Ena Noël Award

In 1994, founding president of IBBY Australia, Ena Noël OAM, founded her own biennial prize – the Ena Noël Award to encourage young emerging writers and illustrators. The name was chosen, not so that Ena’s name would live on, but so that it was apparent to all concerned that she – someone highly regarded in the field – was trying to assist up-and-coming young Australian authors and illustrators for children. The award is a silver medallion designed by the first winner of the award, the Australian Aboriginal writer/illustrator Arone Raymond Meeks.

The Australian IBBY Encouragement Award for Children’s Literature is presented to a young developing Australian writer or illustrator.

Only books by Australian creators published in the two years prior to the particular closing date can be nominated by the publishers for the Ena Noël Award. The nominated creator must be under the age of 35 at the time the title (or titles) for which they are nominated was published. Any nominated author or illustrator has to be deemed by the judges to be worthy of encouragement.

The award winners:

1996  Sonya Hartnett for *Wilful Blue* (1994)
1997  Steve Woolman for his body of work
1998  Tohby Riddle for *The Tip at the End of the Street* (1996)
2000  Catherine Jinks for *Piggy in the Middle* (1998)
2004  Alyssa Brugman for *Walking Naked*
2006  Anthony Eaton for *Fireshadow* and *The girl in the cave*
2008  Markus Zusak for *The Book Thief*
2010  Lili Wilkinson for *Scatterheart*
2012  Amy Barker for *Omega Park*
2014  Melissa Keil for *Life in Outer Space*
2016  Kate Gordon for *Writing Clementine*
2018  Will Kostakis for *The Sidekicks*

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