

Illustrator Ann James Wins 2002 Dromkeen Medal

Illustrator and ardent promoter of Australian children's books Ann James is the winner of the 2002 Dromkeen Medal.

The Dromkeen Medal is awarded annually to an Australian citizen for work that 'makes a significant contribution to the appreciation and development of children's literature'.

By her own admission Ann has been 'obsessed' with picture books longer than the twenty-one years she has been illustrating them. Her obsession has transformed into a lifelong passion and commitment to 'help keep Australian picture books alive and kicking'.

Ann's use of a wide range of illustrative media entices and engages the reader of all ages to 'look again' at the picture book. Her illustrations are noted for their sparkling wit, detail and humour.

Ann says, 'Illustration in its narrative way is a most accessible art form. It's an especially good vehicle to introduce

aspects of art to children'.

Born in Melbourne, Ann trained and worked as an art teacher before joining the Victorian Education Publications Branch as a graphic designer, then left eleven years later to pursue a freelance career as an illustrator and designer.

Ann's talent has been recognised continually throughout her career. Her first picture book, *A Pet for Mrs Arbuckle*, written by Gwenda Smyth, was short-listed for the 1982 Children's Book Council Picture Book of the Year Award.

In 1984 *Bernice Knows Best*, written by Max Dann and illustrated by Ann, won the CBC Junior Book of the Year. In 1997 Ann won the same award for her work on *Hannah Plus One* by Libby Gleeson. *The Midnight Gang* was named as a CBC Honour Book and scooped three children's choice awards — YABBA, KOALA and COOL.

Ann's work has been short-listed many times in the CBC Awards. Works

include *Dog in, cat out*, by Gillian Rubinstein; *Hannah & the tomorrow room*, by Libby Gleeson; *Looking out for Sampson*, by Libby Hathorn; and *Penny Pollard's diary* and *Penny Pollard's letters* by Robin Klein.

Ann has also written and illustrated two picture books, *Finding Jack* and *One day*, and co-authored *Making pictures: techniques for illustrating children's books* with partner Anne Haddon.

With Anne Haddon, Ann is co-director of Books Illustrated — a bookshop and gallery — which has become part of the cultural landscape of Melbourne.

The Dromkeen medal has been awarded annually since 1982. Recent recipients of the Dromkeen Medal are Julie Watts (2001), Paul Jennings (2000), Barbara Ker Wilson (1999), Graeme Base (1998), Julie Vivas (1992), Robin Klein (1991) and Mem Fox (1990). ■

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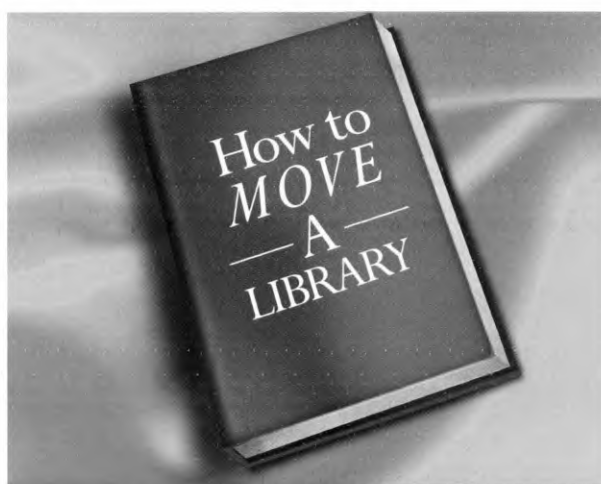
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