
Davitt Awards – Books in Contention 2016

Best adult novels (46)

- Louisa Bennet, *Monty and Me* (HarperCollins Australia)
- Deborah Burrows, *A Time of Secrets* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Anne Buist, *Medea's Curse: Natalie King, Forensic Psychiatrist* (Text Publishing)
- **Debut**
- Alice Champion, *The Painted Sky* (Penguin Random House)
- Tania Chandler, *Please Don't Leave Me Here* (Scribe) **Debut**
- Lee Christine, *A Dangerous Arrangement* (Harlequin)
- Kat Clay, *Double Exposure* (Crime Factory) **Debut**
- Shannon Curtis, *Runaway Lies* (Harlequin)
- Caroline de Costa, *Double Madness* (Margaret River Press) **Debut**
- C.M. Elliott, *Sibanda and the Death Head Moth* (Jacana Media)
- Helen Fitzgerald, *The Exit* (Faber & Faber/Allen & Unwin)
- Candice Fox, *Fall* (Penguin Random House)
- Sulari Gentill, *Give the Devil His Due* (Pantera Press)
- Helen Goltz, *Death by Disguise: A Jesse Clarke novel* (Atlas Productions)
- Helen Goltz, *The Clairvoyant's Glasses* (Atlas Productions)
- J. M. Green, *Good Money* (Scribe) **Debut**
- Amanda Howard, *Ritual: A thousand cuts* (Killing Time Books)
- Katherine Howell, *Tell the Truth* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Anna Jacquery, *Death in the Rainy Season* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Gail Jones, *A Guide to Berlin* (Penguin Random House)
- Kylie Kaden, *Missing You* (Penguin Random House)
- Carolyn Little, *Bergstrom's Orange* (Short Stop Press)
- Sophie Masson, *Trinity: The false prince* (Momentum Press)
- Fleur McDonald, *Emerald Springs* (Allen & Unwin)
- L. J. M. Owen, *Olmec Obituary: Dr Pimms, Intermillennial Sleuth* (Echo Publishing)
- **Debut**
- Bronwyn Parry, *Storm Clouds* (Hachette Australia)
- J. M. Peace, *Time to Run* (Pan Macmillan Australia) **Debut**
- Jan Pearson, *Tiger Autumn* (Proverse, Hong Kong)
- Elisabeth Rose, *Empty Heart* (Harlequin)
- Annie Seaton, *Kakadu Sunset* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Dorothy Simmons, *Living like a Kelly* (Tantanoola)
- Vanessa Skye, *Bloodlines* (The Writer's Coffee Shop Publishing House)
- Michelle Somers, *Lethal in Love* (Penguin Random House)
- Lili St Germain, *Cartel* (HarperCollins Australia)
- D B Tait, *Cold Deception* (Dark Mountain#1) (Momentum) (e-book) **Debut**

- D B Tait, *Desperate Deception* (Dark Mountain#2) (Momentum) (e-book)
- Kendall Talbot, *Double Take* (Harlequin)
- Kendall Talbot, *Treasured Lies* (Harlequin)
- Kendall Talbot, *Treasured Secrets* (Harlequin)
- Pauline Toohey, *My Rickety Metronome* (Indigo Dreams Publishing) **Debut**
- Nicole Trope, *Hush, Little Bird* (Allen & Unwin)
- Ann Turner, *The Lost Swimmer* (Simon & Schuster) **Debut**
- Sandy Vaile, *Inherited Fear* (Crimson Romance) e book
- Emma Viskic, *Resurrection Bay* (Echo Publishing) **Debut**
- Felicity Young, *The Insanity of Murder* (HarperCollins Australia) (e-book)
- Helene Young, *Northern Heat* (Penguin Random House)

Best young adult novels (9)

- Kathryn Barker, *In the Skin of a Monster* (Allen & Unwin) **Debut**
- Fleur Ferris, *Risk* (Penguin Random House) **Debut**
- Sue Lawson, *Freedom Ride* (Black Dog Books)
- Rebecca Lim, *Afterlight* (Text Publishing)
- Ellie Marney, *Every Move* (Allen & Unwin)
- Maureen McCarthy, *Stay with Me* (Allen & Unwin)
- Dianne Touchell, *Small Madness* (Allen & Unwin) **Debut**
- Frances Watts, *The Peony Lantern* (HarperCollins Australia)
- Gabrielle Williams, *The Guy, the Girl, the Artist and His Ex* (Allen & Unwin) **Debut**

Best children's novels (8)

- C. M. Gray, *Zombiefied! Book# 1* (HarperCollins Australia) **Debut**
- Susan Green, *Verity Sparks and the Scarlet Hand* (Walker Press)
- Julie Hun, *KidGlovz* (Allen & Unwin)
- Catherine Jinks, *Theophilus Grey and the Demon Thief* (Allen & Unwin)
- Meg McKinlay, *A Single Stone* (Walker Press)
- Sally Rippin, *Billie B Brown's Big Book of Mysteries* (Hardie Grant Egmont)
- R.A. Spratt, *Friday Barnes 2: Under Suspicion* (Penguin Random House)
- R.A. Spratt, *Friday Barnes 3: Big Trouble* (Penguin Random House)

Best non-fiction books (14)

- Carol Baxter, *Black Widow* (Allen & Unwin)
- Debbie Benson, *Judicial Murder – The Crown vs David Young* (Eaglehawk Press) **Debut**
- Robin Bowles, *Smoke & Mirrors: a tragedy of love and murder* (Echo Publishing)
- Cheryl Critchley and Helen McGrath, *Why Did They Do It?* (Pan Macmillan Australia)
- Justine Ford, *Unsolved Australia* (Pan Macmillan)
- Victoria Heywood, *Every Move You Make* (Echo Publishing)
- Kate Kyriacou, *The Sting* (Echo Publishing) **Debut**
- Vikki Petraitis, *Dog Squad* (Penguin Random House)

- Alecia Simmonds, *Wildman* (Affirm Press)
- Sue Smetherst, *Behind Closed Doors* (Simon & Schuster)
- Sofija Stefanovic, *You're Just Too Good to Be True* (Penguin Random House) **Debut**
- Lucy Sussex, *Blockbuster: Fergus Hume and the mystery of a hansom cab* (Text Publishing)
- Emily Webb, *Angels of Death: Disturbing real-life cases of nurses and doctors who kill* (The Five Mile Press)
- Juliet Wills, *Dirty Girl: the state sanctioned murder of brothel Madam Shirley Finn* (Alto Books)