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Shankari Chandran wins Miles Franklin Literary Award 2023



- Ten years ago, Sri Lankan-origin Australian writer Shankari
 Chandran faced difficulty in getting her debut book published.
- The reason: publishers thought her novel wasn't "Australian" enough to be successful in their local market.
- And now, Chandran has been announced as the winner of the 2023 Literary
 Award for her novel 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens'.
- Chandran's award-winning novel 'Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens' is a story about family, memories, community, race.
- It is an intergenerational epic that highlights Australia's difficult and complex equation with multiculturalism and the traumas of post-colonialism.
- It also highlights how our stories shape the people that we are today. This is Chandran's third novel.

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About the Miles Franklin Literary Award

- The Miles Franklin Literary Award is an annual prize given to "a novel which is of the highest literary merit and presents Australian life in any of its phases".
- This year's judges for the award included: Richard Neville- State Library of NSW Mitchell librarian and Chair; author Bernadette Brennan; translator Mridula Nath Chakraborty; critic James Ley; and poet Elfie Shiosaki.
- The Miles Franklin Literary Award is one of the prestigious literary awards in Australia. Previous winners of the award include Thea Astley, Jessica Anderson, Tim Winton, among others.