Congratulations and Thanks to all Entrants of the **Laura Literary Awards 2023**. Poetry and Prose sections Competition for 2023 now finalised, see Winners List below

List of winners 2023

Section 1 Open Prose

Winner: The Caretaker of Faithful Hill Cemetery by Vicki Hann, Moama NSW

Section 2 Young Adult Prose

Winner: Stolen by Sophie Eyer Gwelup WA

Highly Commended: The White monster by Diana Blondini, Meadow Springs WA

Commended: Behind the Screens by Eleni Chapman, Ascot WA

Section 3A Primary Prose (11-12 y.o.)

Winner: My Friend Krumbelutska by Esther Mathey, 12 yrs, East Gosford NSW

Highly Commended: Muguets by Maya Galluccio, 12 yrs Beaumont SA

Commended: The Orb of Mysteries by Jasper Shou,11 yrs, Donvale Vic

Section 3B Primary Prose (9-10 y.o.)

Winner: The Sea Girl by Natasha Tsz Yau Chan, 10 yrs Chatswood NSW

Highly Commended: Learn and Earn by Valerie Felice Wen, 10 yrs Hornsby NSW

Highly Commended: The Unregulated One by Nikita Tsz Shuen Chan, 10yrs Chatswood NSW

Commended: Robots to the Rescue by Joe Willmott, 10yrs, Rostrevor, SA

Commended: The Unlucky Poor Stray Pup by Nila Satkunam, 10yrs, Glenwood NSW

Section 4 Junior Primary Prose

Winner Engineistein's (Engine-I-Stein's) Big Day by Cara Meler, 8yrs Auburn NSW

Highly commended Flood by Adam Lu, 8yrs, Cherrybrook NSW

Commended The Magnificent Book by Mia Fu, 8yrs, Glenwood NSW

Section 5 Open Poetry

Winner: Thalassophile by Cindy Pasin, Torrensville SA

Highly commended: Pagan Rite by Veronica Lake, Fremantle WA

Commended: Write the Girl a Poem by James Cayce, Kurrajong NSW

Section 6 Bush Poetry

Winner: Change of Heart by Catherine Lee, Mona Vale NSW

Highly commended: Saving Jack Jones by Frank Heffernan, Narrogin WA

Commended: Domestic Turmoil by Frank Heffernan, Narrogin WA

Section 7 Young Adult Poetry

Winner: Knock Knock by Oscar Marks, Bronte NSW

Highly commended: Woes of a Driving instructor by Eleni Chapman, Ascot WA

Section 8 Junior Poetry

Winner: Then and Now by Alishaa Dogra, 11yrs, Glenwood NSW

Highly commended: The Diprorepudiatawuff by Clem Chapman, 11yrs, Ascot WA

Highly commended: Farms of Fiery Flowers by Rachel Mihaleff, 10yrs, Glenwood NSW

Commended: A Fish Caught the Walking Craze by Jordan Atiga, 11yrs, Carindale Qld

Commended: Roller Coaster by Clem Chapman, 11vrs, Ascot WA

Section 9 Junior Primary Poetry

Winner: The Mermaid by Elysia Woo, 4yrs, Wolli Creek NSW

Highly commended: Jelly Beans by Benjamin Schreiber, 8yrs, Tallebudgera Valley Qld

Commended: People by Zach Chye, 8yrs, Carindale Qld

Congratulations to all those whose work has been recognised by the 2023 Laura Literary Award judges. Rocky River 'Riters thank all entrants for taking the time to participate in our competition and wish you well with your future writing.

A booklet containing the published manuscripts of winning entrants can be purchased at a cost of \$15 (which includes postage) by contacting rockyriverriters@hotmail.com .