



## **Aurealis Awards 2013**

**Self-published novel wins one of Australia's most prestigious speculative fiction awards.**

Mitchell Hogan's fantasy novel 'A Crucible of Souls' has made history by being the first self-published book to win an Aurealis Award.

This was the 19th convening of the awards and the first time a self-published work has won one of the awards. Awards convenor Nicole Murphy said this marked an important development for both the awards and the industry.

"The Aurealis Awards pride themselves on finding and recognising the best of Australian speculative fiction, and it's wonderful that it includes all manners of methods of publishing," Murphy said. "As well, this is a marker that self-publishing is a legitimate method of publishing and getting your work out to an audience and doesn't necessarily reflect the quality of the work."

The big winner on the night was Allyse Near whose novel 'Fairytale for Wilde Girls' won both the Young Adult and Horror novel awards.

It has been a year of firsts for the Aurealis Awards. It was the first time the ceremony was held in Canberra, and the first time all judges were required to read electronic entries as well as print entries.

The 2013 Aurealis Awards were presented at University House, ANU in Canberra on Saturday 5 April 2014. The ceremony was co-hosted by Sean Williams and Simon Brown and featured live performances by The Fildenstar.

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List of winners

**BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK**

The Four Seasons of Lucy McKenzie

Kirsty Murray

**BEST YOUNG ADULT SHORT FICTION**

By Bone-light

Juliet Marillier

**BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVEL (Tie)**

These Broken Stars

Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner

&

Fairytales for Wilde Girls

Allyse Near

**BEST ANTHOLOGY (Tie)**

The Year's Best Australian Fantasy and Horror 2012

Liz Grzyb & Talie Helene

&

One Small Step, An Anthology Of Discoveries

Tehani Wessely

**BEST COLLECTION**

The Bone Chime Song and Other Stories

Joanne Anderton

**BEST ILLUSTRATED BOOK OR GRAPHIC NOVEL (Tie)**

Burger Force

Jackie Ryan

&

The Deep Vol. 2: The Vanishing Island

Tom Taylor & James Brouwer

**BEST HORROR SHORT FICTION**

The Year of Ancient Ghosts

Kim Wilkins

**BEST HORROR NOVEL**

Fairytales for Wilde Girls

Allyse Near

**BEST FANTASY SHORT FICTION**

The Last Stormdancer

Jay Kristoff

**BEST FANTASY NOVEL**

A Crucible of Souls

Mitchell Hogan

**BEST SCIENCE FICTION SHORT FICTION**

Air, Water and the Grove

Kaaron Warren

**BEST SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL**

Lexicon

Max Barry

**THE PETER MCNAMARA CONVENORS' AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Jonathan Strahan

**KRIS HEMBURY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Tristan Savage