



## Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction

### Judges' Guidelines

Book Links appoints a Judging Panel of three professionals from the Australian literary community. The Judging Panel is responsible for selecting a longlist of not more than ten books, a shortlist of not more than five books, and the winner of the Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction.

The Judges assess entries as a work of Historical Fiction that will increase the understanding and appreciation of history by children, meets the criteria for this genre and presents a quality work which demonstrates:

- Literary merit – aesthetic qualities of language, standing the test of time, realistic characters
- Historical accuracy based on sound research
- Cohesiveness – language, theme, style
- Appeal to the implied readership
- Quality – illustrations, book design, production, editing
- Originality in the treatment of literary elements

The Judging Panel may, at their discretion, call in additional books that publishers/authors have not submitted. Any book that is called in must meet the Eligibility Guidelines.

The Judging Panel will make their selections based on the criteria without personal prejudice or preference. Book Links implements a comprehensive conflict of interest policy and identifies, assesses, and manages potential conflicts in relation to entries each year to protect the integrity and reputation of the awards, its appointed judges, and committee members.

The Judging Panel will not discuss or divulge the submitted books publicly or with anyone outside of the panel and Book Links committee.