

STORYLINES NOTABLE BOOKS LIST 2020



The 2020 Storylines Notable Book List, for the highest quality books in five genres of children's literature published during 2019, is compiled from more than 110 entries from publishers by expert panels of authors, teachers, librarians, book sellers and academics.

The annual list was begun by Storylines in 1999 and 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.

The following lists are compiled in age order, from youngest to eldest.

Storylines Notable Picture Books Picture books (from birth to 18 years)

<i>I Had a Brother</i> (One Tree House) by Diana Menefy, illustrated by Malena Laugesen
<i>Song of the River</i> (Gecko Press) by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Kimberly Andrews
<i>Granny McFlitter: A Country Yarn</i> (Penguin Random House) by Heather Haylock, illustrated by Lael Chisholm
<i>The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo!</i> (Scholastic NZ) by Elaine Bickell, illustrated by Raymond McGrath
<i>Things in the Sea are Touching Me!</i> (Scholastic NZ) by Linda Jane Keegan, illustrated by Minky Stapleton
<i>The Gobbledegook Book</i> (Gecko Press) by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Giselle Clarkson
<i>Mr Kiwi Has an Important Job</i> (Potton & Burton) by Heather Hunt
<i>Bess the Brave War Horse</i> (Scholastic NZ) by Susan Brocker, illustrated by Raymond McGrath

Storylines Notable Junior Fiction books (from 7 years to 13 years)

<i>Prince of Ponies</i> (HarperCollins) by Stacy Gregg
<i>Avis and the Promise of Dragons</i> (The Cuba Press) by Heather McQuillan
<i>Tūi Street Heroes</i> (Wildling Books) by Anne Kayes
<i>#Tumeke!</i> (Massey University Press) by Michael Petherick
<i>Hazel and the Snails</i> (Massey University Press) by Nan Blanchard, illustrated by Giselle Clarkson
<i>The Telegram</i> (Pipi Press) by Philippa Werry
<i>Bullseye Bella</i> (Scholastic NZ) by James T Guthrie
<i>Lizard's Tale</i> (Text Publishing) by Weng Wai Chan
<i>To Trap a Thief</i> (Scholastic NZ) by Des Hunt

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

<i>A Place of Stone and Darkness</i> (Penguin Random House) by Chris Mousdale
<i>White Lies, Maori Legends and Fairytales</i> written and published by Falstaff Dowling-Mitchell
<i>Invisibly Breathing</i> (Penguin Random House) by Eileen Merriman

<i>Ursa</i> (Walker Books Australia) by Tina Shaw
<i>Wynter's Thief</i> (One Tree House) by Sherryl Jordan
<i>Afakasi Woman</i> (One Tree House) by Lani Wendt Young

Storylines Notable Non-Fiction books(from 13 years to 18 years)

<i>Dinosaur Hunter: Joan Wiffen's Awesome Fossil Discoveries</i> (Penguin Random House) by David Hill, illustrated by Phoebe Morris
<i>Tohorā: The Southern Right Whale</i> (Potton & Burton) by Ned Barraud
<i>Wildlife of Aotearoa</i> (Penguin Random House) by Gavin Bishop
<i>Mophead: How your Difference Makes a Difference</i> (Auckland University Press) by Selina Tusitala Marsh
<i>Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi</i> (Lift Education) by Ross Calman and Mark Derby, illustrated by Toby Morris, te reo Māori text by Piripi Walker
<i>Māui's Taonga Tales: A Treasury of Tales from the South Pacific</i> (Te Papa Press) edited by David Brechin-Smith, illustrated by Rewiti Arapere, Arika Brightwell, Te Hana Goodyear, Miriama Grace-Smith, Isobel Joy Te Aho-White, Huriana Kopeke-Te Aho, Josh Morgan, Munro Te Whata
<i>The Adventures of Tupaia</i> (Allen & Unwin) by Courtney Sina Meredith, illustrated by Mat Tait
<i>Three Kiwi Tales: More Fabulous Fix-it Stories from Wildbase Hospital</i> (Massey University Press) by Janet Hunt
<i>New Zealand Nature Heroes</i> (Potton & Burton) by Gillian Candler
<i>First Map: How James Cook Charted Aotearoa New Zealand</i> (HarperCollins) by Tessa Duder, illustrated by David Elliot

Storylines Notable Te Reo Māori books

(original texts or translation into Te Reo Māori, any genre)

<i>Te Kī Taurangi a Puanga: He pūrākau Matariki</i> (Scholastic NZ) by Kirsty Wadsworth, illustrated by Munro Te Whata
<i>He Paki Taonga i a Māui: He putunga kōreo mai i Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa</i> (Te Papa Press) edited by David Brechin-Smith, illustrated by Rewiti Arapere, Arika Brightwell, Te Hana Goodyear, Miriama Grace-Smith, Isobel Joy Te Aho-White, Huriana Kopeke-Te Aho, Josh Morgan, Munro Te Whata