prize, awarded to an author for their oeuvre rather than a single work.  
[www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/literature](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature)

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



### APRIL

#### Hans Christian Andersen Awards (International)

Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature.

[www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273](http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273)

### AUGUST

#### Children's Book Council of Australia

The Children's Book Council of Australia Awards was started by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) in 1946 with one category. The awards have grown and now there are five categories in the Book of the Year Awards and numerous other awards presented annually by the National Office and CBCA branches in each State and Territory.

[cbca.org.au/awards.htm](http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm)

### OCTOBER

#### Inky Awards

The Inky Awards recognise high-quality young adult literature, with the longlist and shortlist selected by young adults and the winners voted for online by the teen readers of [InsideaDog.com.au](http://InsideaDog.com.au). There are two awards: the Gold Inky Award for an Australian book, and the Silver Inky Award for an international book.

[www.insideadog.com.au/page/inky-awards](http://www.insideadog.com.au/page/inky-awards)

#### Speech Pathology Awards

The Speech Pathology Australia *Book of the Year Awards* aim to promote children's books as literacy tools, as well as raising awareness of the role of speech pathologists play in helping children develop language and literacy skills.

[www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/spa-news-and-events/book-of-the-year-awards](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/spa-news-and-events/book-of-the-year-awards)

## NON-FICTION



### APRIL

#### Pulitzer Prize (International)

The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States.

[www.pulitzer.org](http://www.pulitzer.org)

### AUGUST

#### National Biography Award

The National Biography Award, established in Australia in 1996, is awarded for the best published work of biographical or autobiographical writing by an Australian.

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/national\\_biography](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/national_biography)

### DECEMBER

#### Walkley Awards

The annual Walkley Awards, under the administration of the Walkley Foundation for Journalism, are presented in Australia to recognise and reward excellence in journalism. Finalists are chosen by an independent board of eminent journalists and photographers. The awards cover all media including print, television, radio, photographic and online media. They can be regarded as the Australian equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.

[walkleys.com/awards](http://walkleys.com/awards)

## ROMANCE



### AUGUST

#### The Ruby Romantic Book of the Year Award

The Romantic Book of the Year Award, affectionately known as The Ruby, is the Romance Writers of Australia's premier award. Voted on by Australian readers, this contest is open each year to any Australian or New Zealand romance author who has published a long or short romance novel.

[www.romanceaustralia.com/p/90/RUBY](http://www.romanceaustralia.com/p/90/RUBY)

## FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION



### JUNE

#### Chandler Award

The Chandler Award is presented by the Australian Science Fiction Foundation for 'Outstanding Achievement in Australian Science Fiction'.

[www.asff.org.au/chandler.htm](http://www.asff.org.au/chandler.htm)

### DECEMBER

#### Aurealis Award

The Aurealis Award for Excellence in Speculative Fiction is an annual literary award for Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror fiction. Only Australians are eligible for the award.

[www.aurealisawards.com/index.htm](http://www.aurealisawards.com/index.htm)



## CRIME



### AUGUST

#### Davitt Awards

The Davitt Awards are for the best crime and mystery books by Australian women. They are named in honour of Ellen Davitt (1812–1879) who wrote Australia's first mystery novel, *Force and Fraud* in 1865.

[www.sistersincrime.org.au/node/2](http://www.sistersincrime.org.au/node/2)

### SEPTEMBER

#### Ned Kelly Awards

The Ned Kelly Awards (named for bushranger Ned Kelly) are Australia's leading literary awards for crime writing in both the crime fiction and true crime genres. They were established in 1996 by the Crime Writers Association of Australia to reward excellence in the field of crime writing within Australia.

[www.nedkellyawards.com](http://www.nedkellyawards.com)

## LITERATURE



### APRIL

#### Stella Prize

The Stella Prize is a major literary award celebrating Australian women's writing. It is named after Stella Miles Franklin and was first awarded in 2013. Both nonfiction and fiction books by Australian women are eligible for entry. The prize is \$50,000.

[thestellaprize.com.au](http://thestellaprize.com.au)

#### The Australian/Vogel Prize

The Australian/Vogel's Literary Award is one of Australia's richest and the most prestigious award for an unpublished manuscript by a writer under the age of 35. The award has launched the careers of some of Australia's most successful writers, including Tim Winton, Kate Grenville, Gillian Mears, Brian Castro, Mandy Sayer and Andrew McGahan.

[www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=442](http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=442)

### JULY

#### Australian Literature Society Gold Medal

The Australian Literature Society Gold Medal (ALS Gold Medal) is awarded annually by the Association for the Study of Australian Literature for 'an outstanding literary work in the preceding calendar year'.

[asaliterature.com/?page\\_id=9](http://asaliterature.com/?page_id=9)

## LITERATURE



### JULY

#### Nita Kibble Literary Award

The Kibble Literary Awards comprise two awards which are presented annually: the Nita B Kibble Literary Award, which recognises the work of an established Australian female writer, and the Dobbie Literary Award, which is for a first published work by a female writer.

[www.perpetual.com.au/kibble](http://www.perpetual.com.au/kibble)

### OCTOBER

#### Colin Roderick Award

The Colin Roderick Award is presented annually by the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies at Queensland's James Cook University for 'the best book published in Australia which deals with any aspect of Australian life'.

[www.jcu.edu.au/sass/humanities/fals/JCU\\_128442.html](http://www.jcu.edu.au/sass/humanities/fals/JCU_128442.html)

#### The Nib: Waverley Library Award for Literature

This award is organised by Waverley Council, with support from the Friends of Waverley Library and other community partners. The Nib Award offers an annual winner's prize of \$20,000, six shortlisted prizes of \$1,000 each, and a People's Choice prize of \$500. It recognises and rewards excellence in literary research, and is the only national literary award to be developed and run by a local council.

