



2017 CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR JUDGE NOMINATION

Established with the first awards in 1946, the annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim:

- to promote quality literature for young Australians.
- support and encourage Australian writers and illustrators of children's books
- celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.

Matters which arise and are not covered here will be determined by the Awards Committee of the CBCA National Board.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS WHEN SERVING AS A JUDGE

Reading Requirements

Judges will be required to read up to 200 books during the judging period, and write preliminary annotations and reports on each entry.

Panel Meetings

Judges should be available for teleconferences, Skype meetings or other such meetings as determined by their panel to facilitate discussion, reflection and reporting on entries.

Judges' Conference

Judges will be required to attend at least one Judges' conference, to be held in March/April 2017. Accommodation, flights and meal expenses are covered by CBCA. During this conference the Notable, Shortlisted, Honour and Winning books will be discussed and determined. The Judges' report and annotations will also be completed at this conference.

Judges' Talks

Judges are expected to speak at a range of functions on the Notable and Shortlisted books for their local CBCA branch.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVING AS A JUDGE

All Judges must be current individual members of a Branch of The Children's Book Council of Australia.

Conflict of Interest

It is important for perceptions of fairness in the Awards that Judges have no conflict of interest in the outcome of the Awards during their term of office. Candidates should carefully consider CBCA's conflict of interest policy before seeking nomination, and must include with their nomination documents a completed conflict of interest declaration form. If appointed, a Judge's obligations to consider and disclose actual and potential conflicts of interest is ongoing.

Vested Interest

A person with a vested interest in the Awards may not be a Judge. For the purposes of these Awards a vested interest is taken to be any financial gain obtained from or other financial association with the actual publication process of a *current* entry in the Awards. Generally this would exclude publishers and their employees and may also exclude authors, illustrators, editors and others whose works would be entered in the awards during their term of office.

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Associations with an Entry

A Judge who has a non-financial association with a current entry (such as mentoring the author or editorial role) or a financial association that is subsequent to the publication of a current entry (such as a paid review, a bookselling position or preparing readers' notes) must declare that association to the other Judges and National Board through the Awards Administrator.

Should the National Board consider a Judge's association with a current entry is sufficient to influence a public perception of bias in the judging of the Awards, they should ask the Judge to clarify his/her position and then the CBCA will decide to what extent the Judge should continue with judging in relation to that entry.

No Judge may serve on two panels at the same time, but serving on one panel does not preclude a Judge from subsequently serving on another panel.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

Judges will be appointed by the CBCA National Board Awards Committee for a term of two years, using the criteria and guidelines below:

- Recognised standing and qualifications in the field of children's literature.
- Wide and recent knowledge of children's literature, especially Australian.
- Awareness of illustration techniques, design, editing, printing & production processes.
In particular:
 - Artistic style and graphic excellence (including typography and its suitability for the implied readership);
 - Effective use of media and technique;
 - Colour, line, shape, texture;
 - Relationship between illustration and text;
 - Consistency of style, characterisation, information and setting;
 - Clarity, appropriateness and aesthetic appeal of illustrations;
 - Quality of book design, production, printing and binding;
- Ability to communicate assessment effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Awareness of and commitment to the time required.
- Fair representation of all States and Territories.

Judges will be selected from nomination forms submitted by Branches or individuals can self-nominate via awards@cbca.org.au. Forms must be received by 18 December 2015 to be eligible. **The Awards Committee reserves the right not to appoint, from the applications received, and reserves the right to appoint by invitation.** Unsuccessful applicants can reapply in subsequent years.

All nominees will be notified of the outcome of their nomination by January 31, 2016 via email. At this time successful nominees will need to provide a photo of themselves and brief biography for the CBCA website.

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CATEGORY PANELS

Each Category Panel will consist of 3 judges. One from each panel will be appointed as co-ordinator of the panel, whose responsibilities will include ensuring completion of reports and annotations, plus the final judges' report in accordance with the deadline set by the CBCA National Board Awards Committee. It will be the responsibility of the panel to discuss the entries during the judging process, and report to the Awards Administrator with any queries and provide regular feedback reports.

Books will be sent to judges each month from May to December 2016.



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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:

Address:

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Email:

Phone: Mobile:

Branch Membership No:

- Conflict of Interest Form attached.
- Approved to work with children and vulnerable people (relevant State approval documentation attached)

Category Preference based on your qualifications and experience (1-Most, 5-Least):

- Book of the Year for Older Readers (OR)
- Book of the Year for Younger Readers (YR)
- Book of the Year for Early Childhood (EC)
- Picture Book of the Year (PB)
- Eve Pownall Award for Information Books (EP)

Have you been a judge for the CBCA Book of Year Awards? YES/NO Year:
Have you been a judge for any other awards? YES/NO. If yes, please give details.

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Qualifications/Experience relating your nominated category:

(Please list any qualifications that relate to your application and their relevance to your nominated category).

Supporting Statement:

(No more than 1 A4 page)

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