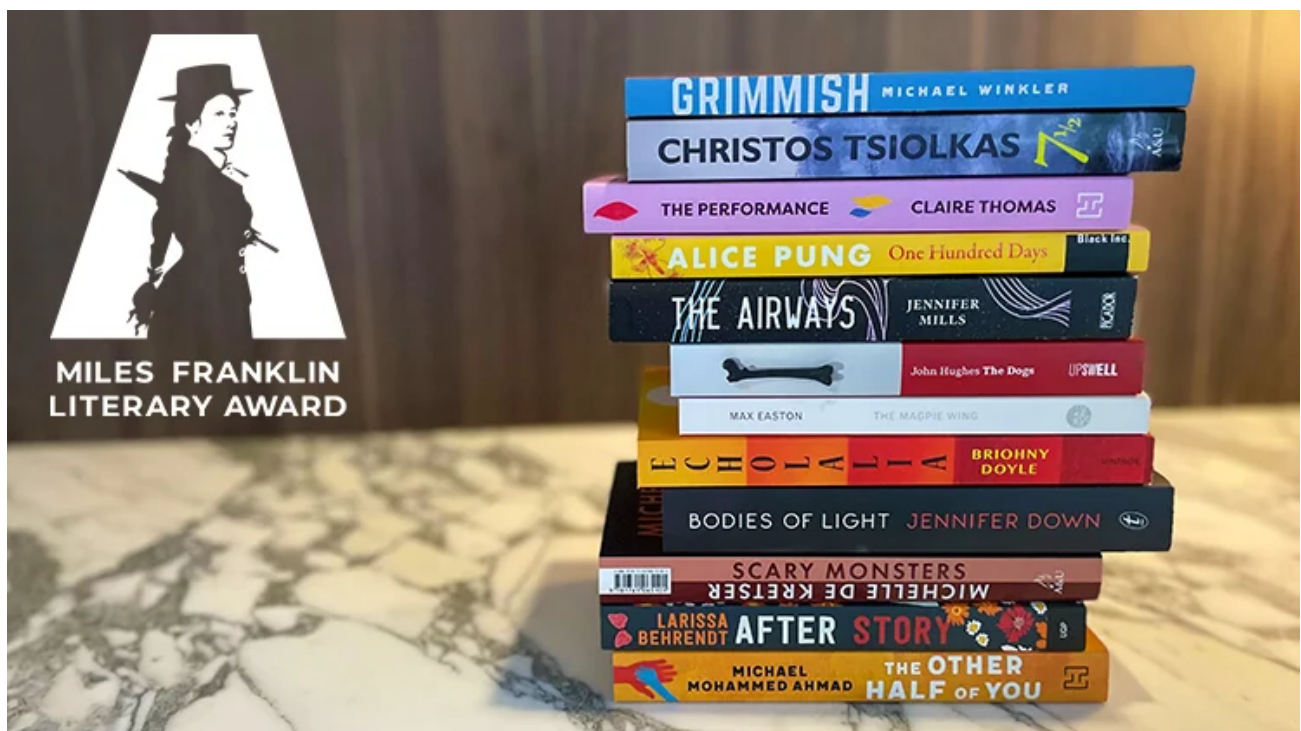


Perpetual announces shortlist for prestigious Miles Franklin Literary Award

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Today, the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund, alongside award trustee Perpetual, announced the 2022 Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist featuring five exceptional titles. The announcement was broadcast nationally.

The 2022 Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist is:

- [*The Other Half of You*](#) by Michael Mohammed Ahmad (Hachette Australia)

- [*Scary Monsters*](#) by Michelle de Kretser (Allen & Unwin)
- [*Bodies of Light*](#) by Jennifer Down (Text Publishing)
- [*One Hundred Days*](#) by Alice Pung (Black Inc. Books)
- [*Grimmish*](#) by Michael Winkler (Puncher and Wattmann)

This year the shortlist includes an author of a self-published title, a past Miles Franklin winner and three established authors. They will be competing for one of the most prestigious literary prizes in Australia, with the winner receiving \$60,000.

"The outstanding feature of this year's Miles Franklin shortlist is the range of dynamic and diverse voices that address the experience of pain, intergenerational trauma and intergenerational dialogue with compassion, exceptional craft and rigorous unsentimentality," said Richard Neville, State Library of NSW Mitchell Librarian and Chair of the judging panel.

Joining Mr Neville on the judging panel is author and literary critic, Dr Bernadette Brennan; literary scholar, Dr Mridula Nath Chakraborty; book critic, Dr James Ley; and author and editor, Dr Elfie Shiosaki.

Copyright Agency's CEO, Josephine Johnston, said, "This year's Miles Franklin Literary Award shortlist showcases some of our most talented and respected writers whose vibrant voices inspire and challenge our views of Australian life. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate the immense breadth of literary endeavour and our unique stories. Congratulations to all the shortlisted writers!"

Each of the 2022 shortlisted authors will receive \$5,000 from the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund.

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