

## PRESS RELEASE

### Announcing the results of the 2023 New England Illustration Prize

The New England Writers' Centre is delighted to announce the winners of this year's New England Illustration Prize for Children's Picture Book Publishing.

Now in its eight year, the New England Illustration Prize attracted a strong field of entries from all over Australia. This year's theme invited artists and illustrators to imagine and create a colour illustration suitable for a children's picture book on the theme "Dreaming is a Super Power".

The outstanding imaginative and creative quality of the submissions deeply impressed our judges. The entrants responded to the theme with work that was touching, fantastical, humorous and relevant.

#### The winners of the 2023 New England Illustration Prize are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** *Elizabeth Misek (NSW)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Kellie MacFarlane (ACT)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** *Anke Noack (VIC)*

The New England Writers' Centre warmly congratulates all the winners.

Our esteemed judges this year were: Dr Lara Cain Gray, writer, editor, and specialist librarian and Head of Acquisitions (Publishing) at [libraryforall.org](http://libraryforall.org), and Lorena Carrington, award-winning photographic artist and illustrator at [lorenacarrington.com](http://lorenacarrington.com).

All entries were judged anonymously and the awards were chosen based on a score from each judge on artistic merit, how well the art fitted the theme and suitability for children's book publishing. The winning artwork and the judges' comments will be published on the New England Writers' Centre website.

The New England Writers' Centre wishes to thank our prestigious and thoughtful judges and the generous sponsorship of Dr Sophie Masson, Chair of the [New England Writers' Centre](http://New England Writers' Centre), and [Little Pink Dog Books](http://Little Pink Dog Books), children's publisher, for making 2023 another successful year for the Illustration Prize.



And finally, a big thank you to all entrants, for once again showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of Australia's illustrators and deep commitment to children's art and literature.

More information about the 2023 Illustration Prize and the winning entries can be found at on our website: [2023 New England Illustration Prize](http://2023 New England Illustration Prize).

## 2023 New England Illustration Prize Winners

### Elizabeth Misek

Elizabeth is an aspiring picture book Author Illustrator from NSW's beautiful Hunter Valley.

Her goal as an illustrator is to enhance the author's narrative using a range of techniques from primitive elements, scale, movement, colour theory and texture.

Her work can be viewed over on her website:

[www.elizabethmisek.com.au](http://www.elizabethmisek.com.au)



### Kellie MacFarlane

Originally from Adelaide, Kellie now lives with her husband and son in Canberra. Kellie studied fine arts, children's book illustration and pottery in London. Her favourite medium is watercolour and ink. Her dream is to create children's picture books that tell meaningful stories through words and illustration.

Kellie can be found on instagram @kellie.macfarlane.studio, and

[www.kelliemacfarlanestudio.com](http://www.kelliemacfarlanestudio.com)



### Anke Noack

Anke works as a Children's Book Illustrator and CG Artist in her studio in North Fitzroy/ Melbourne. This is her second year that her artwork has won a place in the Illustration Prize.

Anke began her career as an architect, followed by ten exciting years in the Computer Game Industry in London and Berlin. In 2018 she established SALMONLAB, a Design and Illustration Studio. When she's not traveling the world with her three kids in tow, she's creating colourful worlds and sharing her love for 'Wimmelbooks' and Franco-Belgian comics with little (and not so little) people.

Anke's work can be found at [www.salmonlab.com](http://www.salmonlab.com)

