



SLAV READING FORUM SERIES

Readers, Stories, Literacy

A forum for learning and discussion

Session Four

Thursday October 27 2022

Refreshments and bookshop available from 4pm

4.30pm to 6.15pm

The Community Room

The Abbotsford Convent

Diversity and Representation

In this, our last forum of our 2022 series, we are excited to be coming together at the Abbotsford Convent for a celebration of diversity and representation in fiction for young people.

Readings

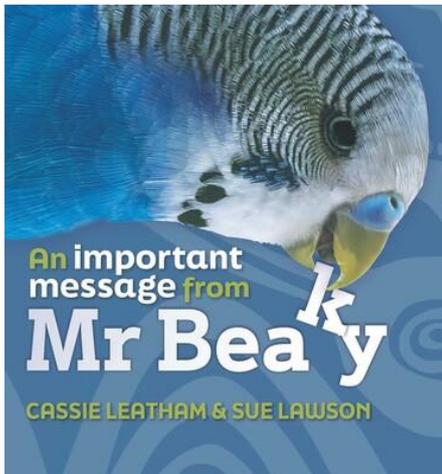
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Bookshop will be in attendance

Speakers

Diversity & Representation in books are ever-evolving topics and of constant interest. From a Non-Fiction perspective, creators have the opportunity to present their information in imaginative and inclusive ways. Examples from the 2022 CBCA Eve Pownall (Information Book) category will be presented, highlighting a selection of some creative and engaging titles.

Alida Galati is a secondary school librarian at Ivanhoe Grammar School. She is a keen reader, across all genres, and is a YA fiction enthusiast. She is a freelance book reviewer for *Books + Publishing* magazine; and has written about school reading programs and initiatives in SLAV's journal *FYI*. She is an *FYI* Editorial Committee member and a co-convenor of the SLAV Northern Branch. She is a current CBCA 'Book of the Year' judge for the Eve Pownall (Information Book) category.



Meet Mr Beaky!

He has an important message about what it means to be an Aboriginal person in Australia.

Mr Beaky is blue and white, not green and yellow, but he is still a native bird.

Cassie Leatham is from the Taungurung people from the Kulin Nation. She is an Indigenous artist, master weaver, traditional dancer, bushtukka woman and educator. She is extremely passionate about teaching her skills to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students of all ages.

Sue Lawson writes books for children and young adults. Her books include picture book, *The Biscuit Maker*, illustrated by Liz Anelli and young adult novels [Freedom Ride](#), shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year and the NSW and WA Premiers' Literary Awards, and [Pan's Whisper](#), which won the Australian Family Therapist Award and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award.

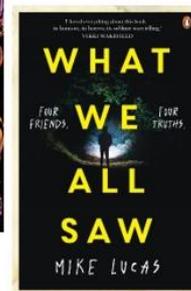
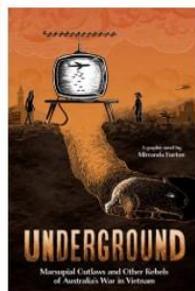
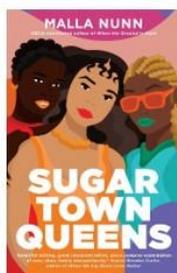
Sue also collaborates with Boonwurrung Elder, Aunty Fay Muir. Their books include acclaimed picture books, [Respect](#) and [Family](#), the first two books in the Magabala Books' Our Place series and [NGANGA – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Words and Phrases](#).

The Readings YA Prize

Julia Jackson

The current judge for the Readings YA Prize, Julia Jackson, sharing insight into the judging and shortlist selection process and the ways in which diversity and representation play a part in the process.

Julia Jackson has been a bookseller for twenty years. For the last fifteen years she has worked at Readings' Carlton store. Currently she is Assistant Manager but has held various roles at the bookstore since 2007. She is passionate about Kids/YA literature and is voracious reader of crime fiction. In 2021 she joined the judging panel for Readings' YA Prize. In addition to bookselling Julia is passionate about art history, and in her spare time she bellows at AFL umpires on TV.



Creating Pathways

Annabel Barker

Reflecting on her career in children's publishing and her current role as a literary agent, Annabel will discuss her thoughts on how the industry can foster better representation and ensure the children's publishing landscape is accessible to new voices.

Annabel Barker is a literary agent specialising in books for children and young adults. She founded her literary agency in 2020 after more than 20 years working for leading children's publishers, primarily in international rights, including Hardie Grant and Pan Macmillan in Melbourne, and Hachette Children's Books in London. Annabel now represents some of Australia's most-loved writers and illustrators for young people. With a collaborative and open approach, Annabel focuses on work that showcases the depth of the Australian experience and enjoys nothing more than helping children's creators find international recognition and success.

New from Readings!

Tye Cattanach, Readings Schools and Libraries Specialist will share with us some of the latest titles that embrace diversity and representation.

Registration

Individual Session Registration

<https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-4644955>

\$40.00 Members

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This event includes refreshments.

If you have registered for the full series this is session four of the series.



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