

WINNERS OF THE NSW PREMIER'S LITERARY AWARDS 1979 - 2008

Christina Stead Prize

- 1979 David Malouf, *An Imaginary Life*, Chatto and Windus, London
1980 Peter Carey, *War Crimes*, University of Queensland Press
1981 Jessica Anderson, *The Impersonators*, Macmillan
1982 Peter Carey, *Bliss*, University of Queensland Press
1983 Peter Kocan, *The Cure*, Angus & Robertson
1984 Beverley Farmer, *Milk*, McPhee Gribble
1985 Elizabeth Jolley, *Milk and Honey*, Fremantle Arts Centre Press
1986 Helen Garner, *Postcards from Surfers*, McPhee Gribble
1987 *No award made*
1988 John Sligo, *Final Things*, Penguin Books Australia
1989 Helen Hodgman, *Broken Words*, Penguin Books Australia
1990 Thea Astley, *Reaching Tin River*, William Heinemann Australia
1991 Nigel Krauth, *JF Was Here*, Allen & Unwin
1992 Simon Leys, *The Death of Napoleon*, Allen & Unwin
1993 David Malouf, *Remembering Babylon*, Random House Australia
1994 Adib Khan, *Seasonal Adjustments*, Allen & Unwin
1995 Lily Brett, *Just Like That*, Pan Macmillan
1996 Sue Woolfe, *Leaning Towards Infinity*, Random House Australia
1997 Robert Drewe, *The Drowner*, Pan Macmillan Australia
1999 Roger McDonald, *Mr Darwin's Shooter*, Random House Australia
2000 Michael Meehan, *The Salt of Broken Tears*, Vintage/Random House Australia
2001 Alex Miller, *Conditions of Faith*, Allen & Unwin
2002 Tim Winton, *Dirt Music*, Pan Macmillan Australia
2003 Kate Jennings, *Moral Hazard*, Picador
2004 Brian Castro, *Shanghai Dancing*, Giramondo Publishing Company
2005 Tim Winton, *The Turning*, Pan Macmillan Australia
2006 Kate Grenville, *The Secret River*, The Text Publishing Company
2007 Peter Carey, *Theft: a Love Story*, Random House Australia
2008 Michelle de Kretser, *The Lost Dog*, Allen & Unwin

Douglas Stewart Prize

- 1979 Manning Clark, *A History of Australia Volume IV*, Melbourne University Press
1980 David Marr, *Barwick*, Allen & Unwin
1981 A.B. Facey, *A Fortunate Life*, Fremantle Arts Centre Press
1982 Richard Haese, *Rebels and Precursors*, Allen Lane
1983 Blanche D'Alpuget, *Robert J. Hawke*, Schwartz
1984 Sylvia Lawson, *The Archibald Paradox*, Allen Lane
1985 Elsie Webster, *The Moon Man*, Melbourne University Press
1986 George Munster, *A Paper Prince*, Viking/Penguin Books Australia
Phillip Pepper with Tess De Araugo, *The Kurnai of Gippsland, Volume One*, Hyland House Publishing
1987 Patrick O'Farrell, *The Irish In Australia*, University of New South Wales Press
1988 Brian Matthews, *Louisa*, McPhee Gribble
1989 Maslyn Williams, *His Mother's Country*, Melbourne University Press

