



The Year in Books: 2015

By Tracey Fockler

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Once again this year these pages reflect a bumper crop of local literature. From the harrowing real-life ordeal told in Nicole Moore's *Shark Assault: An Amazing Story of Survival* to the cheeky, short "flash" fiction of Harry Posner's *Little Exits: Stories*, there's plenty to choose from.

If you have young readers on your list, there are some especially tantalizing titles. For preteens, there's *Tales of the Ablockalypse #1: The Chosen* by David Scott (pick it up if only to find out what that kooky neologism means!) and Alyxandra Harvey's *Whisper the Dead* from her Lovegrove series, set in

Regency-era London. Headwaters itself has a cameo in *Emily the Irritating: Let the Story Begin* by John Denison, which tells the tale of 13-year-old Emily who has just moved to Mono Centre.

Though not the intended reader, young people are also the protagonists in a number of new works, including Katja Rudolph's *Little Bastards in Springtime*, which centres on an 11-year-old in 1992 Sarajevo.

And our list this year even includes some exceptional books *by* kids. Both David Scott and Quinn Kavaner were only 12 when they wrote their highly read-worthy books *The Chosen* and *The Frown Who Wanted to Smile* respectively.

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Good Morning Railfence Bunch

by Carolyn j Morris illustrated by Richard McNaughton

Chick and Duckling greet the day, saying good morning to all the animals in the barnyard. This charming picture book with its repetitive rhymes and soft watercolour illustrations will delight young children.

Beeton's Carolyn j Morris is also the author of the Spruce Valley novels for readers young and old. Artist Richard McNaughton lives in Grey County. (Railfence Books, \$12.95)

