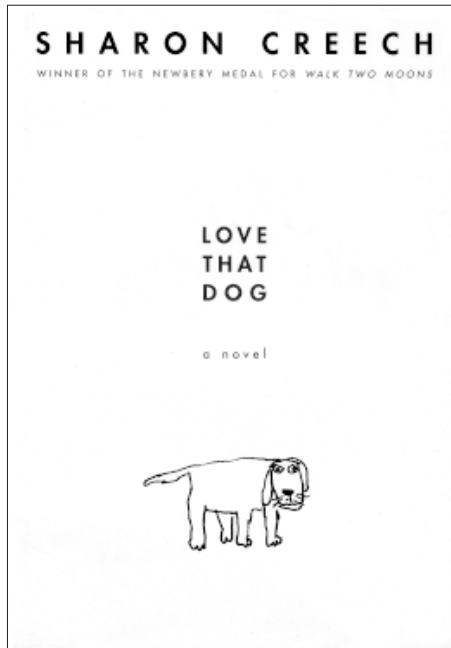




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Holiday reading

A selection of children's and
young adults' books



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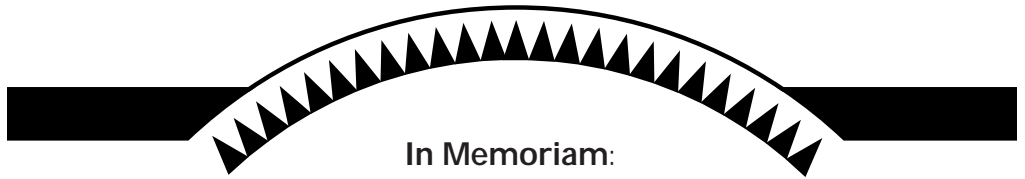


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This list is only a small selection of the many books added to Christchurch City Libraries during 2001. We hope you will find some to interest you.

Previous Holiday Reading lists can be found on the library's web site at:
<http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Childrens/HolidayReading/index.asp>

Some recent award winning books are listed at the end of this publication while more award winners can be found on the library's web site at: <http://library.christchurch.org.nz/Guides/LiteraryPrizes/Childrens/index.asp>



In Memoriam:

Christchurch writers & illustrators

Elsie Locke
Gwenda Turner

Douglas Adams
Betty Cavanna
Mirra Ginsberg
Adrian Henri
Tove Jansson
Eloise McGraw
Fred Marcellino
Robert Kraus
Catherine Storr

This edition of *Holiday Reading* is dedicated to **Alf Baker**, a long-time supporter of children's literature, literacy and libraries, who died during the year.



Picture books

Agee, Jon **Milo's hat trick** In the busy city there are lots of people with hats, but only Milo the magician has a bear in his hat.

Ahlberg, Allan **The adventures of Bert** Three very short stories, illustrated by Raymond Briggs.

Ahlberg, Allan **The snail house** Grandma tells Michael, Hannah and their baby brother the story of three children who shrink to such a small size they move into a snail's shell.

Alborough, Jez **Fix-It Duck** Duck's attempts to deal with various minor disasters only lead to more problems. Observant readers will notice in the initial pictures the clue to the first cause of the trouble.

Banks, Kate **The night worker** Alex wants to be a night worker like his father who goes to work at a construction site after Alex has gone to bed.

Base, Graeme **The Waterhole** Animals gather at the waterhole.

Brown, Ruth **Ten seeds** A gardening countdown beginning from the planting of ten seeds. What will grow out of them?

Charlip, Remy **Why I will never ever ever ever have enough time to read this book** A busy girl recounts all of the things she has to do in a day as she tries to find time to read. The clever irony is that this book's actual reader is assumed to have finished it.

Child, Lauren **I am not sleepy and I will not go to bed** Charlie helps Lola get ready for bed, despite the tigers, whales and other animals that get in the way.

Cole, Babette **Truelove**

Cole, Brock **Larky Mavis** Having found a tiny baby in a peanut shell, Larky Mavis calls him Heart's Delight and carries him around as he grows bigger, to the confusion and anger of the adults around her. An unusual and thought-provoking story.

Crews, Donald **Inside freight train** A board book title.

Daly, Niki **What's cooking, Jamela?** When Mama plans to cook chicken for Christmas dinner, she gives Jamela the task of fattening it up. But Jamela becomes fond of the bird, and on Christmas Eve sets off with the chicken under her arm, leaving a chaotic trail behind her.