[www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/services/library/whats\\_on/regular\\_events/waverley\\_literary\\_award](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/services/library/whats_on/regular_events/waverley_literary_award)

### NOVEMBER

#### Barbara Jefferis Award

The Barbara Jefferis Award commemorates author Barbara Jefferis. With an annual prize of some \$50,000, it is awarded to 'the best novel written by an Australian author that depicts women and girls in a positive way or otherwise empowers the status of women and girls in society'.

[www.asauthors.org/the-barbara-jefferis-award-1](http://www.asauthors.org/the-barbara-jefferis-award-1)

#### Most Underrated Book Award

Presented by the Small Press Network, this award highlights books which didn't attract the attention they deserved when first released.

[spunc.com.au/home/news](http://spunc.com.au/home/news)

#### Voss Literary Prize

The Voss Literary Prize was a new award for 2014, dedicated to the memory of historian Vivian Robert Le Vaux Voss. It is awarded to the best novel published in Australia in the previous year and carried prize money of \$6,500 in its first year.

[vossliteraryprize.com](http://vossliteraryprize.com)

#### Patrick White Award

The Patrick White Award is an annual literary prize established by Patrick White. White used his 1973 Nobel Prize in Literature award to establish a trust for this prize.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick\\_White\\_Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_White_Award)

## STATE-BASED AWARDS

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MAY

#### New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards

The New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards, also known as the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, are among the richest literary awards in Australia.

[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/premiers\\_awards/nsw\\_premiers\\_literary\\_awards/premiers\\_literary\\_award.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/premiers_awards/nsw_premiers_literary_awards/premiers_literary_award.html)

# STATE-BASED AWARDS

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

### JULY

#### Northern Territory Literary Awards

The Awards offer Northern Territory residents the opportunity to win generous cash prizes and gain valuable exposure for themselves and their literary works.

[www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au/northern-territory-library/programs-and-projects/literary\\_awards](http://www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au/northern-territory-library/programs-and-projects/literary_awards)

## VICTORIA

### JANUARY

#### Victorian Premier's Literary Awards

The Victorian Premier's Literary Awards were created by the Victorian Government with the aim of raising the profile of contemporary creative writing and Australia's publishing industry.

[wheelercentre.com/projects/victorian-premier-s-literary-awards-2014/about-the-awards](http://wheelercentre.com/projects/victorian-premier-s-literary-awards-2014/about-the-awards)

### NOVEMBER

#### Melbourne Prize for Literature

The Melbourne Prize Trust, established in 2004, provides financial and professional development opportunities to artists by running the annual Melbourne Prize. Literature is the focus on a three year cycle, with awards in 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015.

[www.melbourneprize.org](http://www.melbourneprize.org)

## QUEENSLAND

### SEPTEMBER

#### Queensland Literary Awards

Like the former Queensland Premier's Literary Awards, the QLAs celebrate excellence in Australian and Queensland writing. The awards aim to seek out, recognise, nurture great talent in Australian writing.

[www.queenslandliteraryawards.com](http://www.queenslandliteraryawards.com)

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### SEPTEMBER

#### Western Australian Premier's Book Awards

The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards (PBA) is an award for books, scripts, digital narrative and a People's Choice. Awards are provided by the Government of Western Australia, and managed by the State Library of Western Australia.

[pba.slwa.wa.gov.au](http://pba.slwa.wa.gov.au)

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### JUNE

#### The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature

The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature were established in 1986 and are an initiative of the Government of South Australia, managed through Arts SA. They are granted biennially to the judged-best authors in Australian children's literature, fiction, innovation, non-fiction and poetry.

[arts.sa.gov.au/grants/adelaide-festival-awards-for-literature](http://arts.sa.gov.au/grants/adelaide-festival-awards-for-literature)



## CALENDAR VIEW



ANNUAL	Prime Minister's Literary Awards	Major national award
JANUARY	Victorian Premier's Literary Awards	VIC
MARCH	Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award	International/children
APRIL	The Australian/Vogel Prize	Fiction/writers under 35
	Hans Christian Andersen Awards	International/children
	Pulitzer Prize	International/non-fiction
	Stella Prize	Literature/women writers
MAY	Australian Book Industry Awards	Major national award
	Nielsen BookData Booksellers' Choice Awards	Major national award
	NSW Premier's Literary Awards	NSW
JUNE	Miles Franklin Award	Major national award
	IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award	International
	Chandler Award	Science fiction
	The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature	SA
JULY	Australian Literature Society Gold Medal	Literature
	Nita Kibble Literary Award	Literature
	Northern Territory Literary Awards	Literature
AUGUST	Children's Book Council of Australia Awards	Children
	National Biography Award	Non-fiction
	Davitt Awards	Crime/women writers
	Ruby Romantic Book of the Year	Romance
SEPTEMBER	Ned Kelly Awards	Crime
	Queensland Literary Awards	QLD
	WA Premier's Book Awards	WA
OCTOBER	Man Booker International Prize	International/literature
	Inky Awards	Young adult
	Speech Pathology Awards	Children
	Colin Roderick Award	Literature
	The Nib: Waverley Library Award for Literature	Literature
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	Barbara Jefferis Award	Literature
	Melbourne Prize for Literature	Literature
	Most Underrated Book Award	Literature
	Voss Literary Prize	Literature
	Patrick White Award	Literature
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	Aurealis Award	Fantasy, science fiction, horror