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Wordy news

Genre – a category or type of book such as science fiction, crime, or biography.



Did you know?

THE record for the most people balancing books on their heads is 998 and was set in North Sydney on November 13, 2012.



Looking at books

IN THE NEWS

Three-quarters of a century reads

IT'S a special birthday for the books with their bright, distinctive eye-catching gold foil spine.

Since their launch in October 75 years ago, Little Golden Books have provided high-quality reading material for generations.

When they were first published, the books for children were available for 25 cents in department stores, making them available at a price most people could afford.

The vivid cover, colourful artwork and slim, uniform size made the Little Golden Books instantly popular.

The publisher focused on topics and themes kids could relate to and recognise — fairy tales, bedtime stories, Mother Goose, nursery songs.

Each book also included a place for children to write their name, giving them a sense of ownership.

The books, now published by Penguin Random House, still shape many childhood reading experiences.

LGB facts

- More than 1400 Little Golden Books titles have been published, sales have topped two billion copies, and eight-million-plus books are sold annually.

- The collection features the best-selling picture book of all time, *The Poky Little Puppy*.

- Little Golden books were first printed and published in Australia in 1950.

Check it out

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bufx4poZzI8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ochpZx1t7A>

BOOKS have been around for hundreds of years but for much of that time they were not available to everyone. Only the upper classes or scholars were able to read and books were very expensive as they had to be copied by hand.

It was not until the invention of the printing press and introduction of public libraries that books became more widely available.

Today books are available in printed and electronic formats to virtually everyone.

There are books to satisfy the different tastes and areas of interest for everyone. There's fiction, non-fiction, reference, textbooks, picture books, poetry, scientific, medical, professional,

educational – any kind of book you can imagine.

The importance of books and reading can never be underestimated. We only have to take advantage of them.

A week of books

During Book Week August 19 – 26, schools and libraries all over Australia celebrate all things brilliant about books, provide a guide to some of the best books and do activities based on this year's theme 'Escape to Everywhere'.

Each year, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) recognises the literary and artistic skills of Australian authors and illustrators in their Book Awards.

BEST OF THE BEST

The winners of this year's Book Week Awards are:

Older Readers (appropriate in style and context for mature readers, generally those in the secondary phase of schooling) – *One Would Think the Deep* (Claire Zorn)

Younger Readers (for readers who have developed independent reading skills, generally those in the middle primary to junior secondary years at school) – *Rockhopping* (Trace Balla)

Early Childhood (for those children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading. This includes picture books, picture story-books or texts with illustrations that play a main role in telling the story or developing the theme) – *Go Home, Cheeky Animals!* (Johanna Bell)

Picture Books (includes outstanding wordless picture books where the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity where the story, theme or concept is brought to life through illustrations) – *Home in the Rain* (Bob Graham)

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books – (includes all those books that are intended to document factual material) - *Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks* (Gina M Newton)

NEXT WEEK: Aussie lingo



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