- DeFelice, Cynthia C **Cold feet** After stealing a dead man's boots, a poor wandering bagpiper uses them to play a trick on an unfriendly farmer but then finds the trick turned back on him.
- De Paola, Tomie **Strega Nona takes a vacation** Strega Nona sends home gifts of sweets and bubble bath while away on holiday, but when Bambolona takes the sweets, Big Anthony is left with a lot of bubbles.
- Falconer, Ian **Olivia** Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good. Stylish illustrations.
- Florian, Douglas **A pig is big** Rhyming text explains that cows are bigger than pigs, cars are bigger still, and the universe is the biggest of all.
- Gleeson, Libby **An ordinary day** The drab ordinariness of the day is transformed by a boy's imagination as he walks to school.
- Graham, Bob **Let's get a pup!** Kate and her family go to the Rescue Centre, where they see dogs of all shapes and sizes. Kate knows which one she wants – Dave is small, cute and everything a dog could be. Then she sees Rosy. But there is only room for one dog.
- Henkes, Kevin **Sheila Rae's peppermint stick** One peppermint stick. Two sisters. This board book has a sweet ending, however.
- Hoban, Tana **Cubes, cones, cylinders & spheres** Photographs of all kinds of familiar objects depict a variety of shapes, including cubes, cones, and spheres.
- Hughes, Shirley **Alfie weather** Seasonal stories and poems.
- Hutchins, Pat **Ten red apples** A counting book.
- Judes, Marie-Odile **Max: the stubborn little wolf** Papa Wolf expects his son Max to be a hunter, like other wolves, but Max has different ideas about his future. He prefers flower arranging and isn't going to let his father change his mind.
- Kellogg, Steven **A penguin pup for Pinkerton** After dreaming that he is the father of a penguin egg, Pinkerton the Great Dane mistakes both a soccer ball and a football for real eggs, resulting in chaos all over town.
- McCarty, Peter **Baby steps** Baby Suki grows from one day old to one year old, squealing, smiling, eating, reaching for her mobile, taking naps, and playing.

McKee, David **Elmer and grandpa Eldo** One day Elmer goes to visit his grandpa Eldo. On the way he remembers all the things they used to do – the walks they used to go on, the games they played together, the songs they sang together and the stories Grandpa told him.

McNaughton, Colin **Oomph!** A Preston Pig story. This time Preston is off to the seaside where he bumps into Maxine and falls in love. Mister Wolf is not, of course, so lucky.

Milich, Zoran **The city ABC book** Clear black and white photos of cityscapes with letter shapes picked out in red. Original and inventive, giving fresh insights into familiar surroundings.

Oliver, Narelle **Baby bilby, where do you sleep?** The Australian outback features in this story by an award-winning author and illustrator.

Ormerod, Jan **Miss Mouse's day** This story about a toddler's day at home is told from the point of view of her toy, a stuffed mouse.

Scieszka, Jon **Baloney (Henry P)** A transmission received from outer space in a combination of different Earth languages tells of an alien schoolboy's fantastic excuse for being late to school again.

Shepard, Aaron **Master man** A tall tale from Nigeria.

Simont, Marc **The stray dog** A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him.

Spinelli, Eileen **Sophie's masterpiece: a spider's tale** Sophie the spider makes wondrous webs, but the residents of Beekman's Boarding House do not appreciate her until at last, old and tired, she weaves her final masterpiece.

Steig, William **Toby, where are you?** Toby loves hiding from his parents, but when Toby begins to think they will never find him, he just can't stand it.

Stevens, Janet **And the dish ran away with the spoon** When Dish and Spoon run away, their nursery rhyme friends Cat, Cow, and Dog set out to rescue them in time for the next evening's reading of their rhyme. A journey through the world of nursery rhymes and bad puns ensues.

Stock, Catherine **Gugu's house** Kukamba loves helping her grandmother decorate her mud home in a dusty Zimbabwe village, but when the annual rains partially destroy all her art work Kukamba learns to see the goodness of the rains.

Wells, Rosemary **Max cleans up** Max's big sister Ruby is determined to help him clean up his messy room, but he keeps rescuing things that she wants to throw away.

Whatley, Bruce **Little white dogs can't jump** Smudge and his family have got a problem – Smudge's legs are so short that he can't jump into the car. One of the children devises a series of ingenious ways of getting Smudge into the car, but none of them work. Finally, it's Mum's lateral thinking that solves the problem.

