

# Champions Multiculturalism in Australian Children's Books

## Introducing Australia's First Cultural Diversity Database (CDD)

The CDD offers 340 high quality Australian books for young people from early childhood to late secondary. All have a sense of authenticity and child appeal.

### 'Mirrors and Windows' and what the CDD offers

- Validates children's identities, offering 'mirrors' in which they see themselves and 'windows' through which others see them.
- Offers knowledge and understanding of our similarities and differences.
- Builds engagement with and a love for books.

### Created by experts

Drawing on its own collection and knowledgeable volunteer staff, NCACL also consulted teachers, teacher librarians, librarians, literacy and literature experts, academics, staff at the ACT Education Directorate and future users and experts who piloted and tested the database.

## Features of the CDD

- Uses an intuitive, user-friendly design for searching by author, illustrator, title, series, publisher, publication date, Australian Curriculum, Early Years Learning Framework, audience level, key concept and annotation.
- Offers a diverse range of genres and artistic styles.
- Includes annotations that allow searchers to grasp the essence, context and synopsis for each book.
- Gives teachers, librarians, parents, caregivers, home schooling groups and others working with young people information about quality resources.

### Availability

Free access is available on NCACL's website at [ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/](https://ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/)

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