- 1990 Siobhan McHugh, *The Snowy*, William Heinemann Australia
- 1991 Barry Hill, *Sitting In*, William Heinemann Australia
Drusilla Modjeska, *Poppy*, McPhee Gribble
- 1992 David Marr, *Patrick White*, Random Century Australia
- 1993 Judith Brett, *Robert Menzies Forgotten People*, Pan Macmillan Australia
Meme McDonald, *Put Your Whole Self In*, Penguin Books Australia
- 1994 David McKnight, *Australia's Spies and Their Secrets*, Allen & Unwin
Patrick Buckridge, *The Scandalous Penton*, University of Queensland Press
- 1995 Drusilla Modjeska, *The Orchard*, Pan Macmillan Australia
- 1996 Tom Griffiths, *Hunters and Collectors: The Antiquarian Imagination in Australia*, Cambridge University Press
- 1997 Alan Atkinson, *The Europeans in Australia: A History, Volume One*, Oxford University Press
- 1999 Ray Parkin, *H M Bark Endeavour*, Miegunyah Press at Melbourne University Press
- 2000 Drusilla Modjeska, *Stravinsky's Lunch*, Picador/Pan Macmillan Australia
- 2001 Kim Mahood, *Craft for a Dry Lake*, Transworld/ Random House Australia
- 2002 Gail Bell, *The Poison Principle*, Pan Macmillan Australia
- 2003 Mark McKenna, *Looking for Blackfellas' Point: An Australian History of Place*, University of New South Wales Press
- 2004 Inga Clendinnen, *Dancing with Strangers*, The Text Publishing Company
- 2005 John Hughes, *The Idea of Home: Autobiographical Essays*, Giramondo Publishing Company
- 2006 Jacob G. Rosenberg, *East of Time*, Brandl & Schlesinger
- 2007 Robert Hughes, *Things I Didn't Know: a Memoir*, Random House Australia
- 2008 Tom Griffiths, *Slicing the Silence: Voyaging to Antarctica*, University of NSW Press Ltd

Kenneth Slessor Prize

- 1980 David Campbell, *Man in the Honeysuckle*, Angus & Robertson
- 1981 Alan Gould, *Astral Sea*, Angus & Robertson
- 1982 Fay Zwicky, *Kaddish and Other Poems*, University of Queensland Press
- 1983 Vivian Smith, *Tide Country*, Angus & Robertson
- 1984 Les A. Murray, *The People's Other World*, Angus & Robertson
- 1985 Kevin Hart, *Your Shadow*, Angus & Robertson
- 1986 Robert Gray, *Selected Poems 1963-83*, Angus & Robertson
- 1987 Philip Hodgins, *Blood and Bone*, Angus & Robertson
- 1988 Judith Beveridge, *The Domesticity of Giraffes*, Black Lightning Press
- 1989 John Tranter, *Under Berlin*, University of Queensland Press
- 1990 Robert Adamson, *The Clean Dark*, Paper Bark Press
- 1991 Jennifer Maiden, *The Winter Baby*, Collins Angus & Robertson
- 1992 Elizabeth Riddell, *Selected Poems*, Collins Angus & Robertson
- 1993 Les A. Murray, *Translations from the Natural World*, Isabella Press
- 1994 Barry Hill, *Ghosting William Buckley*, William Heinemann Australia
- 1995 Peter Boyle, *Coming Home From the World*, Five Islands Press
- 1996 Eric Beach, *Weeping for Lost Babylon*, HarperCollins Publishers
J.S. Harry, *Selected Poems*, Penguin Books Australia
- 1997 Anthony Lawrence, *The Viewfinder*, University of Queensland Press

- 1999 Lee Cataldi, *Race Against Time*, Penguin Books Australia
- 2000 Jennifer Maiden, *Mines*, Paper Bark Press/Australian Humanities Research Foundation
- 2001 Ken Taylor, *Africa*, Five Islands Press
- 2002 Alan Wearne, *The Lovemakers*, Penguin Books Australia
- 2003 Jill Jones, *Screens Jets Heaven*, Salt Publishing
- 2004 Pam Brown, *Dear Deliria*, Salt Publishing
- 2005 Samuel Wagan Watson, *Smoke Encrypted Whispers*, University of Queensland Press
- 2006 Jaya Savige, *Latecomers*, University of Queensland Press
- 2007 John Tranter, *Urban Myths: 210 Poems*, University of Queensland Press
- 2008 Kathryn Lomer, *Two Kinds of Silence*, University of Queensland Press