Whatley, Bruce **Wait! No paint!** The three little pigs are in their usual trouble with the big bad wolf, until a mysterious Voice gets involved and mixes things up. A post-modern approach to a familiar tale.

Whittaker, Nicola **Creature noses** One in a new series called *Creature features*, about animal identification.

Wiesner, David **The three pigs** In another take on the classic story, the three pigs escape the wolf by going into a world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Winter, Jeanette **My baby** As she waits for her baby to be born, a young African woman describes some of the sights and sounds of her Mali homeland as she creates a beautiful bogolan cloth for her child.

Woodson, Jacqueline **The other side** Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.



Fiction for younger readers

Briggs, Raymond **Ug: boy genius of the Stone Age** To the dismay of his parents and friends, a prehistoric boy is always thinking about ways of making things softer, warmer, and nicer, rather than being happy with his world of stone. In typical Briggs' fashion this is both funny and poignant.

Broome, Errol **Away with the birds** Shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia's Children's Book Awards.

Deedy, Carmen Agra **The yellow star: the legend of King Christian X of Denmark** Retells the (probably largely apocryphal) story of how King Christian X inspired the Danish people's resistance to the Nazis during World War II.

Kimmel, Eric A **The jar of fools: eight Hanukkah stories from Chelm** Drawing on traditional Jewish folklore, these Hanukkah stories relate the antics of the people of Chelm.

King-Smith, Dick **Lady Lollipop** A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

- MacLachlan, Patricia **Caleb's story** The stranger lurking on the Witting family's prairie farm turns out to be their long-lost grandfather, whose presence (plus prodding from Sarah) forces Jacob to deal with his past. Sequel to *Sarah, plain and tall* and *Skylark*.
- O'Malley, Kevin **Humpty Dumpty egg-splodes** An enormous Humpty Dumpty returns to seek revenge on the nursery rhyme characters who let him fall. A story in rhyme.
- Pilkey, Dav **Captain Underpants and the wrath of the wicked wedgie woman: the fifth epic novel** When Harold and George create an evil monster called the Wedgie Woman, she, along with her terrifying robots and her rabid robo-claw, wreaks havoc on the world, giving the wedgie of doom to unsuspecting people who stand in her way – including Captain Underpants.
- Pilkey, Dav **Ricky Ricotta's giant robot vs. the mutant mosquitos from Mercury: the second robot adventure novel** A mouse named Ricky Ricotta and his giant flying robot attempt to save the world from an invasion of massive mutant mosquitoes from Mercury.
- Pilkey, Dav **Ricky Ricotta's giant robot vs. the voodoo vultures from Venus: the third adventure novel** A small mouse named Ricky Ricotta and his best friend, a giant flying robot, save the world from Victor Von Vulture and his vicious voodoo vultures from Venus.
- Shulevitz, Uri **What is a wise bird like you doing in a silly tale like this?** A nonsense story relating the doings of the Emperor of Pickleberry and his ingenious talking bird Lou.
- Stewart, Sarah **The journey** A young Amish girl tells her "silent friend", her diary, about all the wonderful experiences she has on her first trip to the city.
- Tan, Shaun **The red tree** A journey through a child's emotional day.
- Thompson, Colin **Falling angels** Sally is just a baby when she first begins to soar above her house and garden. Soon she sees other children floating in the sky. Her mother is sceptical, but her grandmother believes her and soon goes with Sally to the far away places she visits every night.
- Uttley, Alison **The Sam Pig storybook** This favourite title is reprinted in the Faber Children's Classics series.
- Wilson, David Henry **Never steal wheels from a dog** Jeremy James never stops questioning the world and seeing it from humorous angles. In this new title, he learns to swim, holds a car boot sale, foils some tricycle thieves, saves an old lady, causes mayhem at a wedding and cuts his own hair.

Wilson, Jacqueline **Sleepovers** Daisy is the new girl at school. Most of the class are friendly, except for stuck-up Chloe. Having Chloe for a friend is hard work, but having her as an enemy would be far worse. Chloe issues a sleepover challenge, but will Daisy take part? If she does she'll have to introduce them to her sister.

Wisniewski, David **The secret knowledge of grown-ups: the second file** In the follow-up to *The Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups*, Caldecott Medal winner Wisniewski reveals more of the real and surprising reasons why grown-ups tell kids to do things such as brush their teeth or clean under the bed.



