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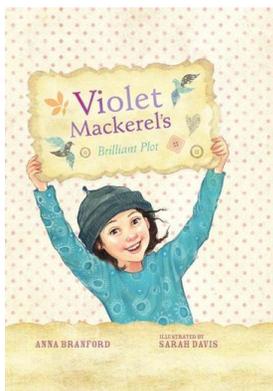
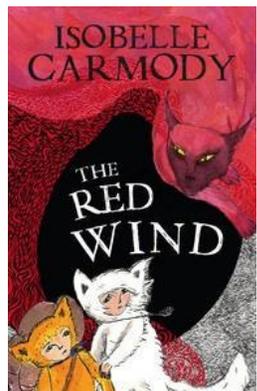
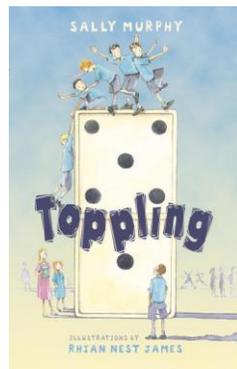
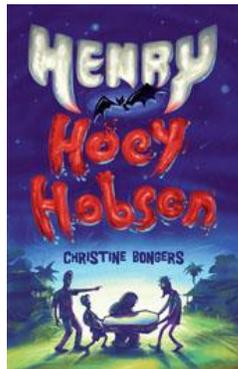
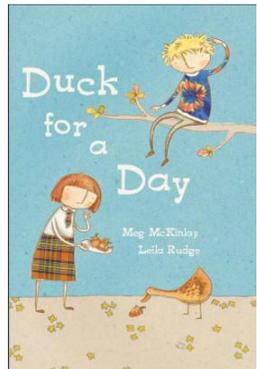
Listed below are the six books short listed in the Young Readers category of this year's Book Week Awards. Match the titles with their Author / Illustrators and the outline of each story's plot.

TITLES

Duck for a Day; Henry Hoey Hobson; Just a Dog; The Red Wind; Toppling; Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot

AUTHORS / ILLUSTRATORS

Michael Gerard Bauer; Christine Bongers; Isabelle Carmody; Anna Branford/ Illustrator Sarah Davis; Meg McKinlay / Illustrator Leila Rudge; Sally Murphy/ Illustration Rhian Nest James



In this captivating first book, brothers Zluty and Bily live happily in their little house in the desert. Every year Zluty journeys to the great forest while Bily stays to tend their desert home. And every year Zluty returns with exciting tales of his adventures. But then a devastating wind sweeps across the land destroying everything in its path. And each brother must fight for his survival.

This story is about a girl who needs to think up a brilliant plot! She wants to buy a pretty china bird from the markets, but she doesn't have any money. She starts plotting, trying to think up a clever scheme... like maybe she can become a famous archaeologist and make lots of money and find treasures and then she'll be able to buy a china bird!

John is obsessed with dominoes but not with playing the traditional game. He spends hours setting up spirals, ramps, patterns and lines of dominoes so that with a small push they fall. When John's friend Dom falls sick and is diagnosed with cancer, it is John and his friends' worlds that fall apart. It's hard for all at first but John and his friends find a way to comfort Dom and laugh with him again. They even find support and understanding from an unlikely source within their class, the school bully.

Mister Mosely is special. He doesn't have a pedigree, but he is just the right dog for Corey and his family and, from the time Corey chooses him from a litter of his Uncle Gavin's dog's puppies, he becomes part of the family. He is loyal and funny and, from time to time, downright silly. Every member of the family – Mum, Dad, Corey, his little sister Amelia and even new baby Grace – has a special bond with Mister Mosely and sometimes it seems that it is Mister Mosely who holds the whole family together.

This story set in a primary school class, where the teacher, Mrs Melvino, brings in a new class pet called Max. All of the students, including the main character, Abby, want to take Max home for the night, however they must abide by Max's strict demands before Mrs Melvino allows it. Abby works hard to make her home appropriate but when Max finally comes home with Abby, he waddles away to the park. Abby has to rescue him from the pond but needs the help of her neighbour, the annoying Noah.

A twelve-and-a-half-year-old is drowning in the dangerous waters of Year Seven. He arrives at his sixth school in as many years, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, to discover that he is the only boy in the grade. The tiny school in inner-city Brisbane has lost most of its older boys to bigger Catholic colleges, leaving only a trio of male misfits a year below him, and in his year, an intimidating all-female line-up.

