

**Celebrate
Reading
Conference**



The
Literature
Centre

Dive into the world of creating picture books and junior fiction.

Join us and experience two days of ideas, inspiration, and insights into creating Australian picture books and junior fiction for children.

Outstanding lineup of Australian artists:

Morris Gleitzman, Jackie French AM, Marc McBride, Kirli Saunders, Sean E. Avery, Cristy Burne, Gabriel Evans, Deb Fitzpatrick, James Foley, Dr. Helen Milroy and Dianne Wolfer.

Presenters offer outstanding discussions on key issues in Australian children's literature including the importance of First Nations voices, writing for diverse learning abilities, history meets imagination, reaching for the digital and insights into creating new work.

Registration includes two full days of sessions and all tea breaks, lunches, and a Sundowner on the final day. Delegates receive a generous tote bag on arrival and there are multiple prizes to be won between sessions.

STANDARD REGISTRATION

\$550 per person

STUDENT CONCESSION

\$330 per person

SHARED REGISTRATION

\$330 per person

Two people attend one day each.

Limited on-site parking available at \$25 per car.



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Morris Gleitzman

Morris Gleitzman books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humourous and unexpected ways. His titles include *Two Weeks With The Queen*, *Grace*, *Doubting Thomas*, *Bumface*, *Give Peas A Chance*, *Extra Time*, *Loyal Creatures*, *Snot Chocolate* and the series *Once, Then, After, Soon, Maybe, Now and Always*. His books are published in more than twenty countries. His latest book, published mid 2022, is *Digging Up Dad*.



Jackie French

Jackie French AM was the Australian Children's Laureate (2014-2015), is a historian, ecologist and wombat enthusiast; and 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. Jackie's books have sold millions of copies and won over 60 awards in Australia and internationally. She is a passionate advocate for children with learning difficulties as well as the conservation of wildlife and our planet. 'A book can change a child's life. A book can change the world' and it is clear that her books do just that.



Marc McBride

Marc is the illustrator of the New York Times best-selling series *Deltora Quest*, which has sold over eighteen million copies around the world. Having illustrated more than two hundred book covers, ten picture books, countless magazines and has exhibited with the New York Society of Illustrators International Show. Marc has won Aurealis Awards for the *Deltora Quest* series and *World of Monsters*, which he wrote and illustrated with Emily Rodda. His latest, *The Song of Lewis Carmichael*, written by Sofie Laguna and *The House on Pleasant Street*, is due to be published in September 2022.



Kirli Saunders

Kirli Saunders is a proud Gunai Woman and award-winning writer, artist and consultant. An experienced speaker and facilitator, Kirli was the NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year (2020). Her books include *The Incredible Freedom Machines*, *Kindred*, *Bindi* and *Our Dreaming*. Kirli is developing her solo play, *Going Home* commissioned by Playwriting Australia and her second poetry collection, *Returning*. Keep an eye out for TRACES, featuring Kirli Saunders and Kamsani Bin Salleh with Magabala Books and Google at VIVID on Gadigal lands in May.



Gabriel Evans

Gabriel wrote and illustrated his first picture book, *Ollie and Augustus*, in 2018 about his two favourite subjects; dogs and friendship. Since then he has created *The Cute Penguin*, *Norton and the Bear*, *Norton and the Borrowing Bear* and *A Human for Kingsley*. He has collaborated with award winning authors Sonya Hartnett for *Blue Flower* and *Jane Godwin* for Little One. His books have been sold into twelve countries and translated into ten languages.



Dianne Wolfer

The fourth title in her multi award winning Light series, *The Last Light Horse*, follows the true story of Sandy, the only one of 136,000 Australian horses to return from WWI. Dianne's second Aussie STEM Stars book, *Skye Blackburn-Lang – eating bugs for the planet* explores future foods. Newly released, *Mia*, set in the Pilbara during Cyclone Veronica, is part of Allen and Unwin award-winning 'Through My Eyes' series.



James Foley

James makes picture books, comics and middle-grade novels. His works include *Toffle Towers* series, *Total Quack Up*, *Brobot*, *Dungzilla*, *Gastronauts*, *Chickensaurus*, *My Dead Bunny* and *The Last Viking*. His books have won multiple awards including his latest *Stellarphant* which is shortlisted for the CBCA's Children's Picture Book Award 2022. He is a massive Marvel movie nerd and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts.



Deb Fitzpatrick

Deb's latest book is part of the Aussie STEM Stars series for middle-grade readers and traces the incredible career of Australian doctor Ajay Rane. Deb loves using stories from real life in her novels and regularly teaches creative writing at schools. Deb has a Master of Arts from UWA, and shares her life with a lovely family and their kelpie, who is absolutely not a failed sheep dog.



Dr Helen Milroy

Dr Helen Milroy is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. She was born and educated in Perth and has a passionate interest in health and wellbeing, especially for children. She is currently a professor at UWA, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, and Commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission. *Wombat, Mudlark and Other Stories* was her first book for children since joined by *Backyard Birds*, *Backyard Bugs* and *Backyard Beasties*.



Sean E Avery

Sean is a teacher, writer-illustrator, sculptor and designer born in South Africa; living in Perth. His titles include the well-loved children's picture book, *All Monkeys Love Bananas*. Internationally, he's best known as a sculptor who uses CDs and DVDs to create breath-taking works of art that reside in galleries and private collections all around the world. He is curious, enthusiastic and ready to work hard for the things he believes in.



Cristy Burne

A writer of children's fiction and non-fiction, Cristy has performed in a science circus, edited CSIRO's *Scientriffic*, and was working at CERN when they turned on the Large Hadron Collider. Since 2017 Cristy has published eight books. Cristy's latest books are junior fiction *Beneath the Trees*, narrative nonfiction *Fiona Wood: Inventor of Spray-on Skin*, and the co-authored *Wednesday Weeks* series of fantasy adventures.