



I am afflicted with the power of thought, which is a heavy curse. The less a person thinks and inquires regarding the why and the wherefore and the justice of things, when dragging along through life, the happier it is for him, and doubly, trebly so, for her.






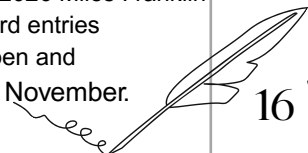
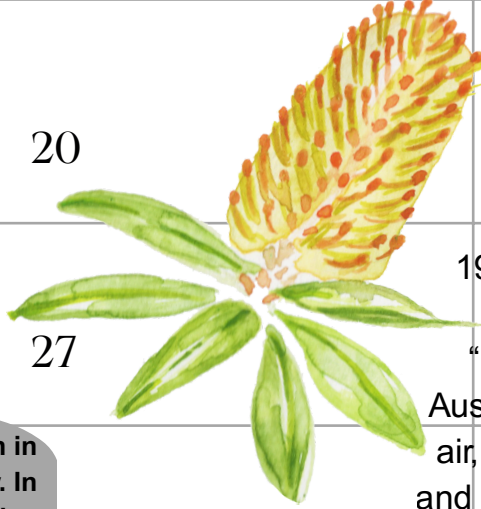

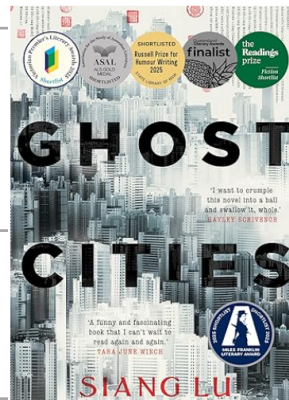
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# SEPTEMBER 2025 congratulates Miles Franklin Literary Awardees

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>1 Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin 1879 - 1954</p>	<p>2 <i>How many of these titles have you read?</i></p> 	<p>3 Inaugural Miles Franklin Literary Award Patrick White Voss 1958</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 Re-read or meet for the first time: <i>My Brilliant Career</i> (Miles Franklin) A classic Australian 20th-century novel featuring life in rural Australia.</p>	<p>6 </p>	<p>7 Relax and watch some classic Australian films, <i>The Man from Snowy River</i> or <i>Phar Lap</i>? </p>
<p>8 </p>	<p>9 Frank Moorehouse's novel, <i>Grand Days</i>, ruled 'not Australian enough' for the 1994 award but wins in 2001 with <i>Dark Palace</i>.</p>	<p>10 <i>Highways to a War</i> Christopher Koch 1996 recipient A story about the Second Indochina war.</p>	<p>11 Peter Carey wins the award for his re-imagining of Dickens's <i>Great Expectations</i> tale. Read the 1998 awarded book, <i>Jack Maggs</i>.</p>	<p>12 Read <i>Miles Franklin Undercover</i> (2025). A blend of fact and fiction about this literary great.</p>	<p>13 Brisbane-born author, Thea Astley, multiple recipient: <i>The Well Dressed Explorer</i> (1962) <i>The Slow Natives</i> (1965) <i>The Acolyte</i> (1972) <i>The Drylands</i> (2000)</p>	<p>14 Today Karl Marx publishes <i>Das Capital</i> (1867).</p>
<p>15 You've got time! The 2026 Miles Franklin Literary Award entries are now open and close Friday, 7 November. </p>	<p>16 <i>Keep Reading</i></p>	<p>17 Tim Winton has won the prize four times: <i>Shallows</i> (1984) <i>Cloudstreet</i> (1992) <i>Dirt Music</i> (2002) <i>Breath</i> (2009)</p>	<p>18 Helen Dale (Darville) wins in 1995. Youngest recipient. <i>The Hand that Signed the Paper</i></p>	<p>19 First Nations author, Alexis Wright, wins in 2007 for her novel, <i>Carpentaria</i>. She wins again in 2024 for <i>Praiseworthy</i>.</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21 Read and listen to ABC article about Siang Lu and his <i>Ghost Cities</i> literary win.</p>
<p>22 2025 Miles Franklin Literary Award Winner </p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 <i>Keep Reading</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Highway 13</i> Hannah McFarlane Shortlisted for award 2025. An anthology of short stories.</p>	<p>26 1973 - no prize given. WHY? <i>Canberra Times</i> (1974) stated: "...none of the 6 entries was good enough".</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>1901 Review of <i>My Brilliant Career</i>: "...a warm embodiment of Australian life, as tonic as bush air, as aromatic as bush trees, and as clear and honest as bush sunlight."</p>

"Siang Lu's *Ghost Cities* is at once a grand farce and a haunting meditation on diaspora. Sitting within a tradition in Australian writing that explores failed expatriation and cultural fraud, Lu's novel is also something strikingly new. In *Ghost Cities*, the Sino-Australian imaginary appears as a labyrinthine film-set, where it is never quite clear who is performing and who is directing. Shimmering with satire and wisdom, and with an absurdist bravura, *Ghost Cities* is a genuine landmark in Australian literature."

Judges' comments on Siang Lu's winning novel.