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Australian Book Review turns forty

Australian Book Review – one of the country's leading cultural magazines – celebrates its fortieth birthday in 2018. The magazine was revived in 1978 after a first series that closed in 1974. The 400th issue in April will contain several features highlighting *ABR*'s achievements, contributions and opportunities.

In recent years *ABR* has changed enormously, with the introduction of a digital edition, prestigious literary prizes, lucrative Fellowships, rising payments to writers and reviewers, annual cultural tours, *ABR* Arts and a philanthropy program that has transformed our programs. Forty years old, the magazine is secure, adaptive and outward-looking.

Peter Rose – long-serving Editor of *ABR* – commented: 'Everyone at *ABR* is committed to offering readers and writers stylish, engaged, and truly independent journalism. We salute all those who have created this unique magazine and look forward to preserving it for future generations.'



Highlights of *ABR*'s 40th birthday

- Special announcement of increased payments to writers
- Naming of the *Australian Book Review* Fortieth Birthday Fellow
- 400th issue of the magazine in April 2018
- Special features noting the magazine's milestone
- Three international literary prizes worth \$28,500
- More commentary and Op.Ed. pieces
- Expansion of *ABR*'s influential arts coverage
- *ABR* German tour in June 2018

Further information

More information about *Australian Book Review* can be found on the [ABR website](http://www.australianbookreview.com.au).

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