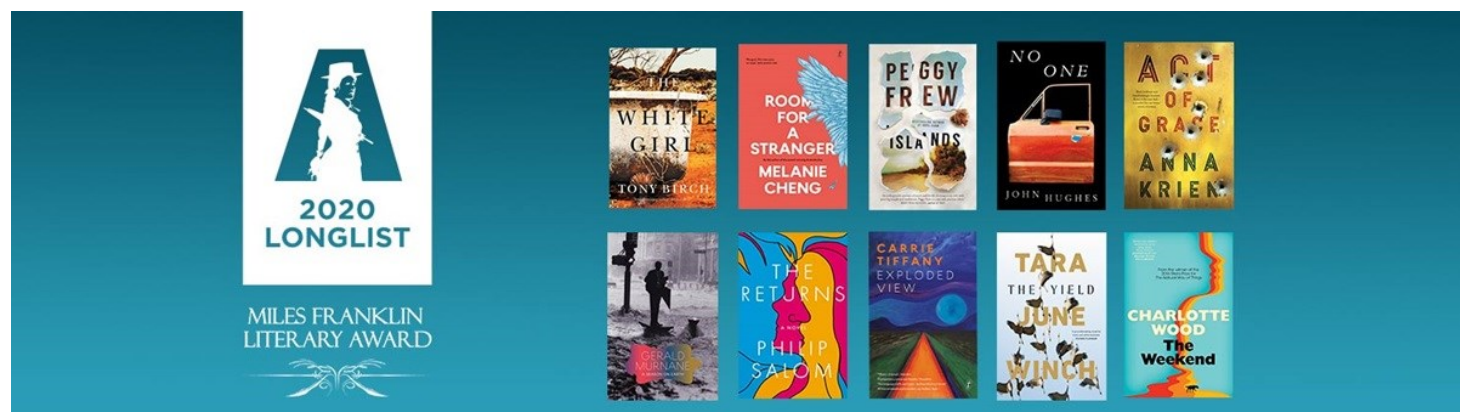


PERPETUAL ANNOUNCES LONGLIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD 2020



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The trustee of Australia’s most prestigious literary award, Perpetual, has today announced ten talented authors who have been included in the 2020 Longlist for the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

The Miles Franklin Literary Award was established by prolific author and feminist Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin, now best known for her first novel *My Brilliant Career*. First presented in 1957, the Award celebrates novels of the highest literary merit that tell stories about Australian life. Winning authors also receive a prize of \$60,000. The Award remains Australia’s most prestigious and valued literary award.

The 2020 Miles Franklin Literary Award longlist is:

Author	Novel	Publisher
Tony Birch	<i>The White Girl</i>	University of Queensland Press
Melanie Cheng	<i>Room for a Stranger</i>	Text Publishing
Peggy Frew	<i>Islands</i>	Allen & Unwin
John Hughes	<i>No One</i>	UWA Publishing
Anna Krien	<i>Act of Grace</i>	Black Inc.
Gerald Murnane	<i>A Season on Earth</i>	Text Publishing
Philip Salom	<i>The Returns</i>	Transit Lounge
Carrie Tiffany	<i>Exploded View</i>	Text Publishing

Tara June Winch	<i>The Yield</i>	Penguin Random House
Charlotte Wood	<i>The Weekend</i>	Allen & Unwin

“This year's Miles Franklin longlist is a mix of established and newer Australian authors. Their novels give voice to a diversity of Australian characters whose common feature is their location on the margins, whether geographical, familial or societal. They explore the ripples and repercussions of childhood trauma, the healing power of friendship, and the unshakeable presence of the past.” 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, Murray Waldren – *The Australian* journalist and author, book critic Dr Melinda Harvey, Sydney-based bookseller, Lindy Jones, and author and literary critic Dr Bernadette Brennan.

Perpetual's General Manager of Community & Social Investment, Caitriona Fay, congratulated the longlisted authors on their achievement.

“Now, more than ever, we recognise the exceptional contribution these writers make to Australian cultural life and the importance of supporting them to tell our stories. As Trustee of the Miles Franklin Literary Award, Perpetual is proud to support the literary community through this enduring philanthropic legacy and we commend the longlisted authors,” said Ms Fay.

Last year, the Miles Franklin Literary Award was awarded to Melissa Lucashenko for her novel, *Too Much Lip* (2019).

The shortlisted finalists will be revealed on 17 June 2020 and the winner announced 16 July 2020.

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

2020 Miles Franklin Literary Award

2020 LONGLIST AUTHORS AND THEIR NOVELS

