



Winners and Finalists of the NSW 29th Annual Writing Competition 2025

FICTION

First Place	“That Kind of Girl”	Amber Fenik
Second Place	“Bad Guy	Peter Zednik
Third Place	“White Socks”	Simone Garneau
Hon. Mention	“The Procedure”	Libby Soper
Hon. Mention	“Penning Thoughts”	Trevor Atkins

NON-FICTION

First Place	“Highway of Tears”	Heather Rath
Second Place	“Swan Lake”	Lucy Godwin
Third Place	“The Southern Cross”	Trish Gauntlett
Hon. Mention	“Bingo”	Cassidy Young
Hon. Mention	“Loose Threads”	Ian David Brindle

POETRY

First Place	“Grassroots”	Cara Cullen
Second Place	“August Memories”	Joyce Goodwin
Third Place	“The Wind”	Laurel Gurnsey
Hon. Mention	“I am, I am, I am”	Melanie Hess
Hon. Mention	“Uzumaki”	Nebula Shen

WRITING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Winner	“Where the Ice Melts”	Eva Ye
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YOUTH

11 & Younger	“India and Rose”	Isobel Wright
12-18	“The Pit”	Melodee Stromotich