



KIDS OWN AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE AWARDS

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New faces on KOALA SHORTLIST

Thanks to all the great nominations we received the shortlist has a fresh look this year with more new authors and illustrators than usual. Gabrielle Wang, Stella and John Danalis, Katrina Germein, Sally Murphy, Belinda Murrell, Robyn Bavati and Oliver Phommavanh all appear for the first time.

Previous winners Rod Clement and John Marsden make a welcome return to the shortlist, John with two titles *Millie* (picture book category) and *While I wait* (Fiction for years 7-9). Other well-known authors with titles on the list this year are James Moloney, last shortlisted in 2004, Isobelle Carmody last on the list in 1995 and Gabrielle Lord author of the *365 Conspiracy* series shortlisted once before for *Fortress* in 1993.

It is unusual to see there are no books by Jackie French, Emily Rodda or Margaret Wild shortlisted this year.

The 2011 shortlist can now be downloaded from the website www.koalansw.org.au

Happy Reading!

Committee Members 2011

Alyson Simpson (Sydney University), Antonina Fieni (St Mary's, Georges Hall), Kris Fegent (Lateral Learning), Manjit Uppal (Fairfield City Public Library), Ruth Franklin (Books and Beyond), Anne Vermeesch (Newtown Public School), Val Noake, Narelle Adams (Telopea Public School), Sylvia Braden (St. Joseph's, Moorebank), Judith Ridge (Western Sydney Young People's Literature Officer) and Kay Proof (Shearer's Bookshop).

Vote by 17 SEPTEMBER

A voting form and tally sheet (to be faxed to KOALA) are provided but we encourage you to try the simple online voting. It is time efficient and headache free! In term 3, friends of KOALA (members) will be provided with a link to access the voting section of the website. Students or teachers can then type the name & grade and vote for their favourite title. It is simple and kids love it! They can even vote from home. This voting system can be accessed from the website from 18 July to 17 September.

Awards Day - 26 OCTOBER

Members will be invited to send student representatives to join the celebrations at this year's Awards Day at Casula Powerhouse on 26 October, 2011. This special day is certain to be memorable with many of our favourite authors and illustrators and lots of avid readers in attendance, celebrating 25 years of KOALA!

More information about Awards Day will be sent next term.

We hope you can join us for a day of fun and surprises! Start working on designing a birthday hat to wear at the awards!

2011 Shortlist POSTER

Our special thanks to Sarah Davis, illustrator of the KOALA winner *Fearless*, for designing and illustrating our wonderful VOTE NOW! Shortlist poster.



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KOALA & NSW PRC

The KOALA shortlist can support your children's participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The following short listed titles are on the Reading Challenge lists. Students reading these titles can record a vote for KOALA and count them as titles they need to read for the challenge. Shortlisted titles not on the list can be counted as free choice selections.

Years 7-9

Keys to the Kingdom SERIES by Garth Nix
Conspiracy 365 SERIES by Gabrielle Lord
The Ranger's Apprentice SERIES by John Flanagan
Dancing in the Dark by Robyn Bavati
Stone Key by Isobelle Carmody
Now by Morris Gleitzman

Years 5-6

Grace by Morris Gleitzman
Girl Underground by Morris Gleitzman
The Tuckshop Kid by Pat Flynn
Schooling Around SERIES by Andy Griffiths
Just Macbeth by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton
Locket of Dreams by Belinda Murrell
Toppling by Sally Murphy & Rhian Nest James
Book of Lies by James Moloney
Grimsdon by Deb Abela
My Dad Thinks He's Funny by Katrina Germein & Tom Jellett

Years 3-4

4F for Freaks by Leigh Hobbs
Enigma by Graeme Base
Hello God by Moya Simons & Lisa Coutts
Mr. Chicken Goes to Paris by Leigh Hobbs
Schumann the Shoeman by John & Stella Danalis
Millie by John Marsden & Sally Rippin
Race for the Chinese Zodiac by Gabrielle Wang & Sally Rippin / Regine Abos
Tashi & the Phoenix by Anna & Barbara Fienberg & Kim Gamble
Mr Badger and the Big Surprise by Leigh Hobbs
Zac Power – Test Drive Series by H.I Larry
EJ12 Girl hero: Rocky Road by Susannah McFarlane

K-2

How to Heal a Broken Wing by Bob Graham
The Wrong Book by Nick Bland
The Terrible Plop by Ursula Dubosarsky & Andrew Joyner

Cool KOALA Stuff!

Why not order some bookmarks or a fabulous KOALA library bag for your students? They are terrific gifts for monitors or to add to your end of year presentations. We have three bookmark designs by Kim Gamble, Terry Denton & Stephen Michael King. We also have the coolest library bag ever(!) with 21 koala designs put together by 21 of our most favourite illustrators. Prices are reasonable and an order form can be downloaded from the KOALA website www.koalansw.org.au

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