

# Celebrate READING National Conference

Friday 26 to Saturday 27 October 2018

*Insights into Quality Australian  
Literature for Young Adults*

**An Experience  
Not to Be Missed!**

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**Will Kostakis**  
**Jay Kristoff**  
**Jaclyn Moriarty**  
**Brendan Ritchie**  
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## Two days of inspiration and insights

Our Celebrate Reading Conference offers a festival-like atmosphere and venue like no other. In 2018, we have a Young Adult Literature focus suitable for teachers, librarians and book lovers.

What you will enjoy:

- All panel discussions and solos - no concurrent sessions
- Engrossing sessions on latest issues in YA Literature
- Insights into the creative process behind quality Australian books
- Generous delegate bag and automatic entry into all prize draws
- Chance to view superbly curated exhibitions of original artwork
- Time to browse and purchase books and art
- Multiple book signing opportunities

## Registration includes:

Two full days of sessions. All tea breaks and lunches. Sundowner drinks and finger food daily.

**EARLY BIRD** \$495 per person (incl. GST)

*Early Bird deadline Friday 4 May 2018.*

**STANDARD** - \$550 per person (incl. GST)

**STUDENT** - \$395 per person (incl. GST)

**SHARED** - \$330 per person (incl. GST)

Two people attend one day each.

*Limited on-site parking available at \$25 per car.*

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# 2018 CELEBRATE READING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## GUEST PRESENTERS\*

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### CATH CROWLEY (VIC)

Cath Crowley has won the Prime Minister's Literary Award twice. Her books capture seamlessly the adolescent experience as her characters navigate their place in the world. The exhilarating *Graffiti Moon* was a 2011 Prime Minister's Award Winner and in 2017 Cath went on to win again for the gut wrenching *Words in Deep Blue*.

Her other novels include *The Gracie Faltran* trilogy and *Chasing Charlie Duskin* (2006 CBCA Shortlisted).

Cath has been writing fiction for YA since 2004 and also works as a creative writing teacher.

### WILL KOSTAKIS (NSW)

Will Kostakis is funny, endearing and at all times honest. His first book was *Loathing Lola* in 2008 and his heartfelt novel *The First Third* (2013) was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award and CBCA. His 2016 novel *The Sidekicks* was a CBCA Notable and winner of the Sydney Morning Herald Best Book for Young Readers. Will is as compelling in person as he is on the page and his gift for storytelling extends well beyond the pages of his novels.

### JAY KRISTOFF (VIC)

Jay Kristoff has a commanding presence - both on and off the page. He is the author of three Science Fiction trilogies. His novel *Illuminae* (co-authored with Amie Kaufman) published in 2015 was nominated for the Prime Minister's Literary Award and was a New York Times best seller. The sequel *Gemina* won the 2016 Aurealis Award and the third novel in the trilogy *Obsidio* was released in March 2018. His second solo series *The Nevernight Chronicle* (2016) has won him fans all around the world. 2018 is set to be another big year for Jay with the release of *Obsidio* and a new Young Adult series *Lifelk3*.

### JACLYN MORIARTY (NSW)

Born in Perth, raised in Sydney, Jaclyn Moriarty studied English and Law, going on to complete both her Masters and PhD. While working on her PhD, she completed her first novel for young adults *Feeling Sorry for Celia*, a book that went on to win the Ethel Turner Prize in 2001. It was followed by three more titles in the *Ashbury/Brookfield Quartet*. Jaclyn won the award again in 2013 for *A Corner of White* and in 2015 for *The Cracks in the Kingdom*, the first and second books in *The Colours of Madeleine Trilogy*.

### BRENDAN RITCHIE (WA)

West Australian author and filmmaker, Brendan Ritchie, lives in Fremantle and published his debut novel in 2015 as part of his PhD in Creative Writing. The mysterious and unsettling post-apocalyptic, *Carousel* was long-listed for the Golden Inky Awards in 2016, and was soon followed by the sequel, *Beyond Carousel*.

Brendan's books deftly and cleverly examine the challenges of survival in a world where the rules no longer apply. He is working on a third novel set in Perth and Melbourne.

### JAMES ROY (NSW)

James Roy is a master story teller and author. His first novel was released in 1996 and since then he has written many critically acclaimed works of fiction and non-fiction for young people, including the CBCA Honour Books *Captain Mack* and *Billy Mack's War*, and six CBCA Notable Books. In 2008, *Town* won the Ethel Turner Prize for Young People's Literature as well as the Golden Inky. *Anonymity Jones* won the 2010 Western Australian Premier's Book Award for Young Adult Literature. *One Thousand Hills* (a collaboration with Rwandan refugee Noel Zihabamwe) won the NSW Premier's History Awards in 2016.

### JARED THOMAS (SA)

Dr Jared Thomas is an Indigenous author, poet, playwright and academic. A Nukunu person of the Southern Flinders Rangers, Jared's play *Flash Red Ford* has toured Uganda and Kenya, and his play *Love, Land and Money* featured during the Adelaide Fringe Festival. Jared's YA novels, *Sweet Guy*, *Songs that Sound Like Blood*, and winner of the 2013 Black&write Indigenous Writing Fellowship, *Calypso Summer*, all sensitively explore the complexities of finding your place in the world, and learning who you really are.

### FIONA WOOD (VIC)

Fiona Wood is the author of Young Adult novels whose unforgettable characters stay with the reader long after the book is finished: *Six Impossible Things* (2010) shortlisted for CBCA Book of the Year 2011; *Wildlife* (2013) Winner of CBCA Book of the Year 2014 and shortlisted for Queensland, Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Awards; *Cloudwish* (2015) Winner of Indie Awards and multiple shortlistings. She is an experienced television scriptwriter of soaps, adult and children's drama. Fiona's latest publication is *Take Three Girls* (2017) a collaboration with other award-winning authors Simone Howell and Cath Crowley.

### CLAIRE ZORN (NSW)

Multi-award winning author Claire Zorn has the ability to share the lives of her characters in a way that leaves you unable to turn away. Her voice is so powerful and the stories she shares are so richly imagined, they linger long after the last word has been read. Her first novel, *The Sky So Heavy*, was a 2014 CBCA Honour Book for Older Readers. In 2015, *The Protected* won the CBCA Book of the Year Award, the Victorian Premier's Award for Young Adults and the Prime Minister's Literary Award. Claire went on to repeat this success winning the CBCA Book of the Year for Older Readers in 2017 for her novel *One Would Think the Deep*.