Patricia Wrightson Prize

- 1999 Odo Hirsch, *Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman*, Allen & Unwin
- 2000 Steven Herrick, *The Spangled Drongo*, University of Queensland Press
- 2001 Margaret Wild & Ron Brooks (illustrator), *Fox*, Allen & Unwin
- 2002 Shaun Tan, *The Red Tree*, Lothian Books
- 2003 Simon French, *Where in the World*, Little Hare Books
- 2004 Kierin Meehan, *Night Singing*, Penguin Books Australia
- 2005 Sherryl Clark, *Farm Kid*, Penguin Group Australia
- 2006 Kierin Meehan, *In the Monkey Forest*, Penguin Group Australia
- 2007 Narelle Oliver, *Home*, Omnibus Books
- 2008 Li Cunxin and Anne Spudvilas (illus.), *The Peasant Prince*, Penguin Group (Australia)

Ethel Turner Prize

- 1979 Jenny Wagner, *John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat*, Kestrel Books
Patricia Wrightson, *The Dark Bright Water*, Atheneum, New York (Special Children's Book)
- 1980 Pamela Allen, *Mr Archimedes' Bath*, William Collins
Catherine Berndt, *Land of the Rainbow Snake*, William Collins (Special Children's Book)
- 1981 Ruth Park and Deborah Niland, *When the Wind Changed*, William Collins
Eleanor Spence, *Seventh Pebble*, Oxford University Press (Special Children's Book)
- 1982 Nan Hunt and Craig Smith, *Whistle Up the Chimney*, William Collins
- 1983 Pamela Allen, *Who Sank the Boat?* Nelson
Nadia Wheatley, *Five Times Dizzy*, Oxford University Press (Special Children's Book)
- 1984 Mem Fox and Julie Vivas, *Possum Magic*, Omnibus Books
- 1985 Nadia Wheatley, *The House That was Eureka*, Viking/Kestrel
- 1986 James Aldridge, *The True Story of Spit MacPhee*, Viking/Penguin Books Australia
- 1987 Nan Hunt and Betina Ogden, *A Rabbit Named Harris*, William Collins
- 1988 Gillian Rubinstein, *Answers to Brut*, Omnibus Books

- 1989** Mary Pershall, *You Take the High Road*, Penguin Books Australia
1990 Katherine Scholes, *The Blue Chameleon*, Hill of Content Publishing
1991 Gary Crew, *Strange Objects*, William Heinemann Australia
1992 Robin Klein, *All in the Blue Unclouded Weather*, Penguin Books Australia
1993 Gracie Greene, Lucille Gill and Joe Tramacchi, *Tjarany Roughtail*, Magabala Books
1994 Ursula Dubosarsky, *The White Guinea Pig*, Penguin Books Australia
1995 Jenny Pausacker, *Mr Enigmatic*, Reed for Kids
1996 David Metzenthen, *Johnny Hart's Heroes*, Penguin Books Australia
1997 Junko Morimoto, *The Two Bullies*, Random House Australia
1999 Garry Disher, *The Divine Wind*, Hodder Headline Australia
2000 Meme McDonald & Boori Monty Pryor, *The Binna-Binna Man*, Allen & Unwin
2001 Jaclyn Moriarty, *Feeling Sorry for Celia*, Pan Macmillan Australia
2002 Anthony Hill, *Soldier Boy: The True Story of Jim Martin, the Youngest Anzac*, Penguin Books Australia
2003 Markus Zusak, *The Messenger*, Pan Macmillan Australia
2004 David Metzenthen, *Boys of Blood and Bone*, Penguin Books Australia
2005 Steven Herrick, *By the River*, Allen & Unwin
2006 Ursula Dubosarsky, *Theodora's Gift*, Penguin Group Australia
2007 Ursula Dubosarsky, *The Red Shoe*, Allen & Unwin
2008 James Roy, *Town*, University of Queensland Press

NSW Premier's Prize for Literary Scholarship

- 2004** Barry Hill, *Broken Song: T.G.H. Strehlow and Aboriginal Possession*, Random House Australia
2006 Terry Collits, *Postcolonial Conrad: Paradoxes of Empire*, Routledge
2008 William Christie, *Samuel Taylor Coleridge: a Literary Life*, Palgrave Macmillan Ltd

