

## **Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction - Long List 2021**

*52 Mondays* by Anna Ciddor, Allen & Unwin 2019.

A sensitive account, told through a nostalgic lens, of a girl's warm family childhood in 1960s Australia.

*A Great Escape* by Felice Arena, Puffin Books 2019.

The tension between East and West during the Cold War provides a background for thrilling scenes of an adventurous escape.

*Anzac Girl: The War Diaries of Alice Ross-King* by Kate Simpson & Jess Racklyeft, Allen & Unwin 2020.

Beautifully presented and richly detailed diary of a young girl who becomes a nurse in WW1 using letters in clever, restrained and compassionate storytelling.

*Azaria* by Maree Coote, Melbournestyle Books 2020.

A remarkably crafted retelling of the loss of baby Azaria Chamberlain and what can happen when fiction becomes more important than fact.

*Catch a Falling Star* by Meg McKinlay, Walker Books 2019.

An original and fascinating historical context in which to place a deftly handled coming of age story.

*Haywire* by Claire Saxby, Omnibus Books 2020.

A moving story of two boys, Tom and Max, trying to deal with the challenges, trauma and havoc World War II and internment camps bring to their lives.

*Miss Franklin* by Libby Hathorn & Phil Leslie, Lothian Children's Books 2019.

An inventive approach to biography creating a fictional protagonist who inspires the subject.

*Moonwalkers* by Mark Greenwood & Terry Denton, Puffin Books 2019.

A fun look at family life as three children follow the 1969 launch of Apollo 11 and the moon landing.

*One Careless Night* by Christina Booth, Walker Books 2019.

A poetic vision of the last night on earth of the last thylacine.

*Promise* by Alexandra Alt, Omnibus Books 2019.

Two German teenagers' lives are altered forever as they are caught up in the chaos created by Hitler's attempts to make Germany rule the world.

*The Anzac Billy* by Claire Saxby, Mark Jackson & Heather Potter, Black Dog Books 2019.

A small but poignant story about the things a young child chooses to put into a billy can, in the hope that it will reach his soldier-father in time for Christmas.

*The Grandest Book Shop in the World* by Amelia Mellor, Affirm Press Kids 2020.

In the fantastical Coles Arcade, the Cole children find themselves caught in a deadly game as they try to save their father, the memory of their little sister and the Arcade they love.

*The Mummy Smugglers of Crumblin Castle* by Pamela Rushby, Walker Books 2020.  
Hattie is caught up in the exciting and unusual adventures of her eccentric relatives as they hunt for mummies in Egypt during Victoria's reign.

*The Schoolmaster's Daughter* by Jackie French, Angus & Robertson 2020.  
A skilful focus on education as a vehicle to convey injustice meted out to South Sea Islanders, and women in days gone by.

*The Year the Maps Changed* by Danielle Binks, Lothian Children Books 2019. Powerful use of map metaphors in a compelling coming of age tale.

*We Are Wolves* by Katrina Nannestad, HarperCollins 2020.  
Three children find themselves in an epic struggle for survival alone in East Prussia in the dying days of W2.

*When the Ground is Hard* by Malla Nunn, Allen & Unwin 2019.  
A fascinating and moving account of how Adele comes of age in Swaziland in 1965.

*Yahoo Creek* by Tohby Riddle, Allen & Unwin 2019.  
A creative curation of real-life newspaper articles to convey the persistence of the Yahoo myth in Australian culture.