

Ms. Mac's LIBRARY



Reading Takes You Places

NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Since my last newsletter....

Otways MARC Library applied and was selected to be one of five schools in Victoria to take part in a Student Shadow Judging trial of Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books in the Early Childhood category.

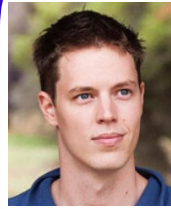
Each school is represented by students who are on the Otways MARC Student Judging Panel.



They are going to make the final decision on which book they think should win the category and why.

Established in 1946, the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards have become the most influential and highly respected in Australia. For more information <https://cbca.org.au/>

REVIEWS



For participating in the CBCA shadow judging trial, on Tuesday 22nd of July all schools had the opportunity to meet with author Jack Heath (via Zoom). Jack's first book was published when he was 19 and he's never looked back.

He is the award-winning author of more than thirty thrillers. His novels have been translated into seven languages and adapted for film.



Jack was very entertaining. He discussed writing and the writing process and the students had the opportunity to ask him questions. I got great feedback from all of the participating classes - they loved talking with a 'real' author!

More information: <https://jackheathwriter.com/>

All students have been analysing and comparing books and learning to explain why they enjoyed one book more than another.

Senior students have been judging the books and giving them a score according to specific criteria.

"I really liked the wrap around cover and the way the end pages added more to the story."

"The way the illustrations added tension was good too... I thought that rabbit was a goner!"



Let the Judging Begin ...

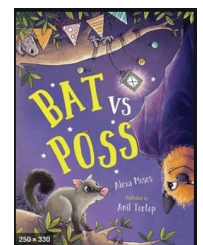
Student comments included ...

It was a rhyming book and a good story to read aloud.

The illustrations had lots of additional details, although they didn't greatly add to the story.

The characters stirred your emotions, Possum was Meek and Squabbles, disgusting.

For participating in the CBCA Shadow Judging Trial all students have one year free access to Story Box Library. All of the books we are judging and many more titles are read by well known Australians. Login details are included in Library remote learning lessons.



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