

2023

INFORMATION



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA

shadow judging

BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

FEBRUARY 28 REGISTRATIONS OPEN
ON THE CBCA 'NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES'

MARCH 28 PROGRAM STARTS
(AFTER) CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST

AUGUST 14 VOTING CLOSES

AUGUST 25 WINNERS ANNOUNCED
SHADOWERS' CHOICE AWARDS



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2023 PROGRAM

Young voices are welcome here



In 2023 we welcome all new participants to the Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA) Sun Project's Shadow Judging: Book of the Year Awards.

Our Shadow Judging program was trialled in 2020 and 2021 in Victoria. In 2022 we seeded the program nationally with an Australian Federal RISE grant— 141 groups across Australia have helped crystalise our process and resources—including a dedicated website.




Australian Government
RISE Fund

shadowjudging.cbca.org.au



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Australian children's literature plays a unique role in our culture. It has the power to **shine a light on our world**, speaking directly to young people.

The **Shadow Judging: Book of the Year** program is an important component of our Sun Project suite—connecting young people to great literature.

In 2023 our **NEW Illuminating: Australian Children's Literature** is a series of 4 lectures and 4 workshops in an online course developed in partnership with the University of Sydney. The program is presented by Professor Alyson Simpson and open to anyone interested in unpacking what makes great Australian Children's Literature. It is a useful partner program for Shadow Judging mentors and facilitators, indeed anyone interested in using talk to delve deeply into quality literature.

JOIN US



We are inviting young voices from across Australia to join the conversation about the books on our 2023 Book of the Year Shortlist. At the end of Children's Book Week, at our Shadower's Choice Awards August 25, winners, chosen by our young groups of judges, will be announced.

Children's Book Week—since 1945—has been an opportunity to celebrate reading for pleasure, the Shadow Judging program presents young people with an opportunity to have their opinions heard and creatively respond to the CBCA Book of the Year Shortlist.





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BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

BELONG...

BY CONNECTING KIDS, BOOKS + CREATIVES, WHILE STRENGTHENING YOUNG VOICES, OUR PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- build personal aesthetic literary appreciation and they will be immersed in the language that describes literary techniques
- be encouraged to imagine, think critically and respond creatively
- develop a greater self-concept, empathy and awareness of diverse opinion
- increase their reading repertoire (read more widely)
- absorb culture in a community context by sharing the experience
- experience a sense of belonging

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL NSW (2022)

"I really enjoyed the shadow judging as it showed me many ways to write and exposed me to many talented authors." Jade K

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL Richmond, Tasmania (2022)

"The Shadow Judging was an awesome experience because I had fun with some people I don't normally bond with. I also got to read lots of books I wouldn't have normally picked up and I enjoyed most of them." Lily F

HOW IT WORKS...

shadowjudging.cbca.org.au/about/

[www.youtube.com/watch?v= THALfwhtr0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THALfwhtr0)

- 1 Form a group with an adult facilitator:** this meets onsite within a participating organisation (in an early childhood centre, community group, public library, primary school, high school) which will provide the space, resources and guidance for the groups of young people
- 2 REGISTER @ shadowjudging.cbca.org.au** your group for a fee of **\$50.00** to access the website and resources and cover administrative and support costs.
- 3 CHOOSE ONE SHORTLIST CATEGORY OF SIX BOOKS FROM OUR 2023 CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST** (Announced and online on **March 28 @ noon**). Gather or purchase books.
- 4 Meet regularly as a group and READ, SHARE, DISCUSS, DEBATE** the six books in your chosen category.
- 5 OPTIONAL:** In 2020, 2021, and 2022 our groups and our creatives (writers

Shadow Judges use the same judging criteria as our Book of the Year Awards Judges to choose their winner. This process is supported with resources available to groups on our program website. The resources unpack the criteria for each category. There is no one explicit way for facilitators to assist the process, the important goal is for the group to talk through the criteria and respond creatively to the literature.

For teachers: By participating in the Shadow Judging program you are encompassing the content of the Australian Curriculum: English Literature strand.

Literature: understanding, appreciating, responding to, analysing and creating literary texts

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/english/structure/>



and illustrators) confirmed the mutually beneficial opportunity to share and identify in works the literary techniques included in the criteria. Groups are encouraged at this point to **INVITE A CREATIVE TO A GROUP SESSION**. Facilitators can approach local bookshops, speaking agencies or their state CBCA Branch Mentor to discuss the options and cost of having a creative present to their group. As a guide look at workshop rates: <https://www.asauthors.org/findananswer/rates-of-pay#PUBLIC%20APPEARANCES>

(State Mentors: Are co-ordinated by each CBCA Branch. They will be assigned by Branches to support Group Facilitators with information and strategies for eliciting responses to literature from young voices.)

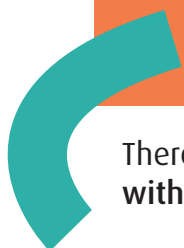
6 Share your group's **CREATIVE RESPONSES TO THE BOOKS**. A critical and popular component of the program is an opportunity to share on the Shadow Judging website a creative response to the books read by those participating (other groups and the public can view these responses). Feedback from previous young Shadow Judges identify this as a positive experience because it allows them to activate their own creativity. Examples have included; writing new endings, book trailers, posters, videos, recorded debates, and designing alternative book covers. The options are endless.

<https://shadowjudging.cbca.org.au/creative-responses/>

7 VOTE collaboratively to nominate a winner in their category. **By August 14** (deadline), groups will be voting for their winners. The CBCA will collate votes and announce online the **SHADOWERS' CHOICE AWARDS ON AUGUST 25, 2023**. **Groups come together for a final celebration, receive their Shadow Judging certificates and learn of the winning choices.**

In 2023 the CBCA the Shadow Judging: Book of the Year Awards has limited funding support for groups. We are however immensely grateful to the Copyright Agency: Cultural Fund for support for a small number of groups (30 nationally) through our State CBCA branches.

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CULTURAL FUND



There will also be limited opportunities to support some groups **with books** through discretionary CBCA state branch budgets.





"The Shadow Judging challenged us to look at books from a different perspective. It was fun working with the authors that came into school. It was a wonderful experience, and we learnt about how they write their books and what they have to think about when writing." Anya

REGISTER@ shadowjudging.cbca.org.au

BEFORE GOING ONLINE CHECK THE FOLLOWING LIST>

> We have an interested adult to be our facilitator who can register our group (and pay a fee of \$50.00), manage administration and facilitate our discussion.

YES

> Our organisation OR facilitator is a member of their state branch of the CBCA (so they can be linked with a CBCA Mentor to assist with the project).

YES

> I HAVE LOOKED AT CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST CATEGORIES AND SELECTED ONE FOR MY GROUP

- > Older Reader
- > Younger Reader
- > Early Childhood
- > Picture Book
- > Eve Pownall

YOU WILL NEED FOR THE PROGRAM:

A GROUP OF YOUNG VOICES > A FACILITATOR > \$50 TO REGISTER > A CBCA MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR STATE BRANCH > THE 6 X SHORTLISTED BOOKS FOR YOUR GROUP TO SHARE AROUND > AND AN (OPTIONAL) CREATIVE VISITOR



WHEN YOU REGISTER:

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION
WELCOME PACK + WITHIN 24 HOURS
YOUR LOGIN DETAILS SO YOU CAN
ENTER THE RESOURCES AREA ON
THE WEBSITE AND SET YOUR GROUP
UP...



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