

Jim Hamilton AM Award

Winners 2018

Victorian author Graeme Sparkes was awarded first prize in the Jim Hamilton Award for an unpublished novel of more than thirty thousand (30,000) for his work 'Death of an Author'.

The highly commended award went to Victorian author of 'Ramas Bridge', Ray Smithies.

Commended were Tee O'Neil for 'Letters to Floozies', and Yannick Thoraval for 'White Foam'.

The award is sponsored by the Fellowship of Australian Writers Vic.

Judge's Report

While judging the writers stories I saw they were well written, imaginative without too many words but still told their story.

Some were excellent. I was heartened by the content of some stories that were to the point, without too many words and was most impressed by the winning story.

The other stories were great, albeit a few were a wee bit wordy.

Some stories showed a great insight into human nature and were good to read.

The sad thing about being a judge; one has to disseminate what's good. Most were good writing I'm happy to say, and a great read.

David O'Dwyer.