AUSTRALIAN WRITING AWARDS TO CELEBRATE

Look for the List of Australian Literary Awards on Wikipedia and you will find over 100 prizes for literature, short stories, poetry, fiction and non-fiction. We have taken some hard decisions and narrowed it down to around 30 for libraries and booksellers. Timing can vary, so even though we have given you an idea of when the winners are normally announced, please do check the dates.

We hope you will promote the shortlisted titles and the winners of your chosen awards, through physical displays, social media and featured items on your website. For more information, contact advocacy@alia.org.au.

MAJOR NATIONAL AWARDS

ANNUAL
Prime Minister’s Literary Awards
The Australian Prime Minister’s Literary Awards (PMLA) were announced at the end of 2007. They are administered by the Minister for the Arts. arts.gov.au/funding/awards/pmla/2014/entry-guidelines

MAY
Australian Book Industry Awards
The Australian Book Industry Awards (ABIA) is an annual celebration that acknowledges our finest and most popular writers and industry personalities. The awards are primarily for Australian writers and illustrators however there is one award that is specifically for a writer or illustrator who is not Australian, this award is for the International Book of the Year. abiaawards.com.au

The Nielsen BookData Booksellers’ Choice Award
This award recognises the Australian new release that booksellers most enjoyed reading, marketing and handselling during the previous year. www.abaconference.org.au/awards

JUNE
Miles Franklin Award
The Miles Franklin Literary Award is an annual literary prize awarded to ‘a novel which is of the highest literary merit and presents Australian life in any of its phases’. www.milesfranklin.com.au

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MARCH
Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is the world’s largest award for children’s and young adult literature. The award, which amounts to SEK 5 million, is given annually to a single laureate or to several. Authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and reading promoters are eligible. www.alma.se

JUNE
International IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award
The International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award was established by Dublin City, Civic Charter in 1994. Nominations are made by libraries in capital and major cities throughout the world. Participating libraries can nominate up to three novels each year for the Award. Over 400 library systems in 177 countries worldwide were invited to nominate books for the 2014 award. www.impacdublinaward.ie

OCTOBER
Man Booker International Prize
The Man Booker International Prize is an international literary award given every two years to a living author of any nationality for a body of work published in English or generally available in English translation. www.themanbookerprize.com/man-booker-international-prize-2015

NOVEMBER
Nobel Prize for Literature
The world’s pre-eminent literary prize, awarded to an author for their oeuvre rather than a single work. www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature
APRIL

Hans Christian Andersen Awards (International)
Every other year IBBY presents the Hans Christian Andersen Awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children’s literature.
www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273

AUGUST

Children’s Book Council of Australia
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cbca.org.au/awards.htm

OCTOBER

Inky Awards
The Inky Awards recognise high-quality young adult literature, with the longlist and shortlist selected by young adults and the winners voted for online by the teen readers of InsideADog.com.au. There are two awards: the Gold Inky Award for an Australian book, and the Silver Inky Award for an international book.

Speech Pathology Awards
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FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

JUNE

Chandler Award
The Chandler Award is presented by the Australian Science Fiction Foundation for ‘Outstanding Achievement in Australian Science Fiction’.
www.asff.org.au/chandler.htm

DECEMBER

Aurealis Award
The Aurealis Award for Excellence in Speculative Fiction is an annual literary award for Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror fiction. Only Australians are eligible for the award.
www.aurealisawards.com/index.htm

NON-FICTION

APRIL

Pulitzer Prize (International)
The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States.
www.pulitzer.org

AUGUST

National Biography Award
The National Biography Award, established in Australia in 1996, is awarded for the best published work of biographical or autobiographical writing by an Australian.

DECEMBER

Walkley Awards
The annual Walkley Awards, under the administration of the Walkley Foundation for Journalism, are presented in Australia to recognise and reward excellence in journalism. Finalists are chosen by an independent board of eminent journalists and photographers. The awards cover all media including print, television, radio, photographic and online media. They can be regarded as the Australian equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.
walkleys.com/awards

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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ROMANCE

AUGUST

The Ruby Romantic Book of the Year Award
The Romantic Book of the Year Award, affectionately known as The Ruby, is the Romance Writers of Australia’s premier award. Voted on by Australian readers, this contest is open each year to any Australian or New Zealand romance author who has published a long or short romance novel.
www.romanceaustralia.com/p/90/RUBY
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**MAY**

**New South Wales Premier’s Literary Awards**
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**JULY**

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**NOVEMBER**

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www.asauthors.org/the-barbara-jefferis-award-1

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spunc.com.au/home/news

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vossliteraryprize.com

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NORTHERN TERRITORY
JULY
Northern Territory Literary Awards
The Awards offer Northern Territory residents the opportunity to win generous cash prizes and gain valuable exposure for themselves and their literary works.

VICTORIA
JANUARY
Victorian Premier’s Literary Awards
The Victorian Premier’s Literary Awards were created by the Victorian Government with the aim of raising the profile of contemporary creative writing and Australia’s publishing industry.
wheelercentre.com/projects/victorian-premier-s-literary-awards-2014/about-the-awards

NOVEMBER
Melbourne Prize for Literature
The Melbourne Prize Trust, established in 2004, provides financial and professional development opportunities to artists by running the annual Melbourne Prize. Literature is the focus on a three year cycle, with awards in 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015.
www.melbourneprize.org

QUEENSLAND
SEPTEMBER
Queensland Literary Awards
Like the former Queensland Premier’s Literary Awards, the QLAs celebrate excellence in Australian and Queensland writing. The awards aim to seek out, recognise, nurture great talent in Australian writing.
www.queenslandliteraryawards.com

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
SEPTEMBER
Western Australian Premier’s Book Awards
The Western Australian Premier’s Book Awards (PBA) is an award for books, scripts, digital narrative and a People’s Choice. Awards are provided by the Government of Western Australia, and managed by the State Library of Western Australia.
pba.slwa.wa.gov.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
JUNE
The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature
The Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature were established in 1986 and are an initiative of the Government of South Australia, managed through Arts SA. They are granted biennially to the judged-best authors in Australian children’s literature, fiction, innovation, non-fiction and poetry.
arts.sa.gov.au/grants/adelaide-festival-awards-for-literature

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