

Book of the Year Awards

Since 2003, the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards has been presented to Australian children's authors. The awards are for those books that promote oral language development and literacy. Each award is based on the book's appeal to children, interactive quality and ability to assist speech pathologists and parents in communication and literacy development.

2022+

	Birth to 3 years	Three to 5 years	Five to 8 years	Eight to 10 years	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Authored Children's Book Award	Decodable Book Series
2022	Hello World <i>Lisa Shanahan & Leila Rudge (illustrations)</i>	A Pair of Pears and an Orange <i>Anna McGregor</i>	The Incredibly Busy Mind of Bowen Bartholomew Crisp <i>Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston (illustrations)</i>	My Brother Ben <i>Peter Carnavas</i>	Somebody's Land <i>Adam Goodes / Ellie Laing & David Hardy (illustrations)</i>	The MultiLit - InitialLit Readers, Series 2 – The Wattle Series (Levels 10-16) <i>MultiLit</i>

2020-2021

	Birth to 3 years	Three to 5 years	Five to 8 years	Eight to 10 years	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Authored Children's Book Award
2021	Look, Baby! <i>Janeen Brian & Renée Trembl (illustrations)</i>	Boo Loves Books <i>Kaye Baillie & Tracie Grimwood (illustrations)</i>	The Thing That Goes Ping! <i>Mark Carthew & Shane McG (illustrations)</i>	Bindi <i>Kirli Saunders & Dub Leffler (illustrations)</i>	Is this your egg? <i>Ella Kris & Emma Cracknell (illustrations)</i>
2020	Meerkat Splash <i>Aura Parker</i>	Charlie's Shell <i>Marina Zlatanova</i>	Goat on a Boat <i>Nick Dent & Suzanne Houghton (illustrations)</i>	The Little Wave <i>Pip Harry</i>	My Culture and Me <i>Gregg Dreise</i>



2014-2019

	Birth to 3 years	Three to 5 years	Five to 8 years	Eight to 10 years	Indigenous children
2019	Let's Go Strolling <i>Katrina Germein & Danny Snell (illustrations)</i>	Tricky's Bad Day <i>Alison Lester</i>	The Oo in Uluru <i>Judith Barker & Janie Frith (illustrations)</i>	The Dog with Seven Names <i>Dianne Wolfer</i>	Dreaming Soldiers <i>Catherine Bauer & Shane McGrath (illustrations)</i>
2018	Heads and Tails <i>John Candy</i>	Rodney Loses It! <i>Michael Gerard Bauer & Chrissie Krebs (illustrations)</i>	Danny Blue's Really Excellent Dream <i>Max Landrak</i>	The Grand Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler <i>Lisa Shanahan</i>	Sorry Day <i>Coral Vass & Dub Leffler (illustrations)</i>
2017	Noisy Nature <i>Mandy A Kuhne & Alex Kuhne (illustrations)</i>	Me and You <i>Deborah Kelly & Karen Blair (illustrations)</i>	Somewhere Else <i>Gus Gordon</i>	Artie and the Grime Wave <i>Richard Roxburgh</i>	Mad Magpie <i>Gregg Dreise</i>
2016	Once I Heard a Little Wombat <i>Reneé Trembl</i>	Something Wonderful <i>Raewyn Caisley & Karen Blair (illustrations)</i>	Funky Chicken: Chooks in Space <i>Chris Collin & Megan Kitchin</i>	New Boy <i>Nick Earls</i>	The Pearl-shell Diver <i>Kay Crabbe</i>
2015	Snail and Turtle are Friends <i>Stephen Michael King</i>	Teddy Took the Train <i>Nicki Greenberg</i>	Big Pet Day <i>Lisa Shanahan & Gus Gordon (illustrations)</i>	Plenty – A Place to Call Home <i>Ananda Braxton-Smith</i>	Silly Birds <i>Gregg Dreise</i>
2014	I'm a Dirty Dinosaur <i>Janeen Brian & Ann James</i>	A Swim in the Sea <i>Sue Whiting & Meredith Thomas</i>	Silver Buttons <i>Bob Graham</i>	The Adventures of Sir Roderick the Not-Very Brave <i>James O'Loghlin</i>	Deadly D & Justice Jones – Making the Team <i>Scott Prince & Dave Hartley</i>

2005-2013

	Young children (ages 2-5)	Lower Primary (ages 5-8)	Upper primary (ages 9-12)	Indigenous children
2013	Seadog <i>Claire Saxby</i>	Sophie Scott Goes South <i>Alison Lester</i>	After <i>Morris Gleitzman</i>	Two Mates <i>Melanie Prewett</i>
2012	Come Down, Cat! <i>Sonya Hartnett</i>	The Little Refugee <i>Anh & Suzanne Do</i>	The Invisible Hero <i>Elizabeth Fensham</i>	The Snake and the Boy <i>Azmen Sebastian</i>
2011	Can we lick the spoon now? <i>Carol Goess</i>	Hairy Nose Itchy Butt <i>Elizabeth Frankel</i>	Now <i>Morris Gleitzman</i>	Our World Bardi Jaawi, Life at Ardiyooloon <i>One Arm Point Remote Community School</i>



2010	Our Daft Dog Danny <i>Pamela Allen</i>	Isabella's Garden <i>Glenda Millard & Rebecca Cool</i>	Pearl Verses the World <i>Sally Murphy</i>
2009	The Terrible Plop <i>Ursula Dubosarksy</i>	The Gobbling Tree <i>Mark Carthew</i>	Noodle Pie <i>Ruth Starke</i>
2008	Is Your Grandmother a Goanna? <i>Lachie Hume</i>	Going Bush <i>Nadia Wheatley & Ken Searle</i>	Stride's Summer <i>Jenni Overend</i>
2007	Clancy the Courageous Cow <i>Lachie Hume</i>	Uno's Garden <i>Graeme Base</i>	Doubting Thomas <i>Morris Gleitzman</i>
2006	Annie's Chair <i>Deborah Niland</i>	The Postman's Dog <i>Lisa Shanahan</i>	Naked Bunyip Dancing <i>Steven Herrick</i>
2005	Where is the Green Sheep? <i>Mem Fox</i>	Jungle Drums <i>Graeme Base</i>	By the River <i>Steven Herrick</i>



2003-2004

	Best Language Development Book	Best Speech and/or Sound Awareness Book
2004	Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat <i>Stephen Michael King</i>	Do-wrong Ron <i>Steven Herrick</i>
2003	A Bee in Ben's Bonnet <i>Ferg McKinnon & Kim Gamble</i>	Muddled-Up Farm <i>Mike Dumbleton</i>

Hall of Fame – Children's Language and Literature Award

2018	Morris Gleitzman
2016	Alison Lester
2013	Ursula Dubosarsky
2012	Graeme Base
2007	Colin Thiele
2005	Mem Fox and Paul Jennings