Play Award

- 1983** Nicholas Enright and Terence Clarke, *Variations*
1984 Warwick Moss, *Down an Alley Filled with Cats*
1985 Stephen Sewell, *The Blind Giant is Dancing*
1986 Michael Gow, *Away*
1987 David Malouf, *Blood Relations*
1988 Alma De Groen, *The Rivers of China*
1989 Stephen Sewell, *Hate*
1990 No award made
1991 Hannie Rayson, *Hotel Sorrento*
1992 Louis Nowra, *Cosi*
1993 Nicholas Parsons, *Dead Heart*
1994 Michael Gurr, *Sex Diary of an Infidel*
1995 Michael Gow, *Sweet Phoebe*
 Hannie Rayson, *Falling From Grace*
1996 John Misto, *The Shoe-Horn Sonata*
1997 Michael Gurr, *Jerusalem*

- 1999** Scott Rankin and Leah Purcell, *Box the Pony*
- 2000** Daniel Keene, *Scissors, Paper, Rock*
- 2001** Margery Forde & Michael Forde, *Milo's Wake*
- 2002** John Romeril, *Miss Tanaka*
- 2003** Daniel Keene, *Half & Half*
- 2004** Stephen Sewell, *Myth, Propaganda and Disaster in Nazi Germany and Contemporary America*
- 2005** Katherine Thomson, *Harbour*
- 2006** Tommy Murphy, *Strangers in Between*
- 2007** Tommy Murphy, *Holding the Man*, adapted from the book by Timothy Conigrave
- 2008** Debra Oswald, *Stories in the Dark*, Australian Theatre for Young People and Riverside Theatres / Currency Press Pty Ltd

Script Writing Award

In 1990 the Film, Television and Radio Writing Awards were amalgamated into this one award.

- 1990** Jane Campion and Gerard Lee, *Sweetie*, Arena Films
Laura Jones, *An Angel at My Table*, Hibiscus Films
- 1991** No award made
- 1992** Marc Rosenberg, *Dingo*, Gevest
- 1993** Baz Luhrmann and Craig Pearce, *Strictly Ballroom*, M and A/ Currency Press
- 1994** Rolf de Heer, *Bad Boy Bubby*, Bubby Ltd
- 1995** Jane Kennedy, Santo Cilauro, Tom Gleisner, Rob Sitch, *Playing the Ego Card*, Frontline Productions
- 1996** Ian David, *Blue Murder*, Southern Star Sullivan
- 1997** Trevor Graham, *Mabo: Life of an Island Man*, Film Australia
- 1999** Heather Rose, Frederick Stahl and Rolf de Heer, *Dance Me to My Song*, Vertigo Productions Pty Ltd
- 2000** Melina Marchetta, *Looking for Alibrandi*, Belle Ragazze Pty Ltd/Currency Press
- 2001** Christine Olsen, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, Jabal Films
- 2002** Safina Uberoi, *My Mother India*, Chili Films Pty Ltd
- 2003** Michael Petroni, *Till Human Voices Wake Us*, Instinct Entertainment
- 2004** John Doyle, *Marking Time*, Southern Star
- 2005** Betty Churcher, *The Art of War*, Film Australia
- 2006** Chris Lilley, *We Can be Heroes*, Princess Pictures
- 2007** Tony Ayres, *The Home Song Stories*, Porchlight Films and Big & Little Films
- 2008** Anna Broinowski, *Forbidden Lie\$, Liberty Productions Pty Ltd*

Film Writing Award

- 1984** Michael Jenkins, *Careful He Might Hear You*
- 1985** Bob Ellis and Paul Cox, *My First Wife*
- 1986** Peter Carey and Ray Lawrence, *Bliss*
- 1987** David Parker, *Malcolm*
- 1988** Laura Jones, *High Tide*

