

# Notable New Zealand Children's and Young Adult Books of 2009



## Notable Picture Books

Books for children and/or young adults where the narrative is carried equally by pictures and story.

*Herbert, the Brave Sea Dog* by Robyn Belton (Craig Potton Publishing)

*The Apple* by Ben Brown, illustrated by Tracy Duncan (Puffin)

*Kei te Pehea Koe?: How Do You Feel?* by Tracy Duncan (Puffin)

*Every Second Friday* by Kiri Lightfoot, illustrated by Ben Galbraith  
(Hodder Children's Books)

*Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig* by Diana Neild, illustrated by Philip Webb (Scholastic)

*The Seven Stars of Matariki* by Toni Rolleston-Cummins, illustrated by Nikki Slade-Robinson (Huia)

*Roadworks* by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock (Walker Books)

*The Were-Nana (Not a Bedtime Story)* by Melinda Szymanik, illustrated by Sarah Nelisiwe Anderson (Scholastic)

## Special Mentions:

The judging panel would like to make special mention of *Bubble Trouble* by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Polly Dunbar (Frances Lincoln Children's Books). Margaret's poem has been in print for many years and therefore not eligible for inclusion in the list. However the panel considers *Bubble Trouble* to be a treasure for New Zealand children.

The judging panel would like to make special mention of *Jack* by Mike and Esther Fitzpatrick, illustrated by Bruce Madden (JacksBooks). For a self-published book, the design and production values are worthy of special mention.

## Notable Junior Fiction

Fiction suitable for primary and intermediate-aged children.

*Night Hunting* by Deborah Burnside, illustrated by Jeff Fowler (Puffin)

*Five (and a Bit) Days in the Life of Ozzie Kingsford* by Val Bird, illustrated by Rebecca Cundy (Random House)

*Big Fish, Little Fish* by Melanie Drewery (Raupo)

*Payback* by Michelle Kelly (Scholastic)

*Old Drumble* by Jack Lasenby (HarperCollins)

*Thornspell* by Helen Lowe (Alfred A. Knopf)

*Land of Promise: The Diary of William Donahue, Gravesend to Wellington, 1839-40* [My Story] by Lorraine Orman (Scholastic)

*"Why I Hate School"* by Michael Fatarsky by Kris Stanhope (Scholastic)

*Freaky Fish* [Kiwi Bites] written by Feana Tu'akoi, illustrated by Eleanor Meecham (Puffin)

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## Notable Young adult fiction

Fiction suitable for upper intermediate and secondary school students.

*Juno of Taris* by Fleur Beale (Random House)

*The 10 PM Question* by Kate De Goldi (Longacre Press)

*The Tomorrow Code* by Brian Falkner (Walker Books)

*Scorched Bone* [Chronicles of Stone, Book 1] by Vince Ford (Scholastic)

*Gool* by Maurice Gee (Puffin Books)

*Shadow of the Mountain* by Anna Mackenzie (Longacre Press)

## Notable Non-fiction

For authoritative, well-designed information books accessible to children and young adults.

*Piano Rock: A 1950s Childhood* by Gavin Bishop (Random House)

*High-tech Legs of Everest* by Mark Inglis with Sarah Ell (Random House)

*Let's Get Art: Children Look at Contemporary New Zealand Art* by Brad Irwin, illustrated by John Ward Knox (Random House)

*Juicy Writing: Inspiration and Techniques for Young Writers* by Brigid Lowry (Allen and Unwin)

*Atoms, Dinosaurs & DNA: 68 Great New Zealand Scientists* by Veronika Meduna & Rebecca Priestley (Random House)

*Back and Beyond: New Zealand Painting for the Young and Curious* by Gregory O'Brien (Auckland University Press)

*Learn to Skateboard with Luka - Ko te Akonga ki te Papa Retireti I te Taha o Luka* by Lee and Errol Petra, translation by Tokikapu Peta (Raupo)

*How to Make a Piupiu* by Leilani Rickard (Raupo)