



## News Release

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### **Aucklander Lucy Davey wins Storylines award**

Auckland author, song-writer, scientist and mother-of-three Lucy Davey has won the Storylines Joy Cowley Award, given annually by the Storylines Children's Literature Charitable Trust of New Zealand with a manuscript entitled *Out of Bed, Fred!*.

The award, sponsored by Scholastic NZ, for a story text suitable for a picture book, was presented at the Storylines' annual Margaret Mahy Day held in Auckland on Saturday 27 March, 2010.

The award acknowledges the outstanding contribution made to children's literature by acclaimed Wellington author Joy Cowley, particularly in the genre of picture books.

Already the author of seven successful picture books, Lucy Davey holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering (UNSW, Sydney), and a First Class Honours Degree in Biotechnology and Bioprocess Engineering (Massey University, Palmerston North). She is also co-director of a boutique advertising agency.

"This year's winner was a stand-out from 175 entries, and is an absolute delight," says Storylines Trust chairman Dr Libby Limbrick. "The judges liked the names and the humour in this story and felt it had a good rhythm. They thought that children would absolutely love the jingling language."

Established in 2002, the Storylines Joy Cowley Award is open to both new and established writers, and carries a monetary prize as well as the offer of publication by the sponsor, Scholastic New Zealand. The winning book will be illustrated and launched in 2011.

Previous winners include Julie Leibrich, Jean Prior, Kyle Mewburn, Moira Wairama and Michelle Osment.

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