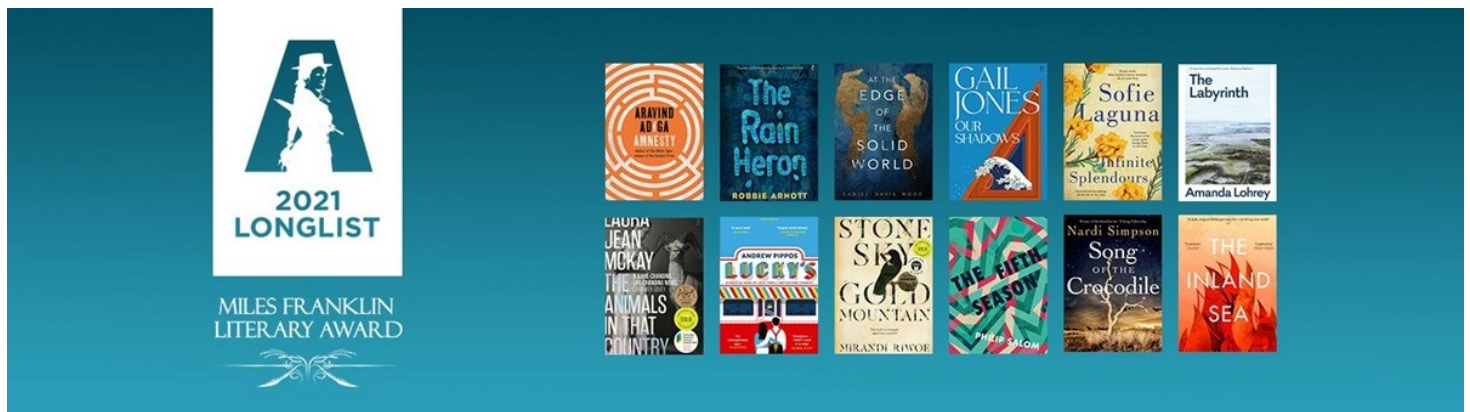


PERPETUAL ANNOUNCES LONGLIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD 2021



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Perpetual, the trustee of the Miles Franklin Literary Award, has today announced the 2021 longlist which includes a mix of acclaimed Australian authors and new voices showcasing the richness of Australian literature. One of the 12 authors will win arguably one of the most prestigious literary prizes in Australia, along with receiving \$60,000.

The Miles Franklin Literary Award was established by feminist and author of *My Brilliant Career*, Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin. First presented in 1957, the Award celebrates novels of the highest literary merit that tell stories about Australian life, shining a light on some of the country's most talented writers.

The 2021 Miles Franklin Literary Award longlist is:

Author	Novel	Publisher
Aravind Adiga	<i>Amnesty</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia
Robbie Arnott	<i>The Rain Heron</i>	Text Publishing
Daniel Davis Wood	<i>At the Edge of the Solid World</i>	Brio
Gail Jones	<i>Our Shadows</i>	Text Publishing
Sofie Laguna	<i>Infinite Splendours</i>	Allen & Unwin
Amanda Lohrey	<i>The Labyrinth</i>	Text Publishing

Laura Jean McKay	<i>The Animals in That Country</i>	Scribe Publications
Andrew Pippos	<i>Lucky's</i>	Pan Macmillan Australia
Mirandi Riwoe	<i>Stone Sky Gold Mountain</i>	University of Queensland Press
Philip Salom	<i>The Fifth Season</i>	Transit Lounge
Nardi Simpson	<i>Song of the Crocodile</i>	Hachette Australia
Madeleine Watts	<i>The Inland Sea</i>	Pushkin Press

“The 2021 Miles Franklin longlist is a rich mix of well-established, early career and debut novelists whose work ranges from historical fiction to fabulism and psychologism. Through an array of distinctive voices these works invite their readers to engage with questions regarding the natural and animal worlds, asylum, sexual abuse, colonialism, racism and grief. These are stories about trauma and loss, and also about beauty, resilience and hope,” said Richard Neville, State Library of NSW Mitchell Librarian.

The judging panel comprises Richard Neville – Mitchell Librarian of the State Library of NSW and Chair, book critic Dr Melinda Harvey, author and literary critic Dr Bernadette Brennan, book critic Dr James Ley and author and activist Sisonke Msimang.

Last year, the Miles Franklin Literary Award was awarded to Tara June Winch for her novel, *The Yield* (2020).

The shortlisted finalists will be revealed on 16 June 2021 and the winner announced on 15 July 2021.

For further information about the Miles Franklin Literary Award, visit <http://www.milesfranklin.com.au/>