

# Notable New Zealand Children's and Young Adult Books of 2008



Ten books in four categories have been selected, from the more than 150 books published during 2007.

Storylines' first Notable Books list was in 2000, containing 40 notable books published in 1999.

The list reflects the wide-ranging achievements of New Zealand authors and illustrators. It appears in February each year.

## **Notable Picture Books**

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

*Is Your Grandmother a Goanna?* by Pamela Allen. (Penguin Australia)

*The Bean's Story* by Tatiana Aslund, illustrated by Vasanti Unka.

(Scholastic New Zealand)

*Rats!* by Gavin Bishop. (Random House NZ)

*Hairy Maclary's Hat Tricks* by Lynley Dodd. (Mallinson Rendel)

*Dad's Takeaways* by Melanie Drewery, illustrated by Christopher White.

(Mallinson Rendel)

*The Grumble Rumble Mumbler* by Melanie Drewery, illustrated by Loudmouth Productions.

(Huia Publishers)

*Tahi: One Lucky Kiwi* by Melanie Drewery, illustrated by Ali Teo & John O'Reilly.

(Random House NZ)

*Mere McKaskill's Boil-up* by Tracy Duncan. (Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*No Room for a Mouse* by Kyle Mewburn, illustrated by Freya Blackwood.

(Scholastic Australia)

*The Puppet Box* by Moira Wairama, illustrated by Bruce Potter. (Scholastic New Zealand)

The judging panel would like to make special mention of *Illustrated Myths & Legends of the Pacific* by AW Reed, illustrated by Jenny Cooper (Reed, now Raupo Publishing). The stories were first published in 1969 as *Fairy Tales from the Pacific Islands*. The panel considers this edition, with new illustrations, to be a treasure for New Zealand children.



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## Notable Junior fiction

Fiction suitable for primary and intermediate-aged children.

*Snake and Lizard* by Joy Cowley, illustrated by Gavin Bishop. (Gecko Press)

*The Mad Tadpole Adventure* by Melanie Drewery, illustrated by Jenny Cooper.

(Scholastic New Zealand)

*The Dumpster Saga* by Craig Harrison. (Scholastic New Zealand)

*Shadows in the Ice* by Des Hunt. (HarperCollins)

*Dead Dan's Dee* by Phyllis Johnston. (Longacre Press)

*What Happened That Day* by Marie Langley. (Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*Taking Off* by Janice Marriott. (HarperCollins)

*Yo, Shark Bait!* by Vicki Simpson. (Scholastic New Zealand)

*Archie's Adventures* by Leonie Jayne Thorpe. (HarperCollins)

*The Great Chocolate Cake Bake-off* by Philippa Werry. (Scholastic New Zealand)

## Notable Young Adult Fiction

Fiction suitable for upper intermediate and secondary school students.

*The Transformation of Minna Hargeaves* by Fleur Beale. (Random House NZ)

*Monsters of Blood and Honour* by Ken Catran. (Random House NZ)

*Salt* by Maurice Gee. (Penguin)

*In Too Deep* by DC Grant. (Scholastic New Zealand)

*Smashed* by Mandy Hager. (Random House NZ.)

*Time of the Eagle* by Sherryl Jordan. (Simon & Schuster)

*Losing It* by Sandy McKay. (Longacre Press)

*The Sea-wreck Stranger* by Anna Mackenzie. (Longacre Press)

*Hideout* by Lorraine Orman. (Longacre Press)

*Zillah* by Penelope Todd. (Longacre Press)

## Notable Non-fiction

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

*Draw New Zealand Birds* by Heather Arnold, illustrated by Geoff Moon and Rod Morris.

(Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*Weather Watch New Zealand* by Sandra Carrod. (Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*The Dalai Lama Story* by Andrew Crowe. (Longacre Press)

*Which New Zealand Spider* by Andrew Crowe. (Penguin)

*Rubbish* by Rachael Goddard, illustrated by Moira Corridan & Cheryl Reynolds (photos).

(Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*Reaching the Summit: Sir Edmund Hillary's Story* by Alexa Johnston with David Larsen.

(Puffin Books)

*Poetry Pudding: A Delicious Collection of Rhyme and Wit* edited by Jenny Argante,

illustrated by Debbie Tipuna. (Reed, now Raupo Publishing).

*Illustrated History of Antarctica* by Marcia Stenson. (Random House NZ)

*What is a Series* by Feana Tu'akoi. (Scholastic New Zealand)