

2005 LIANZA Children's Book Awards

The shortlist for the LIANZA Children's Book Awards 2005 comprises twenty-one outstanding new titles for children and young people by New Zealand authors and illustrators. There are four categories: fiction, non-fiction, picture books and works in te reo Māori. The awards will be presented in Christchurch as part of the LIANZA annual conference 12-14 September, following Library Week.

All shortlisted titles, listed below, are held by the library and are on display in the Children's Area.

Te Kura Pounamu

For work published in te reo Māori. This year marks the tenth anniversary of this award.

- Ngā Rongoā a Koro (Huia) by Melanie Drewery, translated by Kararaina Uatuku
- I Te Tīmatanga (Scholastic) by Peter Gossage, translated by Katerina Mataira
- He Tamaiti nō Aotearoa (Reed) by Melanie Drewery, translated by Hone Apanui
- Tarakihana Pakupaku (Scholastic) by Joy Cowley, translated by Katerina Mataira
- Ngā Raukura Rima Tekau mā rima (Reed) by Ben Brown, translated by Hone Apanui

The Esther Glen Award

For fiction. This award was established in 1945 to commemorate the work of Esther Glen; author, editor and highly regarded journalist.

- A New Song in the Land (Scholastic) by Fleur Beale
- Malcolm and Juliet (Longacre) by Bernard Beckett
- On a Good Day (Penguin) by Deborah Burnside
- Robert Moran, Private (Lothian Books) by Ken Catran
- The Swap (Lothian Books) by Wendy Catran
- Wild West Hullabaloo (HarperCollins) by Joy Cowley

The Russell Clark Award

Recognizes excellence in children's book illustration. It was first awarded in 1975.

- Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread (Penguin Group (Australia)) written and illustrated by Pamela Allen
- Taming the Sun: Four Māori Myths (Random House) written and illustrated by Gavin Bishop
- Fifty-five Feathers (Reed) by Ben Brown, illustrated by Helen Taylor
- Clubs (Trapeze) by Kate De Goldi, illustrated by Jacqui Colley
- Down in the Forest (Scholastic) by Yvonne Morrison, illustrated by Jenny Cooper

The Elsie Locke Award

Previously known as the LIANZA Young People's Non-fiction Award, was renamed, after receipt of a generous bequest in 2001, in memory of Elsie Locke; writer, historian, and leader in peace movements and women's affairs.

- Antarctica, the Unfolding Story (Waiatarua Publishing) by Margaret Andrew
- John Britten, the Boy Who Did Do Better (Scholastic) by Jennifer Beck
- The Life-Size Guide to the New Zealand Beach (Penguin) by Andrew Crowe
- With My Little Eye (Pyjamas Press) by Trish Gribben
- Welcome to the South Seas (Auckland University Press) by Gregory O'Brien