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**MEET OUR CHILDREN'S
LITERATURE CHAMPIONS
FOR 2020!**

We have fantastic local authors and illustrators who are going to be with the City of South Perth all year celebrating children's literature, literacy and a lifelong love of libraries.

Our inaugural year showcases Sean Avery, Cristy Burne, Raewyn Caisley and Campbell Whyte.

Check out their work, immerse yourselves in their books and get to know them in person at workshops and events over the year.

Check out our website or Children's Literature Champion display in our libraries for more information.



SEAN AVERY

Is an author, illustrator, sculptor and teacher among many other things.

Check out his books *Harold and Grace* and *All Monkey Love Bananas*.

1. What was your favourite book as a child?

I had many favourites, but if I had to pick one; I'd have to say *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. It was the first chapter book I read all on my own.



2. What is your favourite place to read?

I like to read in my comfy arm chair in my office. It's a big, old fashioned, blue leather recliner that I bought from a second hand furniture store for \$50.

3. What makes a great book great?

Believable characters and unexpected plots. I love bad guys too — an evil villain always spices up a story!

4. What makes you excited to be a Children's Literature Champion?

Books have changed my life and I believe they have the power to change many more. I'm excited to share my passion with young people — it's what I do best!

5. What do you say to people who don't like reading?

You haven't found the right book yet.

CRISTY BURNE...

Is an Australian science writer, children's author and amazing presenter!

Check out some of her work like *To the Lighthouse* and *Zeroes and Ones*.



1. What was your favourite book as a child?

I loved reading anything with fantasy or mystery or adventure — and I still do!

2. What is your favourite place to read?

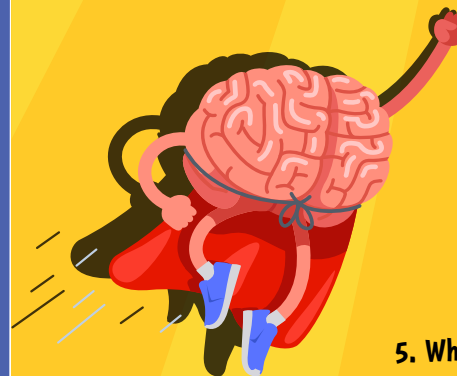
In bed. I like to read every night before I go to sleep.

3. What makes a great book great?

A story you can't put down. Characters you can't stop thinking about. Ideas that get you excited.

4. What makes you excited to be a Children's Literature Champion?

I'm super-passionate about reading and writing as a way to have fun, expand your mind, experience the world and flex creative muscles. I can talk reading and writing all day long! Plus I'm a local, so I'm looking forward to getting to know more people in our community.



5. What do you say to people who don't like reading?

You just haven't found the right book yet.



Is an award winning children's author that has so many books to her incredible name.

Check out some of her latest ones like *Something Wonderful* and *Hello from Nowhere*.

1. What was your favourite book as a child?

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. I loved Aslan and wanted to be like Susan but most importantly, it made me want to write stories of my own.

2. What is your favourite place to read?

It is the big, red couch in the quiet of early morning or in bed at night before I go to sleep.

3. What makes a great book great?

A great book will be like a great friend. It will comfort you and challenge you. You'll feel like someone understands you and perhaps learn to better understand someone else's point of view.

4. What makes you excited to be a Children's Literature Champion?

It's a huge honour to be chosen, there are so many great children's authors in WA, but this year I have a couple of really exciting books to share as well as a huge career highlight so I am very excited indeed to be given the opportunity to be Children's Literature Champion in South Perth.



5. What do you say to people who don't like reading?

I would ask them why in case it's hard for them for some reason. Then I'd find out what they like and try to think of a book they might be interested in.

I wouldn't give up until they'd changed their minds either. Everyone should read. As a very wise boy once said, 'A library card is like being given citizenship in the land of knowledge.'

It's fun too, right!?



CAMPBELL WHYTE

Is a local author, illustrator, artist and teacher with his very own art school.

Check out his amazing alternate universe graphic novels called *Home Time* and *Home Time 2*.

1. What was your favourite book as a child?

My favourite book was the first Calvin and Hobbes collection, that was originally a gift to my Mum when I was born. It felt like looking through a strange mirror, at another version of my life, with a child my age, their fears, imagination, frustrations, hopes and dreams.

2. What is your favourite place to read?

Wherever I am! Every place is a good place to read. On the sofa, in the garden, by the river, on a bus. The magic of reading is that it instantly transports you into a different space, a different place, a different persons experience.

I wouldn't read in a bath though... I don't think books and water are a good combination.

3. What makes a great book great?

A great book isn't just about the book itself. Books by themselves are lifeless. A book becomes great when it meets the right person at the right time. The spark that occurs when these three aspects line up can be life changing.

4. What makes you excited to be a Children's Literature Champion?

I'm excited to be a Children's Literature Champion so I can highlight the incredible beauty, depth and richness of comics as literature.

5. What do you say to people who don't like reading?


There are all kinds of different types of reading, and different things to read. It would be a shame to stop reading just because you read a couple of boring books. The right book is waiting for you somewhere, waiting to meet you, waiting to light that spark within you.



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