

Winning Maths

The judging process for the Children's Book of the Year Awards takes a full year. Submitted books are first checked to ensure they meet the awards criteria; then they are read by expert judges from each Australian state and territory. Through a process that involves ratings, discussion, debate and voting, the list is gradually whittled down until there are a maximum of six shortlist titles per category and from these lists, the winner and honour book/s are selected. The winning books are announced at the start of Book Week which is held during August each year.

CONDUCT YOUR OWN BOOK OF THE YEAR JUDGING

To complete these activities you will need to work both individually and as a class.

1. As a class, select one of the Children's Book of the Year Award Categories:

(tick category selected)

Books for Early Childhood

Books for Younger Readers

Books for Older Readers

Picture Books

Information Books ...

and read all the shortlist books in it.

The shortlist books in this category are:

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2. Brainstorm the criteria you will use to judge the books. Are you only interested in whether you enjoy the book or not, or are things like quality and presentation, age suitability, illustrations etc important?

Our criteria:

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3. Carry out a simple vote in which each class member selects their favourite book. If you have a tied vote, vote again using only the final contenders. Which book is the winner?

Our winner:

4. On the following page, graph the results of the vote as a simple bar graph with student numbers on the vertical axis and book titles on the horizontal axis. Label the axis, add a scale and a heading.

Is this the best type of graph to use for this information? What other types of graphs might you use and what would be the advantage of each?