



ODETTE KELADA WINS THE 2016 DOROTHY HEWETT AWARD



The
Dorothy Hewett
Award



Melbourne-based writer Odette Kelada has won the second Dorothy Hewett Award for her novel depicted Australian women writers, 'Drawing Sybylla.'

The judging panel, consisting of Lucy Dougan, James Ley and Terri-ann White, praised 'Drawing Sybylla' as "an intense reading experience," remarking on the way the short novel "wears its significant research very lightly and provides the reader with a tremendously original and imaginative set of pictures about the ideas of creativity and language usage in making stories." UWA Publishing is excited to be awarding Odette Kelada the 2016 Dorothy Hewett Award, and believes this quiet and measured novel announces an important new literary name in Australian writing.

As the winner of the Dorothy Hewett Award, Odette Kelada receives \$10,000, courtesy of the Copyright Agency Limited Cultural Fund, and a publishing contract with UWA Publishing. 'Drawing Sybylla' will be published in October 2017.

The Highly Commended place was awarded to two of the shortlisted writers, Carolyn Abbs (WA) and Ann-Marie Priest (QLD). 'The Tiny Museums' by Carolyn Abbs is an elegant poetry collection alive to the rich tensions between doubles: deep time and now; the UK and Western Australia; photography and poetry, and the fertile creative relationship shared by sisters.

Ann-Marie Priest's 'A Free Flame' is "a compelling account of the careers of four notable Australian women writers: Gwen Harwood, Dorothy Hewett, Christina Stead and Ruth Park.

Both writers receive a cash prize and a publishing contract.

The other shortlisted writers are Karen Han Throssell (VIC) for her work of non-fiction, 'The Man Who Wasn't There;' Rachael Mead (SA) for her poetry collection 'The Flaw in the Pattern,' and Christopher Hill (WA) for his novel 'The Savage Club'.

The winner was announced at a ceremony at the Perth Writers Festival on Saturday 25 February. The full judges report for 2016 will be available on the UWA Publishing website, at <http://uwap.uwa.edu.au/pages/the-dorothy-hewett-award-for-an-unpublished-manuscript>

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