

Reading
Changes
Lives!



AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATE

What is a Laureate?

The Australian Children's Laureate is an honour awarded to an acclaimed Australian creator of children's and youth literature who has made a significant contribution to the children's literature canon of this country.

What does the Laureate do?

The Laureate's role is to promote the importance of creativity, story and reading through a nominated project for their two year term while engaging with children across the country.

The Australian Children's Laureate foundation

is an independent, national, not-for-profit organisation. It was founded in 2008 to champion and promote the transformational power of reading in the lives of young Australians. The ACLF runs the Laureate program with a particular focus on children in remote or poorly resourced areas.

Research shows that reading leads to a more vibrant imagination, better education, increased empathy and a greater understanding of people and how to navigate a path through life.

Snapshot of Laureate Activities

- Actively engaged with over 300,000 people of all ages since 2012
- 2500 newsletter subscribers
- Collaborated with over 120 arts bodies throughout the country
- Each Laureate has visited all states and territories from metro to the most remote schools
- Distribute a biannual Laureate calendar to over 6000 schools with writing and reading activities and resources
- Established the ACLF Laureate Summit including a Children's Day at the Sydney Opera House in partnership with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People
- Created One Loud Voice, a network of children's literature bodies from Australia and New Zealand to work towards embedding a reading culture throughout both countries
- Promoting Australian children's authors and illustrators
- Active participant in the International Laureate Summit

Our Laureates



MORRIS GLEITZMAN
2018 and 2019



LEIGH HOBBS
2016 and 2017



JACKIE FRENCH
2014 and 2015



BOORI PRYOR
ALISON LESTER
2012 and 2013

Enriching
the lives of
young Australians
through the
power of story.



"Young people need stories more than ever. Stories to delight, stories to beguile, stories to inspire, stories to move deeply. And through these experiences, stories that equip young readers to embrace an often dark and uncertain world with optimism"

MORRIS GLEITZMAN
2018-19 LAUREATE

"Reading gives you more knowledge; helps you learn and think better"

ACLF SUMMIT 2019, CHILDREN'S DAY

"To have a creative economy we need curious children and to have curious children we need children who are not only able to read, but children who want to read"

BOORI MONTY PRYOR
2012-13 LAUREATE

"We use our imagination to be unique, make a difference and dream"

ACLF SUMMIT 2019,
CHILDREN'S DAY

"We all need to see our own lives reflected in books"

ALISON LESTER
2012-13 LAUREATE

"We needed a public advocate to make sure children's books and reading stay on the national agenda,"

NONI HAZLEHURST AM,
ACLF PATRON

"Reading encourages students to think positively; challenges children to think about their own problems in a positive way"

ACLF SUMMIT 2019, CHILDREN'S DAY



We need your support

A donation, no matter how small, helps us encourage one more child to start reading and begin their adventure of discovery and learning. The ACLF has DGR status so donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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