

## 4. NOTABLE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Each year since 1992 the CBCA has published *Notable Australian Children's Books* (often called *Notables* for convenience), an annotated list of books selected from all of the entries submitted for final judging in the Awards for that particular year. The aim in producing this list is to give prominence and recognition to those entries for the Awards which display commendable standards in the criteria set down for the Awards (**See Section 1**).

Since 2003, the CBCA web site has included a list of all titles included in *Notables*. The list should be available on line immediately after the Judges' Conference and prior to the announcement of the Short Lists. The annotations are not available through the web site.

As for all publications relating to the Awards, *Notable Australian Children's Books* must include a reference to the CBCA Awards Foundation and acknowledge Benefactors and Major Donors. The current list of Benefactors and Major Donors can be found at <http://cbca.org.au/foundation.htm>

Editors and publishers of *Notable Australian Children's Books* should check with the Awards Foundation Managers, Margaret Hamilton and June Smith, to ensure that acknowledgements are correct at the time of publication.

### 4.1 Judges' Responsibilities

Judges identify books for inclusion and write annotations for *Notables*. An editor (who may be one of the judges or an Awards Coordinator) will be appointed early in the judging process to collect, organise and enter all annotations on a draft document throughout the judging process. Annotations should reflect the criteria for the category in which the book is listed.

**4.1.1** Judges will identify titles deemed notable on their reports. Their comments should make clear why they consider these books notable. The editor will compile and constantly update a draft list of titles to be included in *Notables* using information collated from reports. The Awards Coordinator allocates titles likely to be included to Judges, who write 70 - 80 word annotations. These are sent to the editor by the due date specified at the time of allocation.

**4.1.2** As soon as possible after all Judges' reports and annotations which have been allocated have come in, a draft *Notable* lists will be sent to all Judges before the Interstate Judges' Conference.

**4.1.3** At the Judges' Conferences, the *Notables* draft will be reviewed to confirm the inclusion of titles, suggest changes of emphasis within annotations and ensure highest standards of consistency and proofreading. Inclusion will be on a simple majority vote for the Eve Pownall Panel and on a six to two majority basis for the Interstate Panel in votes taken at their respective conferences.

### 4.2 Notable Book Stickers

Books included in *Notables* are entitled to use the appropriate CBCA stickers. Publishers are notified in writing if their books are included, and also advised of the availability and cost of these stickers.

### 4.3 Release of *Notable Australian Children's Books*



The Notables list should be posted on the CBCA web site at 9am EST on the day following the Interstate Judges' Conference.

This publication should be released within three weeks of the Interstate Judges' Conference to facilitate marketing, selection and publicity and to reinforce its usefulness as a selection guide for parents, librarians and teachers. Distribution should not be delayed until all other items of Children's Book Week merchandise are also available for sale. All authors, illustrators and publishers whose books are included in *Notables* should receive complimentary copies as well as legal deposit libraries listed in 10.1.5.

**Note: *Notables* includes but does not identify Winners and Honour Books.**

#### 4.4 Style Guide

The editor and the Judges should examine past issues of the publication. Books voted as 'notable' in more than one category are annotated to emphasise the criteria for each category.

##### 4.4.1 The order of contents is:

Title Page  
Table of Contents  
Introduction (purpose of the publication, statistics on the year's entries) - 1 page  
Annotated lists (arranged alphabetically by author) within categories in the order

Older Readers  
Younger Readers  
Early Childhood  
Picture Books  
Information Books  
CBCA Information  
Indexes - Title  
- Author and Illustrator

##### 4.4.2 Bibliographic style

Author's surname (All Caps), Author's first name (Cap + lower case), **TITLE** (bold caps)  
Illustrated by (Illustrator's first name, Caps + lc), Illustrator's surname (All Caps)  
Publisher and Imprint (Caps + lc)  
ISBN, Number of pages (if numbered, otherwise 'unpaged')

##### 4.4.3 Sample entry: Format and style from *Notable Australian Children's Books, 2007*.

GLEESON, Libby  
**AMY & LOUIS**  
Illustrated by Freya BLACKWOOD  
Scholastic Press, Scholastic Australia  
ISBN 1865049352  
unpaged



The touching friendship between Amy and Louis, and their feeling of loss when they are separated, are captured in this beautifully crafted, gentle story. With spare text and soft, evocative illustrations, the reader shares Louis' emotions as the colour drains from his life. With the help of the clouds he magically closes the gap between Australia and the other

side of the world, reaching Amy with his heartfelt 'Coo-ee'.

The book, a delight to read and share, creates a wonderful sense of place and closeness.

*Shortlisted, Book of the Year: Early Childhood, 2007*

#### **4.5 Additional information**

- Judges should include the category on the draft version, but omit it from the final version.
- The number of pages given will be the same as the final numbered page. Where there are no page numbers the book should be described as 'unpaged' for consistency.
- If the title of *Notable Australian Children's Books* is changed, then application should be made for a new ISSN. Otherwise, the ISSN remains the same.

**See Section 10 for Legal Deposit** copy requirements.

#### **Legal Deposit Copy requirements.**

A complimentary copy is sent to: The National Library and all State Libraries (see p. 36/37), all Branch Presidents, current Judges, incoming Judges, members of the National Executive, incoming National President and Awards Coordinators (even-numbered years), the CBCA National Archives, the Lu Rees Archives, authors, illustrators and publishers of all books included. Other complimentary copies may be used for publicity at the discretion of the National Executive.