Fiction for older readers

Alexander, Lloyd **The Gawgon and The Boy** In Depression-era Philadelphia, when eleven-year-old David is too ill to attend school, he is tutored by his unique and adventurous Aunt Annie, whose teaching combines with his imagination to greatly enrich his life.

Almond, David **Secret heart** Joe lives in Helmouth, a forgotten village crumbling on the edge of the suburbs. His mother has fallen under the influence of her boyfriend, whose presence overshadows Joe's every move. And then the circus arrives and, with it, the Tiger.

Avi **The Christmas rat** Alone in his apartment during Christmas vacation, eleven-year-old Eric finds himself caught in a battle between a strange exterminator and the rat he wants to kill.

Avi **Don't you know there's a war on?** In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favourite teacher from being fired.

Blackwood, Gary L **Shakespeare's scribe** It is 1602 in plague-ridden England when Widge, a fifteen-year-old orphan boy who has become an apprentice actor, goes on the road with Shakespeare's troupe and finds out more about his parents along the way. Sequel to *The Shakespeare stealer*.

Bruchac, Joseph **Skeleton man** After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle", Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

Burgess, Melvin **The ghost behind the wall** David discovers a ghost in the ventilation shafts of the building where he lives. But what is a ghost? An unusual story that combines action with an astute exploration of child psychology and the nature of memory.

Colfer, Eoin **Artemis Fowl** This is an exciting story but one which perhaps failed to live up to the marketing hype that preceded it. Its strengths are its irony and inventiveness.

Colfer, Eoin **The wish list** After a botched attempt to rob a pensioner's flat, Meg, along with her partner in crime, Belch, ends up in a sticky situation – dead! With the help of Laurie, the pensioner, she may win her chance for salvation.

Coman, Carolyn **Many stones** After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name

Creech, Sharon **Love that dog** Jack comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, and surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin **At the crossing-places** Arthur de Caldicot, now squire to Lord Stephen, continues to see his life mirrored in the seeing stone given to him by Merlin. Sequel to *The seeing stone*.

DiCamillo, Kate **The tiger rising** Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

Dickinson, Peter **The Ropemaker** (On order).

Ellis, Deborah **The breadwinner** Eleven-year-old Parvana lives with her family in one room of a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul. As conditions grow desperate, Parvana must transform herself into a boy and become the breadwinner.

Fienberg, Anna **The witch in the lake** Leo lives in a time when superstition and fear of the plague rule people's lives. The lake in his village is a forbidden and dangerous place – that's where they say the witch lives and she is always hungry for children. Leo is only a young wizard, but the witch is calling for him. Can he face her?

Fleischman, Sid **Bo & Mzzz Mad** When his father dies, Bo Gamage warily moves to the Mojave Desert home of his distant and estranged relatives, the Martinkas, where he finds that "Mad" lives up to her name, PawPaw despises him and Aunt Juna hopes he'll help search for the gold mine that started a family feud.

Gantos, Jack **Joey Pigza loses control** Joey goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship. Sequel to *Joey Pigza swallowed the key*.

Gleitzman, Morris **Adults only**

Griffin, Peni R **The ghost sitter** When she realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace.

Herrick, Steven **Love poems and leg spinners: a month in the life of Class 5b**

Hesse, Karen **Witness** A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

Hesse, Karen **Young Nick's head** A fictional journal relates the experiences of Nicholas Young, who was a stowaway aboard the HMS Endeavour on its 1768 – 1771 voyage under Captain James Cook. (Published in the USA as *Stowaway*.)

Ibbotson, Eva **Journey to the river sea** Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River. A delightfully old-fashioned story with enough modern resonances to appeal to contemporary readers.

I'm telling you! Prize-winning entries from the 1999 Cambridge Young Writers Award.

Langton, Jane **The time bike** Eddy receives a mysterious gift from India, an old-fashioned bike that transports its rider through time.

Leeson, Robert **The song of Arthur** It is the fifth century AD. A young boy is orphaned as the north of Britain is ravaged by war. Taking up his father's sword and harp, he is led across land and sea to Arthur, the renowned "Boar of Cornwall". Thus begins a retelling of the Arthurian legends, narrated by Taliesin, the orphan boy.

McAllister, Margaret **Ghost at the window** A mystery about a ghost trapped in a house which slips in and out of different periods in history. The ghost appeals to the boy who lives in the house for his help to release her spirit from its confines.

