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NT Literary Award Finalists and Chief Minister's NT History Book Award

The Northern Territory Literary Awards 2008 and the Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award were announced this evening at a ceremony at Parliament House.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill congratulated all the authors who entered.

"The 5th Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Awards recognise a book that documents the history of the Territory and was published in 2007. The Award received 12 entrants, with seven shortlisted," Ms McGill said.

"The winner for 2008 is Philip Jones for *Ochre and Rust*, a book that looks at Aboriginal artefacts and encounters from Australia's frontier history.

"*Ochre and Rust* is an insightful book that really fits the bill for the Chief Ministers NT History Book Award, which aims to develop an appreciation and understanding of not only who we are, but where we came from."

Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award 2008

Philip Jones – *Ochre and Rust* (winner)

Baiba Berzins – *Australian's Northern secret: tourism in the Northern Territory, 1920s to 1980s*

Philip Jones and Anna Kenny – *Australia's Muslim Cameleers: Pioneers of the Inland 1860s – 1930s*

Alec Kruger and Gerard Waterford – *Alone in the soaks: the life and times of Alec Kruger*

Darrell Lewis – *The Murrarji Track*

Andrew McMillan – *An intruder's guide to East Arnhem Land*

Amanda Nettlebeck and Robert Foster – *In the name of the law: William Wilshire and the Policing of the Australian Frontier.*

The Northern Territory Literary Awards 2008

The NT Literary Awards received 229 entrants over the six literary award categories, with all finalists published in an NT Literary Awards Book. Finalists included:

Dymocks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Award finalists 2008

David Curtis - *What a Fright* (winner)

Keisha Palmer - *A recipe for now*

Veronica Pierik - *In whose best interest*

Dymocks Red Earth Poetry Award finalists 2008

Ali Cobby Eckermann - *Intervention Pay Day* (winner)

Dael Allison - *Defining scarlet*

Ali Cobby Eckermann – *Faiku*

Michael Giacometti - *The Shooting Gallery*

Michael Watts - *Unlikely Honeymoon*

Helen Pavlin - *Who's Turning the Kaleidoscope?*

Dymocks Arafura Short Story Award finalists 2008

Jennifer Mills - *Plain Indians* (winner)

Leni Shilton - *Josh's Story*
Rebecca Nelson - *Min Min*
Bruce Hocking – *Nell*
David Jagger – *Privacy*

Charles Darwin University Bookshop Travel Short Story Award Finalists

Anne Fitzpatrick - *South-Asia by Crutch* (winner)

Barbara Eather – *It's Tea Towels for Me* and *The Way of the Pundit*
Robbie Wesley – *Java Magic*
Kim Aikman – *Outside*

Charles Darwin University Essay Award

Dael Allison - *Psyche and the Crocodile* (winner)

Charlie Ward - *Bogged Policies and Barefoot Mayors* (Highly Commended)
Helen Smyth - *Bird Watching*
Rohan Wightman - *Darwin Dreaming*
Margaret Gargan - *Finding Lorna*
Jane Clancy - *The Belles of Saint Mary's: Memories of growing up Catholic in Darwin during the sixties*

Kath Manzie Youth Literary Award finalists 2008

Rosanna Cameron – *Caught* (winner)
Abbey R. Bradhurst - *Black Friday*

For more information go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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