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2012 Aurealis Awards winners announced

Winners of the 2012 Aurealis Awards were announced in a glittering ceremony held in Sydney last night.

Chris Barnes, convenor of the awards, said that with over 750 entries across the thirteen categories, the judges had a very challenging task.

"Congratulations to all the finalists and winners. The winners represent the best of Australian fantasy, horror and science fiction writing in 2012 as judged by a panel of their peers. This year's winners join the likes of Sara Douglass, Garth Nix, Isobelle Carmody, Trudi Canavan, Shaun Tan and Sean Williams, all of whom are multiple Aurealis Award winners."

"I'd like to extend my thanks to our sponsor, the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund, and to Harper Voyager and Xoum Publishing for their support. I also thank all the judges for their efforts."

"This is the third and final year for SpecFaction NSW to run the Aurealis Awards in Sydney. We are moving on to other things, but hand over with pleasure to Conflux Inc, who will host next year's event in Canberra."

Details of the awards are available at www.aurealisawards.com

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2012 Aurealis Award Winners

BEST CHILDREN'S FICTION (TOLD PRIMARILY THROUGH WORDS)

Brotherband: The Hunters by John Flanagan (Random House Australia)

BEST CHILDREN'S FICTION (TOLD PRIMARILY THROUGH PICTURES)

Little Elephants by Graeme Base (Viking Penguin)

BEST YOUNG ADULT SHORT STORY

The Wisdom of the Ants by Thoraiya Dyer (Clarkesworld)

BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

(Joint winners)

Dead, Actually by Kaz Delaney (Allen & Unwin)

Sea Hearts by Margo Lanagan (Allen & Unwin)

BEST ILLUSTRATED BOOK / GRAPHIC NOVEL

Blue by Pat Grant (Top Shelf Comix)

BEST COLLECTION

That Book Your Mad Ancestor Wrote by K. J. Bishop (self-published)

BEST ANTHOLOGY

The Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year: Volume Six

edited by Jonathan Strahan (Night Shade Books)

BEST HORROR SHORT STORY

Sky by Kaaron Warren (*Through Splintered Walls*, Twelfth Planet Press)

BEST HORROR NOVEL

Perfections by Kirstyn McDermott (Xoum)

BEST FANTASY SHORT STORY

Bajazzle by Margo Lanagan (*Cracklescape*, Twelfth Planet Press)

BEST FANTASY NOVEL

Sea Hearts by Margo Lanagan (Allen & Unwin)

BEST SCIENCE FICTION SHORT STORY

Significant Dust by Margo Lanagan (*Cracklescape*, Twelfth Planet Press)

BEST SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL

The Rook by Daniel O'Malley (Harper Collins)

PETER MCNAMARA CONVENORS' AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Kate Eltham

KRIS HEMBURY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Laura Goodin