McCaughrean, Geraldine **The kite rider** It's not just being strapped to a kite and sent up into the sky that is dangerous for Haoyou. Beyond the horizon, an army is travelling east towards the circus, the army of Khublai Khan. If the show isn't good enough, the Khan will cut his head off.

McCaughrean, Geraldine **Stop the train** Settlers in Oklahoma try to get the train to stop in their town.

McKay, Hilary **Saffy's angel** Adopted Saffy sets out to discover her past.

Mark, Jan **The lady with iron bones** Kasey never seems to get what she wants, until Ellen introduces her to the Lady with Iron Bones. At last she feels her prayers will be answered. Ellen meanwhile grows uneasy – she's worried the lady may fail Kasey or, worse, her dreams may start to come true.

Mead, Alice **Girl of Kosovo** Although Zana, an eleven-year-old Albanian girl, experiences the turmoil and violence of the 1999 conflict in her native Kosovo, she remembers her father's admonition to not let her heart become filled with hate.

Meehan, Kierin **Hannah's winter** Hannah never expected Japan to hold so many secrets.

Moore, Steve **Dead Edward** Edward, aged 14, must come to terms with being a ghost.

More muck and magic edited by Michael Morpurgo, illustrated by Quentin Blake. This collection of short stories includes Margaret Mahy's *The tree rider of Izanda*, set on Banks Peninsula.

Morpurgo, Michael **Out of the ashes** Based on the author's personal experience of this year's foot-and-mouth epidemic in Britain.

Morpurgo, Michael **Toro! Toro!** Set at the time of the Spanish Civil War.

Naidoo, Beverley **Out of bounds: stories of conflict and hope** By the winner of this year's Carnegie Medal.

Nimmo, Jenny **Milo's wolves** A story about human cloning.

Park, Linda Sue **A single shard** Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Peck, Richard **Fair weather** In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill and Lillian Russell, turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.

Pierce, Tamora **Street magic** Former "street rat" Briar Moss must face his past when he discovers a young mage in need of a mentor. Second title in the *The circle opens* quartet.

Platt, Richard **Pirate diary: the journal of Jake Carpenter** Starting in 1716, this describes the adventures of nine-year-old Jake. When pirates capture his ship, Jake finds himself embarking on a new life, on the wrong side of the law. He takes part in a treasure raid, encounters a sea monster, endures a terrible storm and learns about the pirate code.

Pratchett, Terry **Amazing Maurice and his educated rodents** A *Discworld* novel for younger readers.

Ryan, Pam Munoz **Esperanza rising** Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go and work in the labour camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Salisbury, Graham **Lord of the deep** Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices

Shearer, Alex **The great blue yonder** A "humorous and deeply moving book" (Books for Keeps).

Sleator, William **Marco's millions** Twelve-year-old Marco's love for travel and for his younger sister Lilly, who has psychic powers, leads him to journey to other universes, gaining the ability to go wherever he wishes without growing old. Prequel to *The boxes*.

Taylor, Theodore **A sailor returns** Evan, whose strict father has little time for him, is delighted when his long-lost grandfather returns.

Thomas, Ruth **The paper bag baby** (On order).

Thompson, Kate **The beguilers** Everyone knew the power of the beguilers. No one knew what they were. No one had ever caught one. But every generation threw up a beguiler-hunter: a tragic soul considered mad by the rest of the village. Rilka knows she isn't mad, but her desire to catch a beguiler will change her life – forever.

Vande Velde, Vivian **The Rumpelstiltskin problem** A collection of variations on the familiar story of a boastful miller and the daughter he claims can spin straw into gold.

Wagner, Jenny **Catching the Nimbin** Third in the series. The first title appeared in 1978.

Wilson, Jacqueline **The cat mummy** "I have a pet. I love her lots, but she is very, very boring. Even so, Mabel, my dear tabby cat, is a good listener. Miss Smith, my new teacher, told us that in ancient Egypt, people worshipped cats. Mabel could definitely have been a cat goddess in those days." A story about coming to terms with loss.

Wilson, Jacqueline **Dustbin baby** April, abandoned as a baby, tries to establish an identity for herself.



