

MEDIA RELEASE

2011 Aurealis Award winners

Winners of the **2011 Aurealis Awards** were announced in a glittering ceremony held in Sydney last night.

Susan Wardle, co-convenor of the awards, said that with approximately 700 entries across the thirteen categories, the judges had a challenging task.

"The winners represent the best of Australian fantasy, horror and science fiction writing in 2011 as judged by a panel of their peers. This year's winners join the likes of Sara Douglass, Garth Nix, Isobelle Carmody, Trudi Canavan, Shaun Tan and Sean Williams, all of whom are multiple Aurealis Award winners."

"I'd like to extend my thanks to our sponsors, Copyright Agency Cultural Fund, Harper Voyager, Cosmos Magazine and supporter Galaxy Bookshop.

I'd also like to thank all the judges for their efforts."

Details of the awards are available at www.aurealisawards.com

2011 Aurealis Award Winners

CHILDREN'S FICTION (told primarily through words)

City of Lies by Lian Tanner (Allen & Unwin)

CHILDREN'S FICTION (told primarily through pictures)

Sounds Spooky by Christopher Cheng (author) and Sarah Davis (illustrator) (Random House Australia)

YOUNG ADULT SHORT STORY

"Nation of the Night" by Sue Isle (*Nightsiders*, Twelfth Planet Press)

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Only Ever Always by Penni Russon (Allen & Unwin)

ILLUSTRATED BOOK / GRAPHIC NOVEL

Hidden by Miranda Burton (author and illustrator) (Black Pepper)

The Deep: Here be Dragons by Tom Taylor (author) and James Brouwer (illustrator) (Gestalt Publishing)

COLLECTION

Bluegrass Symphony by Lisa L. Hannett (Ticonderoga Publications)

ANTHOLOGY

Ghosts by Gaslight edited by Jack Dann and Nick Gevers (Harper Voyager)

HORROR SHORT STORY

"The Past is a Bridge Best Left Burnt" by Paul Haines (*The Last Days of Kali Yuga*, Brimstone Press)

"The Short Go: a Future in Eight Seconds" by Lisa L. Hannett (*Bluegrass Symphony*, Ticonderoga Publications)

HORROR NOVEL

NO SHORTLIST OR WINNING NOVEL

FANTASY SHORT STORY

"Fruit of the Pipal Tree" by Thoraiya Dyer (*After the Rain*, FableCroft Publishing)

FANTASY NOVEL

Ember and Ash by Pamela Freeman (Hachette)

SCIENCE FICTION SHORT STORY

"Rains of la Strange" by Robert N Stephenson (*Anywhere but Earth*, Coeur de Lion)

SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL

The Courier's New Bicycle by Kim Westwood (HarperCollins)

Peter McNamara Convenors' Award

Galactic Suburbia podcast – Alisa Krasnostein, Alex Pierce, Tansy Rayner Roberts, Andrew Finch (producer)

Kris Hembury Encouragement Award

Emily Craven of Adelaide