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Announcing the winner of Australia's premier essay prize

Today, Peter Rose, Editor of *Australian Book Review*, announced the winner of the seventh Calibre Prize for an Outstanding Essay: Martin Thomas. The judges – Morag Fraser and Peter Rose – chose Martin's essay, 'Because It's Your Country: Bringing Back the Bones to West Arnhem Land' from a strong field. It will be published in the April issue of *ABR*. Martin Thomas receives \$5000.

Peter Rose said, 'Calibre goes from strength to strength – this year's was a stellar field. Martin Thomas – fresh from winning last year's National Biography Award – has gifted us all a magnificent and very moving essay on the theft of Aboriginal bones from Arnhem Land – and their hard-won return.'

About the winner

Martin Thomas is a cultural historian and broadcaster. Based in Canberra, Dr Thomas is an Australian Research Council Fellow at the Australian National University. He has written or edited six books, including *The Many Worlds of R. H. Mathews: In Search of an Australian Anthropologist*, winner of the 2012 National Biography Award.



About the Calibre Prize

The Calibre Prize (first awarded in 2007) is Australia's leading award for an original essay. The Prize is intended to encourage brilliant new essays and to foster new insights into Australian culture and society.

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