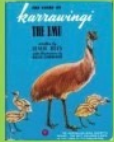


BOOK AN ADVENTURE!

Eighty years, it appears, is a very long time,
Unless you have reached that fine age.
In which case it doesn't seem that long at all –
Just a tick and a tock, or the turn of a page.

happy
birthday

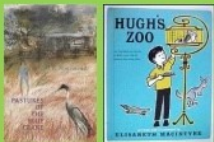


1945

People grow wrinkles and aches in their bones.
Books become yellow and torn.
But I know a thing that grows better the further
It travels from when it was born.

A great big *Hooray!* for the CBCA.
Book an adventure and join up today.
Learn about children's books recently written,
With folk who are equally literary smitten.

1955



1965

In those eight long decades since old '45
(That's the year that the CBCA came alive)
Many people have worked (and they've done it for free!)
To promote Aussie kids' books and literacy.

Teachers, librarians, children, creators,
(Talented authors or skilled illustrators)
Booksellers, agents and publishers too
Have joined the adventure, and so too can you

1975

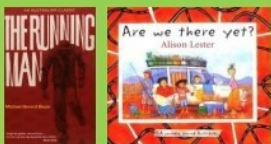


1985

You could be a judge for the books of the year.
You could write a poem like this poem here.
You could be a shadow judge if you're at school.
You could meet an author – I've heard that's quite cool.

You could buy some merch – bunting, tote bag or pen.
You could review books for them now and again.
You could come along for a good booky chat,
Or just donate money – they always need that.

1995



2005

And if you don't want to do any of those,
You could dress in your favourite character's clothes.
Or show off your skill with a suit you have made,
And march with your friends in the book week parade.

Let's celebrate writing, let's celebrate reading.
For books are to learning what food is to feeding.
Let's all come together and join in the fun,
For you're never too old, and you're never too young.

2015



2025

So here's to the work of the CBCA,
And the heroes who put in so much every day.
And to the next chapter... who know what's in store?
But I'm sure they'll continue for eighty years more.