



West Australian Young Readers' Book Award

Newsletter Fourth Term 2002

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2002 AWARD WINNERS

	YOUNGER READERS' LIST		OLDER READERS' LIST
Highest Ranked Book	<i>The Forests of Silence</i> Emily Rodda	Highest Ranked Book	<i>The Amber Spyglass</i> Philip Pullman
Hoffman Award Highest Ranked West Australian Author	<i>Whacko!</i> David Caddy	Avis Page Award Highest Ranked Australian /West Australian Author	<i>Juice</i> Katy Watson

YEAR'S END

Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's program - teachers and librarians, young readers, committee members and booksellers.

Once again we have met our objective of enriching young people's reading experiences by allowing them to have a say and make a judgement about the books they enjoy.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our Presentation night at the Subiaco Theatre was wonderful. Once again, the proceedings were run by young people. This year, year seven students from **Helena College Senior School** acted as the MCs and introduced the special guests and performers.

We were treated to fabulous interpretations of the winning books. **St Brigid's College** delighted the audience with their performance of *The Forests of Silence*. Students from **Helena College Senior School** gave us a fantastic narrated dramatisation of Pullman's *Amber Spyglass*.

TROPHIES

The 2002 award trophies were donated by Geoff and Joscelyn Leath-Hayter of *Westbooks* and Norm Majors of *Wooldridges*. The committee would like to thank them for their continued support.

NEXT YEAR

Reading lists, materials and instruction on how to participate in WAYRBA 2003 program will be sent early in February. WAYRBA stationery items for 2003 which can be purchased at our **2003 AGM, February 18th, 4pm at Westbooks.**

A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATION CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK

Thank you to all the people who have promoted WAYRBA nominations through their respective libraries. We had a phenomenal number of nominations this year. Through the selection process the committee has submitted a comprehensive list of books for pleasure reading for 2003. These lists should be in your school by now.

When next encouraging your readers to nominate a book to be included on the 2004 list, please and I reiterate **please**, ensure that the forms have been completed correctly. So many nominations received were incomplete in that the author or publisher and/or date of publication or in fact their own personal details were missing.

The other area of concern was that many books had previously been listed or they were too 'old' to go on the list. If the forms are not completed correctly I cannot include the suggestion on the list. Please remember we do this task voluntarily and you checking the information for a small number of students is far easier than me doing it without a copy of the book in many instances.

Enquires regarding the West Australian Young Readers' Book Award can be made to Rosemary Bennett 9454 7831, Deb Connell connellp@wantree.com.au, Kym Andrews (Ballajura Public Library) 9249 1488 or wayrba@hotmail.com