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Dear Sir/Ms,

As an illustrator of award-winning books published here in Australia and overseas in many countries, I urge you to reconsider changes in the current importation and copyright regulations for books.

Australia's small population means that writers and illustrators in this country make a very small living on local royalties alone, overseas royalties are a vital part of our income.

Without sufficient royalties many of us would be unable to keep on working in our chosen field. As it is, I work in several areas of the visual arts to make a living.

Please help the rich heritage of Australian literature to continue and grow. Support us by maintaining the protection provided by the current regulations.

yours sincerely

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published picture books

The Peasant Prince - CBCA Honor book 2008, NSW and Qld Premiers Awards
2008 ABIA Picture Book of the Year Woolvs in the Sitee - CBCA Honor
book 2007 Ebi's Boat Baby Days Jenny Angel - CBCA Picture Book of the
Year 2000 In my Backyard Bright Star Big Cat Dreaming The Race -
Crichton Award, CBCA Honor Book 1996