



Storylines Children's Literature Trust of New Zealand

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2019 Storylines Awards and shortlists announced

The Storylines Children's Literature Trust is pleased to announce its Storylines Notable Book Awards 2019 (for books published in 2018), and the shortlists for the Storylines Joy Cowley Award for a picture book text and the Storylines Gavin Bishop Award for an unpublished illustrator.

The Storylines Joy Cowley Award and the Storylines Gavin Bishop Award each carry a monetary prize and assurance of publication by the sponsoring publisher.

The shortlist for the Storylines Joy Cowley Award, in partnership with Scholastic New Zealand, is:

'Cauldron Stew' by Kate Galinski (Wellington)

'A Leopard in the Factory' by Paul Mason (Waiheke Island)

'Celia Seagull and the Plastic Sea' by Nicole Miller (Bethlehem, Tauranga)

'Mrs Brook's Chook' by Janelle Wilkey (Blenheim)

'Goo Man and Squish' by Melanie Woolford (Auckland)

The shortlist for the Storylines Gavin Bishop Award, in partnership with Penguin Random House, is:

Lara Crowther (Hamilton)

Lily Emo (Nelson)

Amy Haarhoff (Palmerston North)

Kathleen Richens (Rangiora)

Emily Walker (Auckland)

The Storylines Trust regrets that the annual Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award for a junior novel manuscript, sponsored by Scholastic, is not being awarded for 2019. In the view of the judging panel, none of the entries met the criteria.

The annual Storylines Notable Books awards are made for up to ten books in five categories: Young Adult fiction, Junior fiction, Picture books, Non-fiction and this year, for the first time, books in Te Reo Māori.

The books were chosen from more than 135 entries, submitted by 50 publishers, by panels of children's literature experts including librarians, teachers, writers and illustrators, booksellers, parents and grandparents. The books include well-known names, but also newcomers to mainstream publishing or self-published.

"The sheer number of submissions was impressive," says Storylines Trust chair Christine Young. "Even more so, according to our judges, was an across-the-board rise in standards of writing, editing, production and illustration. It is indicative of the breadth, depth and high standards of work by all involved in the New Zealand children's literature community."

“I am also delighted that our young people have such a number of quality books which they can read to enjoy stories that reflect their experiences of living in New Zealand, and that their whanau can use these strong lists as a guide to buying quality books for their rangatahi.”

The annual Storylines Notable Books list was begun in 1999; selection is eagerly sought by authors, illustrators and publishers. It provides a useful reading and purchasing guide to families, schools and libraries, and to young readers.

Each genre list is presented in ascending age suitability for young readers:

The Storylines Notable Books 2019 (for books published in 2018) are:

Storylines Notable Picture Books (Age range from birth to 18 years)

Mini Whinny: Happy Birthday to Me (Scholastic NZ) by Stacy Gregg, illustrated by Ruth Paul

Oink (Gecko Press), by David Elliot

Dig, Dump, Roll (Walker Books Australia), by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock

How Māui fished up the North Island (Upstart Press), by Donovan Bixley

I am Jellyfish (Penguin Random House), by Ruth Paul

Granny McFlitter, Champion Knitter, (Penguin Random House), by Heather Haylock, illustrated by Lael Chisholm

Puffin the Architect (Penguin Random House), by Kimberly Andrews

Muddle & Mo's Rainy Day (Duck Creek Press), by Nikki Slade Robinson

The Anzac Violin (Scholastic NZ), by Jennifer Beck, illustrated by Robyn Belton

The Bomb (Huia), by Sacha Cotter, illustrated by Josh Morgan

Storylines Notable Junior Fiction (Age range from 7 years to 13 years)

The Short but Brilliant Career of Lucas Weed (Scholastic NZ), by Chrissie Walker

Whetū Toa and the Magician (Huia), by Steph Makutu, illustrated by Katharine Hall

The Mapmakers' Race (Gecko Press), by Eirlys Hunter, illustrated by Kirsten Slade

Rafferty Ferret: Ratbag (One Tree House), by Sherryl Jordan

The Fire Stallion (HarperCollins), by Stacy Gregg

Cuz (One Tree House), by Liz van der Laase

My New Zealand Story: Dawn Raid (Scholastic NZ), by Pauline (Vaeluaga) Smith

Sticking with Pigs (One Tree House), by Mary-anne Scott

Lyla: Through My Eyes – Natural Disaster Zones (Allen & Unwin), by Fleur Beale

Kiwis at War - 1918: Broken Poppies (Scholastic NZ), by Des Hunt

Storylines Notable Young Adult Fiction (Age range from 13 years to 18 years)

Take Flight (Eunoia), by J L Pawley

Legacy (Huia), by Whiti Hereaka

Flight of the Fantail (Huia), by Steph Matuku

Ezaara: Riders of Fire, Book One (Phantom Feather), by Eileen Mueller

Dragon Hero: Riders of Fire, Book Two (Phantom Feather), by Eileen Mueller

Ash Arising (Penguin Random House), by Mandy Hager

The Anger of Angels (Walker Books Australia), by Sherryl Jordan

Catch Me When You Fall (Penguin Random House), by Eileen Merriman

The Rift (Walker Books Australia), by Rachael Craw

Storylines Notable Non-fiction (Age range from 3 years to 18 years)

New Zealand's Backyard Beasts (Potton & Burton), by Ned Barraud

Cook's Cook: The Cook who Cooked for Captain Cook (Gecko Press), by Gavin Bishop

Go Girl: A Storybook of Epic NZ Women (Penguin Random House), by Barbara Else

Oh Boy: A Storybook of Epic NZ Men (Penguin Random House), by Stuart Lipshaw

Anzac Animals (Scholastic NZ), by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivančić

ART-TASTIC (Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū), by Sarah Pepperle

Why is that Lake so Blue? A Children's Guide to New Zealand's Natural World (Te Papa Press), by Simon Pollard

Mozart: The Man Behind the Music (Upstart Press), by Donovan Bixley

The New Zealand Wars (New Holland), by Philippa Werry

Pathway of the Birds (David Bateman), by Andrew Crowe

Storylines Notable Te Reo Māori (original texts in Te Reo, any genre)

Storylines is pleased to make two the reo awards in the first year of this award and urges publishers to submit for the 2020 awards. The Storylines Notable Te Reo Māori awards go to

Pūrākāu o Aotearoa: Te Hīnga Ake a Māui i te Ika Whenua (Upstart Press) He mea kōrero anō nā Donovan Bixley, he mea whakamāori e Darryn Joseph, rāua ko Keri Opai.)

Ngā Whetū Matariki i Whānakotia (Scholastic) nā Miriamo Kamo, rāua ko Zak Waipara, nā Ngaere Roberts ngā kōrero i whakamāori

The winners of the **Storylines Joy Cowley Award** and the **Storylines Gavin Bishop Award** will be announced at the annual Storylines Margaret Mahy National Awards Day to be held on Sunday 31 March at the University of Auckland Epsom Campus, and all recipients will receive their certificates and awards.

Thumbnails of book covers and images of writers and illustrators are available on request.

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