

## Perpetual announces longlist for prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award

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Perpetual, the trustee of the Miles Franklin Literary Award, today announced twelve brilliant authors have been included on the 2022 Longlist. They will be competing for one of the most prominent literary prizes in Australia, with the winner also receiving \$60,000.

The Miles Franklin Literary Award was established by feminist, and author of *My Brilliant Career*, Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin. First presented in 1957, the Award celebrates novels of the highest literary merit that tell stories about Australian life, shining a light on some of the country's most accomplished writers.

The 2022 Miles Franklin Literary Award longlist is:

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Michael Mohammed Ahmad	The Other Half of You	Hachette Australia
Larissa Behrendt	After Story	University of Queensland Press
Michelle de Kretser	Scary Monsters	Allen & Unwin
Jennifer Down	Bodies of Light	Text Publishing
Briohny Doyle	Echolalia	Penguin Random House
Max Easton	The Magpie Wing	Giramondo Publishing
John Hughes	The Dogs (withdrawn)	Upswell Publishing
Jennifer Mills	The Airways	Picador Australia, Pan Macmillan Australia
Alice Pung	One Hundred Days	Black Inc. Books
Claire Thomas	The Performance	Hachette Australia
Christos Tsiolkas	7 ½	Allen & Unwin
Michael Winkler	Grimmish	Puncher and Wattmann

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"This year's longlist, drawn from a robust pool of entries, reflects the thematic richness and the formal adventurousness of the contemporary Australian novel, as our writers respond to our times. Diverse in every sense, it extends from works of realism to novels in a more experimental vein, proving that the nation's story-tellers are continuing to test the boundaries of what the novel can do," said Richard Neville, State Library of NSW Mitchell Librarian.

The judging panel comprises Richard Neville, Mitchell Librarian of the State Library of NSW and Chair; author and literary critic, Dr Bernadette Brennan; literary scholar, Dr Mridula Nath Chakraborty; book critic, Dr James Ley; and author and editor, Dr Elfie Shiosaki.

Last year, the Miles Franklin Literary Award was awarded to Amanda Lohrey for her novel, The Labyrinth (2021).

The shortlisted finalists will be revealed on 23 June 2022 and the winner announced on 20 July 2022.

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