Fiction for young adults

- Ashley, Bernard **Playing against the odds** The startlingly honest and touching story of a boy falling in love with a new arrival in his class. The new arrival then goes on to become the chief suspect for a spate of thefts.
- Bagdasarian, Adam **Forgotten fire** Twelve-year-old Vahan Kenderian, the son of an influential Armenian family in Turkey, struggles to survive alone after witnessing the deaths of many of his family and friends during the Armenian massacres of the early twentieth century.
- Bateson, Catherine **The year it all happened** A verse novel detailing a year in the life of four friends as they finish high school and try to find places for themselves in the “real” world. Sequel to *A dangerous girl*.
- Bauer, Joan **Hope was here** When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner’s political campaign to oust the town’s corrupt mayor.
- Blackman, Malorie **Noughts & crosses** Tackles the issues of racism and prejudice in a world set in an alternate historical reality.
- Block, Francesca Lia **The rose and the beast: fairy tales retold** Nine classic fairy tales set in modern, magical landscapes and retold with a twist.
- Brashares, Ann **The sisterhood of the traveling pants** Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of trousers.
- Brooks, Bruce **All that remains** Three novellas explore the effects of death on young lives.
- Brugman, Alyssa **Finding Grace** Rachel gets a live-in job looking after Grace who is brain-damaged and has a lovely house, greedy relatives, a life of unfinished business – and a lot to teach Rachel.
- Burgess, Melvin **Lady: my life as a bitch** A flirtatious, confident and rebellious teenager is transformed into an understandably confused and frightened dog by a tramp with magical powers. Sandra has a lot of growing up to do, quickly, to survive as a scrounging stray in a competitive and rough dog’s world.
- Cadnum, Michael **Raven of the waves** On his first Viking raid, seventeen-year-old Lidsmod sails on the ship Raven, joining his comrades as they destroy and plunder villages in medieval England and take an Anglo-Saxon boy as captive.

- Coman, Carolyn **Many stones** After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.
- Cormier, Robert **Rag and bone shop** Cormier's last novel, largely completed before his death last year.
- Crutcher, Chris **Whale talk** Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.
- Doherty, Berlie **Holly Starcross** "... a beautiful, moving story with characters to believe in..." (TES)
- Enzensberger, Hans Magnus **Where were you, Robert?** Fifteen-year-old Robert is a dreamer: one evening his eyes blur over and he literally disappears. Robert has become a time traveller, but with little control over his ability he seems doomed to wander forever – until he appears in 17th-century Amsterdam and finds a slim chance of returning home.
- Fleischman, Paul **Seek** Rob becomes obsessed with searching the airwaves for his long-gone father, a radio announcer.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson **Among the impostors** In a future where the law limits a family to only two children, third-born Luke has been in hiding for the entire twelve years of his life, until he enters boarding school under an assumed name and is forced to face his fears. Sequel to *Among the hidden*.
- Hicilymaz, Gaye **In flame** When Helen was seven, her big brother was killed in an accident. Seven years on, she meets a local girl, Sam, also recently bereaved, and begins to build up another picture of her brother's early life from Sam's own memories. Anxieties arise when Helen becomes attracted to Sam's brother Christian.
- Horniman, Joanne **Mahalia** Single teenage father Matt is 17 and looks after his baby, Mahalia. His girlfriend couldn't cope and has gone away, perhaps forever. This evocative novel explores the tensions in Matt's existence between the purposeful growth and demands of the baby and his own sense of drift.
- I believe in water: twelve brushes with religion** edited by Marilyn Singer. This anthology of stories by award-winning authors explores religion, belief, and spirituality.
- Jones, Diana Wynne **Year of the griffin** When Elda, the griffin daughter of the great Wizard Derk, arrives for schooling at the Wizards' University, she encounters new friends, pirates, assassins, worry, sabotage, bloodshed, and magic misused. Sequel to *The Dark Lord of Derkholm*.

Lawrence, Iain **The buccaneers** In the eighteenth century sixteen-year-old John Spencer sails from England in his schooner, the Dragon, to the Caribbean, where he and the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever, and a strange man who some fear may be cursed. Sequel to *The smugglers* and *The wreckers*.

Lawrence, Iain **Ghost boy** Unhappy in a home seemingly devoid of love, a fourteen-year-old albino boy who thinks of himself as Harold the Ghost runs away to join the circus, where he works with the elephants and searches for a sense of who he is.

Na, An **A step from heaven** A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds **Alice alone** Alice's first year in high school gets off to a difficult start when she and her boyfriend Patrick break up, but with the help of her father, older brother, and best friends, she gains a better sense of her own self-worth.

