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Young writers hatch their stories

The winners of the 2013 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers were honoured at a presentation ceremony at Subiaco Library on Monday 26 August.

Award patron Tim Winton shared an inspiring speech about the power of storytelling and officially launched *Hatched: Celebrating 20 years of the Tim Winton Award for Young Writers*.

Mayor Heather Henderson said: "The book features the overall winning story from each year of the award from 1993 to 2012, and showcases the incredible talent and diverse range of young Western Australian writers. It also features extraordinary cover art by well-known artist Shaun Tan."

Eleven year old Camille French received this year's Outstanding Achievement Award for her story, *The Journey Home*, a well-constructed piece of writing about sensory experiences that demonstrates great empathy and attention to detail.

2013 marked the twenty-first year of the award, which encourages imagination and innovation, and offers year one to twelve students an opportunity to develop their writing skills.

There were four regional finalists who travelled to Perth from Broome, Dardanup, Kalgoorlie and Beverley with their families.

Mayor Henderson said: "The city is thrilled to report a record-breaking 1938 entries were received, with 21 per cent from regional areas.

"The city is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to creatively engage with the community.

"Our devoted judging panel of teachers, university lecturers, librarians and authors were impressed by the high calibre of entries. The stories crossed genres from adventure to comedy, and personal reflection to science fiction."

The city would like to thank award sponsors Janet Holmes à Court AC, Kool Kreative, Barking Gecko Theatre Company, Dymocks, The Lane Bookshop and Child Education Services.

The award winning stories can be read on the city's website www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

Hatched can be purchased from leading booksellers and www.fremantlepress.com.au

Prize winners:

Outstanding Achievement Award

- Camille French, age 11, St Columba's Primary School

Lower primary category (years one and two)

- Yvette Rigg, age 7, Mel Maria Catholic Primary School – first prize
- Gabriel Haselhurst, age 6, Christ Church Grammar School – second prize
- Kendrea Fernando, age 7, Currambine Primary School – third prize

Middle primary category (years three and four)

- Georgie Latawski, age 9, Attadale Primary School – first prize
- Sophie Harvey-Lissienko, age 8, Kensington Primary School – second prize
- Harriet Keenan, age 8, Karrinyup Primary School – third prize

Upper primary category (years five and six)

- Camille French, age 11, St Columba's Primary School – first prize
- Ella Harris, age 11, St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Kalgoorlie) – second prize
- Finn Tribbick, age 11, Cable Beach Primary School (Broome) – joint third prize
- Sophia Asif, age 10, International School of Western Australia – joint third prize

Lower secondary category (years seven, eight and nine)

- Ashley McCann, age 12, Dardanup Primary School (Dardanup) – first prize
- Rosalie Byworth, age 14, John Curtin College of the Arts (lives in Beverley) – second prize
- Caitlin Eaton, age 13, John Curtin College of the Arts – third prize

Upper secondary category (years ten, eleven and twelve)

- Emily Law, age 17, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – first prize
- Holly Jian, age 16, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls – second prize
- Ellie Burton, age 16, Presbyterian Ladies' College – third prize

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