



# Notable New Zealand Children's and Young Adult Books of 2003

The Children's Literature Foundation of New Zealand has announced its list of Notable New Zealand Books 2003.

Ten books in four categories have been selected, from more than 105 books published during 2002.

The list of Notable Books was established four years ago to reflect the wide-ranging achievements of New Zealand authors and illustrators. It appears each year to coincide with the New Zealand Post Children's Book Festival and Book Awards.

The only major difference (basic criteria are excellence of writing, illustration, design and production) is that the CLFNZ Notable Books list allows for the inclusion of anthologies.

## **Notable Picture Books**

Story books where text and illustration work together

*Daisy All-Sorts* by Pamela Allen (Viking)

*Potato People* by Pamela Allen (Viking)

*The Immigrants* by Alan Bagnall, illustrated by Sarah Wilkins (Mallinson Rendel)

*The Christmas Caravan* by Jennifer Beck, illustrated by Robyn Belton (Scholastic)

*Duck Walk* by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Jennifer Cooper (Scholastic)

*Pigtails the Pirate* by David Elliot (Random House)

*Dashing Dog* by Margaret Mahy (HarperCollins)

*Why Do Dogs Sniff Bottoms?* by Dawn McMillan and Bert Signal, illustrated by Ross Kinnaird (Reed)

*Auntie Rosie and the Rabbit* by Diana Noonan, illustrated by Christine Ross (Scholastic)

*The Best Dressed Bear* by Diana Noonan, illustrated by Elizabeth Fuller (Random House)

## **Notable Junior Fiction**

Books suitable for upper-primary or intermediate school-age children

*Duster* by Margaret Beames (Scholastic)

*Something Weird about Mr Foster* by Ken Catran (Scholastic)

*Frogopper* by Joy Cowley (HarperCollins)

*Possums2U* by Vince Ford (Scholastic)

*A Friend in Paradise* by Des Hunt (HarperCollins)

*Buddy* by V M Jones (HarperCollins)

*My Dad, the All Black* by Sandy McKay (Longacre)

*When the Kehua Calls* by Kingi McKinnon (Scholastic)

*The Dragon's Apprentice* by Linda McNabb (HarperCollins)

*Not Even* by Liz Van Der Laarse (Reed)



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## Senior Fiction

Books suitable for secondary school age readers

*Lucky for Some* by Fleur Beale (Scholastic)

*No Alarms* by Bernard Beckett (Longacre)

*Letters from the Coffin-Trenches* by Ken Catran (Random House)

*Tomorrow the Dark* by Ken Catran (Random House)

*When the War Came Home* by Sarah Ell (Scholastic)

*Right Where it Hurts* by David Hill (Mallinson Rendel)

*The Thin Line* by V R Joseph (Mallinson Rendel)

*Alchemy* by Margaret Mahy (HarperCollins)

*Spider* by William Taylor (Longacre)

*Boy Next Door* by Penelope Todd (Longacre)

## Non-fiction

Non-fiction books for children of various ages

*The Kauri* [New Zealand Trees] by Alina Arkins with photography by Len Doel (Reed)

*Weta: A Knight in Shining Armour* by Joy Cowley with photography by Rod Morris  
(Scholastic)

*Sea Fishing with Crimpy* by Daryl Crimp with photography by Tony Entwistle (Reed)

*Which New Zealand Insect?* by Andrew Crowe (Penguin Books)

*My Maori Colours* by Tracy Duncan (Reed)

*Hinemoa and Tutaneki* by Peter Gossage (Reed)

*The Life and Times of the Giant Kauri* by Dave Gunson (Reed)

*Mission to East Timor* by Glyn Harper (Reed)

*Weaving Earth And Sky: Myths & Legends of Aotearoa* by Robert Sullivan with illustrations  
by Gavin Bishop (Random House)

*The Shaping of New Zealand* [New Zealand Wild] by Brian O'Flaherty (Reed)