Nicholson, William **Slaves of the Mastery** Fifteen-year-old Bowman uses his newly-discovered powers to join with his twin sister Kestrel in an attempt to liberate their people from the civilization which has enslaved them. Sequel to *The wind singer*.

Nix, Garth **Lirael: daughter of the Clayr** When a dangerous necromancer threatens to unleash a long-buried evil, Lirael and Prince Sameth are drawn into a battle to save the Old Kingdom. Sequel to *Sabriel*.

Paulsen, Gary **The beet fields: memories of a sixteenth summer** The author recalls his experiences as a migrant labourer and carnival worker after he runs away from home at age sixteen.

Price, Susan **The wolf-sisters** Kenelm has always wanted to be a warrior, but his uncle, the King, has given him to the church to become a monk. When Kenelm is recalled because of sickness, he ventures into the woods to find the Wood-People. There he meets the beautiful Wolf-Sisters and is given the chance of freedom.

Rai, Bali **(Un)arranged marriage** Set partly in the UK and partly in the Punjab region of India, **(Un)arranged Marriage** is a perceptive look at a young man's fight to free himself from family expectations and an arranged marriage he doesn't want.

Rubinstein, Gillian **Terra-Farma** Sequel to *Galax-Arena*.

Savvides, Irini **Willow tree and Olive** Olive travels to Greece to lay a traumatic episode in her past to rest.

Simoen, Jan **And what about Anna?** Translated from the Dutch by John Nieuwenhuizen. Anna's family has gone through difficult times. One brother has died of AIDS, another, Michael, is missing, presumed dead, in Bosnia. Her father has left home. Left to pick up the pieces, Anna struggles to make sense of it all. When she discovers Michael may be alive, she's faced with an impossible dilemma.

Singer, Marilyn **The Circus Lunicus** Solly's stepmother forbids him to go the Circus Lunicus, but gives him an inflatable lizard that turns into his fairy godmother and teaches him how to turn into a space lizard as well.

Sturtevant, Katherine **At the sign of the star** In seventeenth-century London, Meg, who has little interest in cooking, needlework, or other homemaking skills, dreams of becoming a bookseller and someday inheriting her widowed father's book store.

Svensden, Mark Nestor **Poison under their lips** A story about the abuse of official power in Queensland during European settlement.

Taylor, Mildred D **The land** After the Civil War Paul, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between worlds as he pursues his dream of owning land of his own. An enthralling prequel to Newberry Medal Winner *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Things I have to tell you: poems and writing by teenage girls edited by Betsy Franco A collection of poems, stories, and essays written by girls twelve to eighteen years of age and revealing how they overcame the challenges they faced.

Thomson, Sarah L **The dragon's son** Based on the Mabinogion, a collection of medieval Welsh tales, as well as later legends, this story tells of family members and servants important in the life of King Arthur.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer **True believer** When LaVaughn was little, the obstacles in her life didn't seem so bad. School was simple, boys were friends. Everything made sense. Now she's 15 and the obstacles aren't going away anymore, and the boy who's a miracle in her life acts as if he's in love with her. Only he's not. Sequel to *Making lemonade*.

Woodson, Jacqueline **Miracle's boys** Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother. Winner of the 2001 Coretta Scott King Award.

Wulfson, Don L **Soldier X** In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front. Based on a true story.



Information books, including poetry and folktales

- Appelt, Kathi **Down Cut Shin Creek: the pack horse librarians of Kentucky** Tells how the Works Progress Administration's pack horse libraries brought reading materials during the Great Depression to people in isolated areas in the backwoods of Kentucky.
- Aronson, Marc **Sir Walter Raleigh and the quest for El Dorado** Recounts the adventurous life of the English explorer and courtier.
- Blumberg, Rhoda **Shipwrecked!: the true adventures of a Japanese boy** In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.
- Crosbie, Michael J **Arches to zigzags: an architecture ABC**
- Curlee, Lynn **Brooklyn Bridge** Describes the planning, construction, and history of the Brooklyn Bridge, celebrated as one of the greatest landmarks of New York City.
- Dispezio, Michael A **Eye-popping optical illusions** Presents a variety of optical illusions and explains the reason for each.
- Heaney, Marie **The names upon the harp** Irish myths and legends.
- Hill, Anthony **Soldier boy: the true story of Jim Martin, the youngest ANZAC** A moving story, simply told.
- Lalicki, Tom **Spellbinder: the life of Harry Houdini**
- Lauber, Patricia **What you never knew about tubs, toilets & showers** Describes people's feelings about bathing and methods of keeping clean throughout history, from the Stone Age to modern times.
- Little lit.: folklore & fairy tale funnies** edited by Art Spiegelman & Francoise Mouly.
- Lively, Penelope **In search of a homeland: the story of the Aeneid** Aeneas, son of Venus, leaves his ruined city of Troy in an attempt to find a new home for his people and faces enormous dangers along the way, such as giants, monsters, and a trip to the Underworld.
- MacGill-Callahan, Sheila **The last snake in Ireland** Before he becomes a saint, Patrick drives all snakes but one out of Ireland and that last one he throws into Scotland's Loch Ness.
- Marrin, Albert **Sitting Bull and his world** Detailed life of the Hunkpapa chief who is particularly remembered for his defeat of General Custer at Little Big Horn.

