



And the winner could be...

Hear our panel talk about their nominated Short List
from the notable books list of the CBCA Book of the
Year Awards

Kirrin Sampson – Eve Pownall

Rachael Hind & Sonia Brown – Younger Readers

Odette Holweg – Picture Books

Rachel Richards – Older Readers

Jill Howard – Early Childhood

Wednesday 11 May 2016, 6 pm

ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close Deakin

Our Reviewers:

Kirrin Sampson

Eve Pownall Non-Fiction Books

Kirrin Sampson is currently the Training and Strategic Programs Manager at the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Her role covers, amongst other things, overseeing national library-based literacy initiatives and programs, including this year's National Early Literacy Summit.



With a background in economics, and an early career in the business side of the IT sector, she trained as a teacher and has worked with students with special needs, in a school library, and has recently volunteered as an adult literacy tutor. She has been a consultant reviewer for the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, for both their Raising Children Network's education articles, and Let's Read support material. She has advised on book selection for the Reading Australia website. She is passionate about the educational value of great picture books, and their positive effect on encouraging early readers to find joy in reading. Member of CBCA ACT branch Committee.

Rachael Hind

Younger Reader Books

Rachael Hind is a Teacher Librarian and Reading Recovery Teacher at St Monica's Primary School. She has been a Teacher Librarian for over ten years and is passionate about promoting reading and information skills. Rachael is an avid reader herself. She has been an active member of the CBCA ACT Branch, ALIA and the CPTLA.



Sonia Brown

Younger Reader Books

Sonia Brown is a part-time Teacher Librarian at St Monica's Primary School. She has been a primary classroom teacher for over ten years, mostly in independent schools and made the transition into the TL role last year. Sonia is currently studying a post-graduate Librarianship degree online. She has always been passionate about teaching units through literature, with a particular love for picture books. A dog lover, she enjoys reading books about dogs and reading books with and to her dogs! When not teaching, reading or studying, she is often busily involved with Tournament of Minds.



Odette Holweg

Picture Books

Odette Holweg is currently employed as a Teacher Librarian on the Junior School campus of Canberra Girls Grammar School. She holds a BED(Hons) and an Associate Arts degree from the University of Tasmania and is currently completing the final units toward achieving a Master of Information Services from Edith Cowan University. Odette has taught in Tasmania, South Australia and the ACT, since 2002. She is married with 2 children; a daughter (21) and son (11) – all are avid readers.



Rachel Richards

Older Reader Books

I have been Director of Information Resources at Brindabella Christian College for the last six years. Prior to that I worked in a number of schools as a Teacher Librarian, a job I have enjoyed for almost 20 years. I am passionate about encouraging children to read for pleasure and promoting digital literacy.



Jill Howard

Early Childhood Books

Jill Howard has worked as a Librarian at Libraries ACT for 13 years where she has been involved with many of the Children's programs. Previous to her move to Canberra from Victoria, Jill was a Teacher Librarian and Reading Recovery Teacher. Jill has a special interest in children's authors and books, is a member of ALIA and has been a member of CBCA for several years. Every year Jill likes to read as many of the shortlisted books as possible as these become great recommendations for her customers in the library. She enjoys being Nana to her two grandchildren and her latest venture has been joining a ukulele group.

