

8. THE CRICHTON AWARD

The aim of the Crichton Award is to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. This national award is administered by the Victorian Branch of the CBCA.

Publishers submit books for entry. Any book submitted must be the illustrator's first publication in which the illustrations form a significant part of the narrative or informational content, and the illustrator has artistic control of the whole. The illustrator must have resided in Australia for two years prior to the year of the book's publication, and the book must have been first published in Australia between January 1 and December 31 of the year prior to the award. The focus of the award is the artist's talent.

Entries close December 31 in the year of publication. Four copies of the book are to be sent, together with the entry fee of \$88 (includes GST) and the completed entry form signed by the illustrator.

Eligibility Criteria

- a) The artist must be emerging or new to the field of children's book illustration.
- b) The artist must be an Australian citizen or have resided in Australia for the two years prior to December 31 of the year of publication of the book entered.
- c) The entry must be the artist's first illustrated book published by a trade publisher, where the illustrations form a significant part of the book's narrative or information content.
- d) Books entered must have been first published in Australia between January 1 and December 31 of the year prior to the award.

Judging

The judging panel consists of three people nominated and elected by the executive of the Victorian Branch

- the convenor
- an established illustrator or artist with a knowledge of children's books
- a children's literature representative chosen from the areas of children's librarian, teacher librarian, teacher of children's literature, bookseller, or other related field.

The judging panel publishes a report, a copy of which must be sent to the Awards Coordinator by April.

The Short List and the Winner of the Crichton Award will be announced at the same time as the Book of the Year Short Lists and Winners.

A list of past winners is available on the CBCA website.



Further details and entry forms:
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