

PRESS RELEASE

Announcing the results of the 2022 New England Illustration Prize

The New England Writers' Centre is delighted to announce the winners of this year's New England Illustration Prize.

Now in its seventh 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 "The Door to Adventure".

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 2021 New England Illustration Prize are:

1st Prize: *Anke Noack (VIC)*

2nd Prize: *Margeaux Davis (NSW)*

3rd Prize: *Tilda Joy (ACT)*

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

Our esteemed judges this year were: Janeen Brian, award-winning children's author and poet (www.janeenbrian.com), Tash Besliev, Publisher at Affirm Press (www.affirmpress.com.au), and Sami Bayly, natural history illustrator and author of the Illustrated Encyclopedia series (www.samibayly.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 [Exisle Academy](http://www.exisleacademy.com) and the [United Publishers of Armidale](http://www.unitedpublishers.com.au), for helping to make 2022 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 2022 Illustration Prize and the winning entries can be found at on our website: [2022 New England Illustration Prize](http://www.newc.org.au/2022-New-England-Illustration-Prize).



2022 New England Illustration Prize Winners

Anke Noack

Anke works as a Children's Book Illustrator and CG Artist in her studio in North Fitzroy/ Melbourne.

She started out 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.

www.salmonlab.com



Margeaux Davis

Margeaux Davis is an illustrator and soft toy designer, working under the name Willowynn. She works from a tiny garden studio, in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

Margeaux is just starting out in her picture book illustration career, and is excited to be working on a project that will be published with Wombat Books in 2023.

Her work can be viewed over on her website:
www.willowynn.com/illustration



Tilda Joy

Tilda is a Canberra based illustrator who is studying a Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Science at the Australian National University.

In her picture book illustrations, she loves exploring nature, light and magical environments. She plays across a range of traditional and digital mediums in search of new colour combinations and unexpected textures.

Tilda can be found on instagram @tilda.joy

