



The 2009 *Australian Book Industry Awards* (ABIA) were presented on Tuesday 23 June 2009 at a gala event hosted by Tara Moss. The 20 awards honour and recognise authors, booksellers and publishers. The award winners were chosen by an academy of booksellers and publishers.

The details of the ABIA winners are:

The Lloyd O’Neil Award for outstanding service to the Australian book industry, sponsored by HarperCollins Publishers Australia, Hachette Livre Australia, Macmillan Publishers Australia, Penguin Group (Australia), Random House Australia and the University of Queensland Press.

Awarded to David Gaunt

The Pixie O’Harris Award for distinguished and dedicated service to the development and reputation of Australian children’s books, sponsored by HarperCollins Publishers Australia.

Awarded to Helen Chamberlin

Book of the Year 2009

The Slap

Written by Christos Tsiolkas

Published by Allen & Unwin

Publisher of the Year 2009

Penguin Australia

Chain Bookseller of the Year 2009

Sponsored by PacStream (Thorpe-Bowker & The ECN Group)

Hill of Content

Small Publisher of the Year 2009

Sponsored by Midland Typesetters

Black Inc.



Independent Bookseller of the Year 2009

Sponsored by Thorpe-Bowker
Readings Books Music Film Carlton

Distributor of the Year 2009

Sponsored by VISTA Computer Systems
United Book Distributors

Specialist Bookseller of the Year 2009

Boffins Bookshop

Marketing Campaign of the Year 2009

Sponsored by Random House Australia in memory of John Cody
Penguin Australia
For Popular Penguins

Bookseller Marketing Event of the Year

Readings Books Music Film Carlton
For The Boat
Written by Nam Le

International Success Award 2009

Sponsored by Activair
Penguin Australia
For various titles
Written by Sonya Hartnett

Newcomer of the Year 2009

The Boat
Written by Nam Le
Published by Penguin Australia

Illustrated Book of the Year 2009

Tales from Outer Suburbia
Written by Shaun Tan
Published by Allen & Unwin

Literary Fiction Book of the Year 2009

The Slap
Written by Christos Tsiolkas
Published by Allen & Unwin



Book of the Year for Younger Children 2009

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

Written by Mem Fox, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

Published by Penguin Australia

Book of the Year for Older Children 2009

Finnikin of the Rock

Written by Melina Marchetta

Published by Penguin Australia

Biography of the Year 2009

The Lucy Family Alphabet

Written by Judith Lucy

Published by Penguin Australia

General Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2009

The Tall Man

Written by Chloe Hooper

Published by Penguin Australia

General Fiction Book of the Year 2009

The Forgotten Garden

Written by Kate Morton

Published by Allen & Unwin

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