

AWARD WINNING AUSTRALIAN WRITING

THE BEST WINNING WRITING FROM SHORT STORY & BUSH POETRY COMPETITIONS NATIONALLY

Following the successful launch of *Award Winning Australian Writing 2008* at last year's Melbourne Writers' Festival, Melbourne Books is pleased to announce the launch of *Award Winning Australian Writing 2009*.

This anthology is an exciting initiative that aims to bring together the country's award-winning fiction short stories and bush poetry. Several of Australia's most prestigious competitions are participating in the book; however, *AWAW* also encourages the participation of those small names that make up Australia's varied literary landscape.

For emerging writers around the country, this anthology represents that rare chance to have their work published in a nationally distributed book. As a whole, this collection is a wonderful illustration of various Australian communities and cultures, and an interesting indication of what those communities like to read.

AWAW 2009 will showcase the work of writers who have stamped their names on Australia's short-story writing community, as well as those who are enjoying the first flushes of success.

Praise for *Award Winning Australian Writing*

'Here and there you will discover a gem, a passage or observation that will open up a new slant on things, a tiny moment of revelation. This is the reward of reading such a diverse collection.'

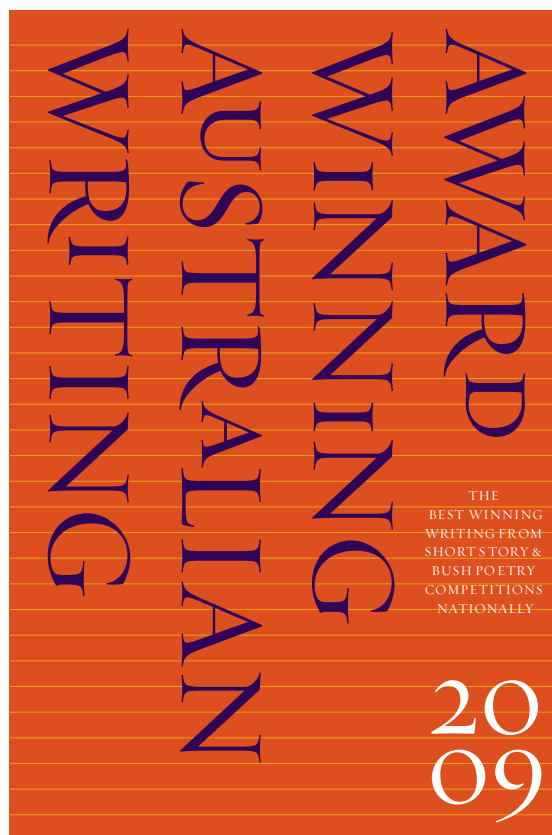
– Arnold Zable

'The initiative behind this anthology of short story competition winners is to be applauded ... every aspiring writer or supporter of new literary talent needs to get behind this.'

– Daniel Herborn, *Sun Herald*

'Awards enable writers to be recognised and become a launch pad for many writers. It is anthologies such as *Award Winning Australian Writing* that keep those winners' works alive.'

– Philip Rainford, President, FAW 1999–2009



The Competitions and Contributors

Competitions participating in *AWAW 2009* include the Ada Cambridge Prize, *The Age* Short Story Competition, the Aurealis Awards, the Inner City Life Literary Competition, the EJ Brady Short Story Competition, the Ditmar Awards, the Alan Marshall Short Story Award, the John Marsden Prize for Young Australian Writers, the Mardi Gras Short Story Competition and many more.

Contributing authors include World Fantasy Award-winner and novelist Margo Lanagan; prolific award-winning short story writer and debut novelist Jennifer Mills; poet, novelist and radio-playwright Terry Whitebeach; Cat Sparks, winner of eight Ditmars and four Aurealis awards; and many more up-and-coming stars of the Australian literary scene.

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