

Media Release

Top Australian authors shortlisted

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The finalists for one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious literary awards have been announced by the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies

Now in its 48th year, the Foundation presents the annual Colin Roderick Award to the value of \$10,000, as well as the H T Priestley Memorial Medal.

The award and medal are presented to the author of the best book, in the judges' opinion, that is published in Australia in the previous calendar year, which deals with any aspect of Australian life.

The short list of seven books for the 2014 publishing year is:

Atkinson, Alan. *The Europeans in Australia*.

Clanchy, John. *Six*.

Garner, Helen. *This House of Grief*.

Harrower, Elizabeth. *In Certain Circles*.

London, Joan. *The Golden Age*.

Watson, Don. *The Bush*.

Wilding, Michael. *Wild Bleak Bohemia*.

The Foundation for Australian Literary Studies is based at James Cook University and aims to foster the study and appreciation of Australian literature.

The foundation is funded through the generosity of the late Colin Roderick CBE.

The winner of this year's award and medal will be announced at the annual dinner to be held in Townsville in late October.

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