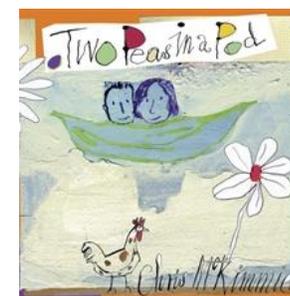
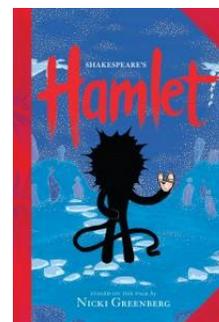
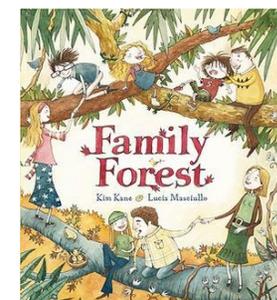
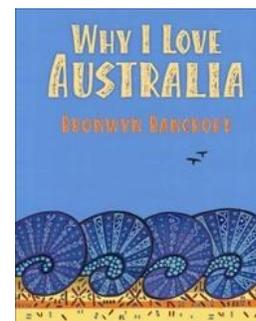
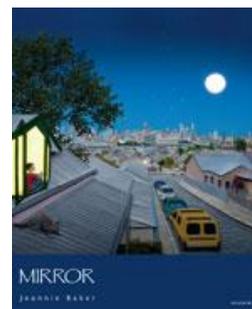
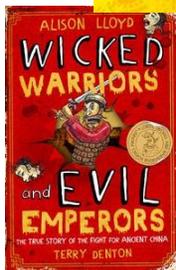
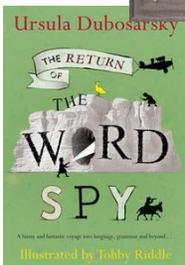
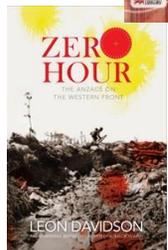
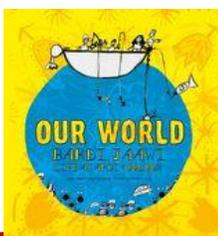
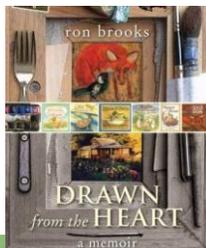
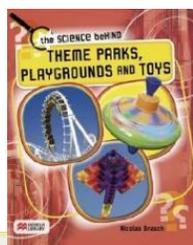


FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Examine the shortlisted books in the Information Books category. (Your school library should have copies.)

- Theme Parks, Playgrounds and Toys by Nicolas Brasch
- Drawn from the Heart: A Memoir by Ron Brooks
- Zero Hour: The Anzacs on the Western Front by Leon Davidson
- The Return of the Word Spy by Ursula Dubosarsky, Illustrated by Toby Riddle
- Wicked Warriors & Evil Emperors: The Story of the Flight for Ancient China by Alison Lloyd, Illustrated by Terry Denton
- Our World: Bardi Jaawi; Life at Ardiyooloon by One Arm Point Remote Community School.

- What is the theme / topic of each book? Are you able to tell this from the title of the book?
- Which book's format is the most appealing to you? Why?
- Do illustrations/ pictures/ photographs play an important role in the book?
- Why do you think the judges chose the winning book?



PICTURE IT?

Take a look at the illustrations in the books nominated for Children's Picture Book of the Year. Choose one of the books and complete the following information.

Book Title: _____

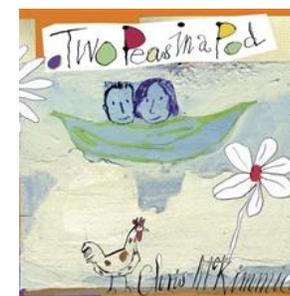
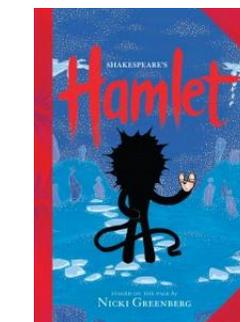
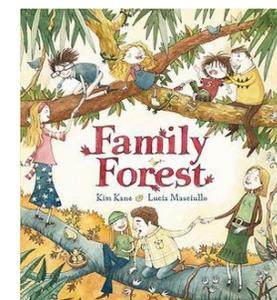
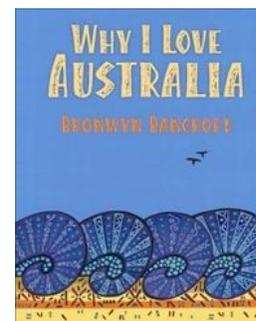
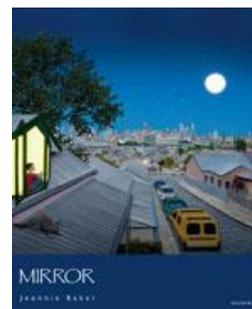
Author: _____

Illustrator: _____

What medium has the illustrator used to do the pictures? eg watercolour

Describe the types of illustrations.