1989 No award made

Radio Writing Award

1988 Keith Gallasch and Virginia Baxter, *Australia-Japan: A Love Story*

1989 Alana Valentine, *The Story of Anger Lee Bredenza*

Television Writing Award

1984 Robert Caswell, *Scales of Justice*

1985 Margaret Kelly, Chris Noonan, Phillip Noyce & Russell Braddon, *The Cowra Breakout*

1986 No award made

1987 Helen Garner, *Two Friends*

1988 Anthony Wheeler, *Olive*

1989 Bob Ellis and Stephen Ramsay, *The True Believers*

Community Relations Commission Award

The Community Relations Commission Award was known as the Ethnic Affairs Commission Award until 2000

1980 Stephanie Lindsay Thompson, *Australia through Italian Eyes*, Oxford University Press

1981 Angelo Loukakis, *For the Patriarch*, University of Queensland Press

1982 Don Charlwood, *The Long Farewell*, Allen Lane

1983 Spiro Zavos, *Faith of Our Fathers*, University of Queensland Press

1984 Serge Liberman, *A Universe of Clowns*, Phoenix Publications

1985 Rosa Cappiello, *Oh Lucky Country*, University of Queensland Press

1986 Maria Lewitt, *No Snow In December*, Heinemann Publishers

1987 Bill Rosser, *Dreamtime Nightmares*, Penguin Books Australia

1991 Arnold Zable, *Jewels and Ashes*, Scribe Publications

1992 Andrew Riemer, *Inside Outside*, Collins Angus & Robertson

1993 Beth Yahp, *The Crocodile Fury*, HarperCollins Angus & Robertson

1994 Gillian Bouras, *Aphrodite and the Others*, McPhee Gribble

1995 Ursula Dubosarsky, *The First Book of Samuel*, Penguin Books Australia

1996 Hanifa Deen, *Caravanserai*, Allen & Unwin

1997 Mark Raphael Baker, *The Fiftieth Gate*, HarperCollins Australia

1999 George Alexander, *Mortal Divide: the Autobiography of Yiorgos Alexandroglou*, Brandl & Schlesinger

2000 Meme McDonald & Boori Monty Pryor, *The Binna-Binna Man*, Allen & Unwin

2001 Christine Olsen, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, Jabal Films

2002 Loretta Baldassar, *Visits Home: Migration Experiences between Italy and Australia*, Melbourne University Press

2003 Mara Moustafine, *Secrets and Spies: The Harbin Files*, Random House Australia

2004 Ghassan Hage, *Against Paranoid Nationalism: Searching for Hope in a Shrinking Society*, Pluto Press Australia

- 2005 Tony Kevin, *A Certain Maritime Incident: the sinking of SIEV X*, Scribe Publications
- 2006 Kate Grenville, *The Secret River*, The Text Publishing Company
- 2007 Shaun Tan, *The Arrival*, Hachette Livre Australia
- 2008 Jacob G. Rosenberg, *Sunrise West*, Brandl & Schlesinger

Gleebooks Prize

- 1995 Elizabeth Grosz, *Volatile Bodies, Towards a Corporeal Feminism*, Allen & Unwin
- 1996 David McCooey, *Artful Histories: Modern Australian Autobiography*, Cambridge University Press
- 1997 Alison Mackinnon, *Love and Freedom: Professional Women and the Reshaping of Personal Life*, Cambridge University Press
- 1999 Diane Bell, *Ngarrindjeri Wurruwarrin: A World that Is, Was and Will Be*, Spinifex Press
- 2000 Inga Clendinnen, *Reading the Holocaust*, The Text Publishing Company
- 2001 Anna Haebich, *Broken Circles: Fragmenting Indigenous Families 1800-2000*, Fremantle Arts Centre Press
- 2002 Peter Mares, *Borderline: Australia's Treatment of Refugees and Asylum Seekers*, University of New South Wales Press
- 2003 Sylvia Lawson, *How Simone de Beauvoir Died in Australia*, University of New South Wales Press
- 2004 Martin Thomas, *The Artificial Horizon: Imagining the Blue Mountains*, Melbourne University Publishing
- 2005 Gillian Cowlshaw, *Blackfellas Whitefellas and the Hidden Injuries of Race*, Blackwell Publishing
- 2006 Tim Flannery, *The Weather Makers: the History and Future Impact of Climate Change*, The Text Publishing Company
- 2007 Gideon Haigh, *Asbestos House: the Secret History of James Hardie Industries*, Scribe Publications
- 2008 Kay Anderson, *Race and the Crisis of Humanism*, Routledge

UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing (\$5,000)

- 2005 Denise Young, *The Last Ride*, HarperCollinsPublishers Australia
- 2006 Steven Lang, *An Accidental Terrorist*, University of Queensland Press
- 2007 Tara June Winch, *Swallow the Air*, University of Queensland Press
- 2008 Rhyll McMaster, *Feather Man*, Brandl & Schlesinger

Book of the Year

- 1992 Elizabeth Riddell, *Selected Poems*, Collins Angus & Robertson
- 1993 Gracie Green, Lucille Gill and Joe Tramacchi, *Tjarany Roughtail*, Magabala Books
- 1994 Adib Khan, *Seasonal Adjustments*, Allen & Unwin

- 1995** David Horton, *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*, Aboriginal Studies Press
- 1996** Tom Griffiths, *Hunters and Collectors: The Antiquarian Imagination in Australia*, Cambridge University Press
- 1997** Robert Drewe, *The Drowner*, Pan Macmillan Australia
- 1999** Ray Parkin, *H M Bark Endeavour*, Miegunyah Press at Melbourne University Press
- 2000** Meme McDonald & Boori Monty Pryor, *The Binna-Binna Man*, Allen & Unwin
- 2001** Anna Haebich, *Broken Circles: Fragmenting Indigenous Families 1800-2000*, Fremantle Arts Centre Press
- 2002** Alan Wearne, *The Lovemakers*, Penguin Books Australia
- 2003** Mark McKenna, *Looking for Blackfellas' Point: An Australian History of Place*, University of New South Wales Press
- 2004** Brian Castro, *Shanghai Dancing*, Giramondo Publishing Company
- 2005** Samuel Wagan Watson, *Smoke Encrypted Whispers*, University of Queensland Press
- 2006** Tim Flannery, *The Weather Makers: the History and Future Impact of Climate Change*, The Text Publishing Company
- 2007** Shaun Tan, *The Arrival*, Hachette Livre Australia
- 2008** Michelle de Kretser, *The Lost Dog*, Allen & Unwin

Special Award

The following persons have received special awards for their distinguished contributions to Australian literature:

- 1982** Christina Stead
- 1983** No award made
- 1984** Marjorie Barnard
- 1985** Dr Grace Perry
- 1986** William H. Wilde, Joy Hooton, Barry Andrews for *The Oxford Companion to Australian Literature*, Oxford University Press
- 1987** Glenda Adams for *Dancing on Coral*, Angus & Robertson
- 1988** Patricia Wrightson
- 1989** A.D. Hope
- 1990** Bruce Beaver
- 1991** Bill Neskovski
Judith Wright
- 1992** Ronald McCuaig
- 1993** Mudrooroo Nyoongah
- 1994** Dal Stivens
- 1995** David Horton for *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*, Aboriginal Studies Press
- 1996** Thomas Shapcott
- 1997** Colin Thiele
- 1999** Leslie Rees
- 2000** Dorothy Hewett
- 2001** Ron Pretty
- 2002** Thea Astley

2003 Nick Enright
2004 Ruth Park
2005 Ruby Langford Ginibi
2006 Rosemary Dobson
2007 Gerald Murnane
2008 Thomas Keneally

NSW Premier's Translation Prize & PEN Medallion

2001 Mabel Lee
2003 Julie Rose
2005 Chris Andrews
2007 John Nieuwenhuizen