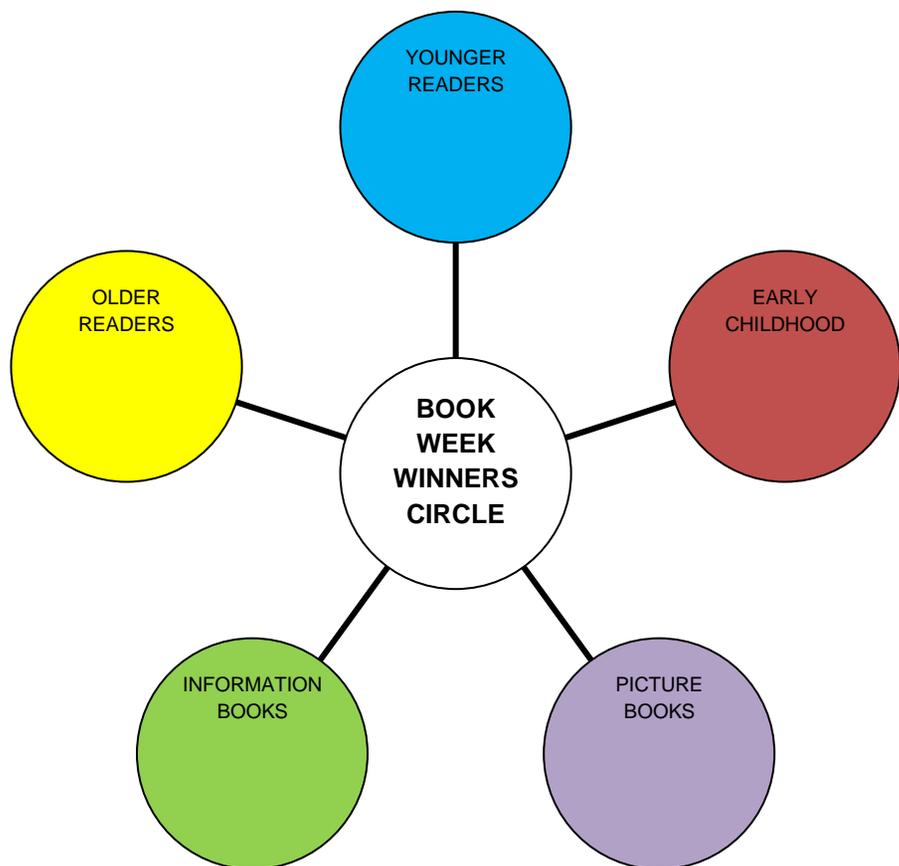
Which picture book do you like best? Why?





BOOK AWARDS

Use the information on the topic page - Brilliant Books - in your newspaper to complete the winner's circle below for each category in this year's book awards.



CONGRATULATIONS

A letter of congratulations is used in both personal and business situations. Their primary purpose is to formally congratulate a person or organisation for an outstanding achievement.

Write a letter on behalf of your school to congratulate one of the winners of this year's Children's Book Awards. In the letter state why you think their book deserved to win.

Use your school's letter head paper to write the letter on.



Dear Author,

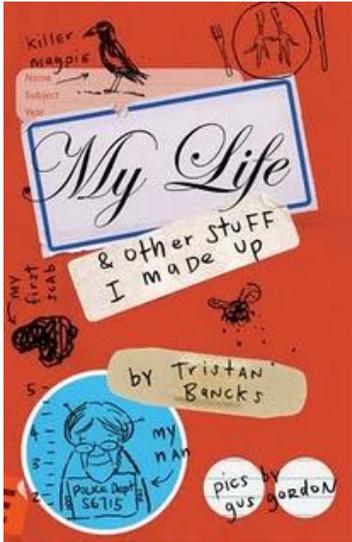
I am writing to you on behalf of





AUTHOR ABOUT

Imagine author Tristan Bancks is coming to speak at your school. Design a poster to advertise his visit. Use the information gathered in the interview with Tristan Bancks on the Topic Page as well as the images below to help compose your poster. (Photo: Amber Melody)



INTERVIEW AN AUTHOR

Read the Meet the Author section on the topic page. Identify the questions asked of Tristan Bancks in this interview.

Who is your favourite author?
If you had the chance to interview this author what would you ask them?
Make a list of questions.





THE BOOK PROCESS

An author has just finished a book that took months to write.
Where to next?

How does a book get from the author to you?

Use the keyboard code to decipher the stages and then put them into the correct order.

- Vijj ua oeubrws
- Duz yo ariet
- Glcw lb uswl
- Qeurw rgw ariet
- Aiks
- Ukkyarelrw rgw ariet
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- Awbs ri l oyvkuagwe
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FROM THIS.....



.....TO THIS



THE MEANING OF BOOK

Here are some sayings and proverbs which have the word 'book' in them.

Can you explain the meaning behind the saying?

Never judge a book by its cover.

Am I in your good books?

You should take a leaf out of his/her book.

They will throw the book at them for what they did.

We all have a least one book in us.

A book tightly shut is just a block of paper.

A book can open the door but you must enter yourself.

The world is a book and those who don't travel, read only one page.