McCaughrean, Geraldine **The Orchard book of Roman myths**

Macaulay, David **Building big**

Montgomery, Sy **The man-eating tigers of Sundarbans** This account of the author's trip to the flooded forest of the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve expels the myths and attempts to explain the science behind the behaviour of the man-eating tigers which inhabit this mangrove swamp.

Myers, Walter Dean **Bad boy: a memoir** The author relates his experiences growing up in Harlem, the home of Sugar Ray Robinson and Langston Hughes, in the 1940s and 1950s.

Nurosi, Aki **Colorful illusions: tricks to fool your eyes**

Onyefulu, Ifeoma **Saying goodbye: a special farewell to Mama Nkwelle**

Paulsen, Gary **Hatchet: the truth** Autobiographical inspirations for Paulsen's very popular survival stories.

Papunya School **Papunya school book of country and history** "At school we learn two ways – Anangu way and Western way. But most of what we need to know isn't written down on paper. That's why we have to make our own books, telling our own stories of country and history." A moving and indeed, landmark, publication addressing the history of Australia that some have wanted to forget and others have never known about.

Pinkney, Jerry **Aesop's fables**

A poke in the I: a collection of concrete poems selected by Paul B Janeczko. A wonderful collection of poetry for young readers by numerous visual poets. Illustrated by Chris Raschka.

Prelutsky, Jack **Awful Ogre's awful day** In a series of poems, Awful Ogre rises, grooms himself, dances, pens a letter, and goes through other activities as the day passes.

Salkeld, Audrey **Mystery on Everest: a photobiography of George Mallory** Discusses the life of British mountain climber, George Mallory, the discovery of his body seventy-five years after his death, and the debate over whether Mallory was the first person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Tanaka, Shelley **In the time of knights: the real-life history of history's greatest knight** This follows the career of medieval knight William Marshal from his rigorous training to his tournaments and Crusade battles, and provides information on weaponry, castle life, and the political and religious background of his era.

Visconti, Guido **The genius of Leonardo** A biography of the work, dreams, and wild inventions of Leonardo da Vinci, as seen through the eyes of his mischievous young assistant, Giacomo. Incorporates many original words and sketches.

Walker, Richard **DK guide to the human body: a photographic journey through the human body** A unique, entertaining, and educational book for the entire family explores all the body systems, including the brain and the central nervous system, blood and circulation, the skeleton, the digestive system, and reproduction and genetics.

Wildsmith, Brian **Jesus**

Zemach, Margot **Some from the moon some from the sun: poems and songs for everyone**



New Zealand titles: a selection

Picture books

Allen, Pamela **Brown bread and honey** One night the king is so sick from eating that he sacks the cooks. The next day the stable boy finds the king hungry and sad and gives him his own lunch – brown bread and honey.

Batt, Tanya **The terrible Q** Sam likes shopping, but one day mum says they can't go because of "The terrible queue". Sam begins to wonder what a terrible Q actually is.

Butler, Dorothy **My brown bear Barney at the party** Barney's owner takes the brown bear to Harold Hinkel's birthday party where he suffers many indignities at the hands of Harold's little sister, Polly.

Cowley, Joy **Pip the penguin** Pip the penguin's parents warn their baby of the dangers that await a penguin in the wilds of the Antarctic. A little ponderous.

Dodd, Lynley **Scarface Claw** Scarface Claw thinks he is the toughest tom cat in town and that nothing frightens him, until he gives himself a scare in the mirror.

Drewery, Melanie **Nanny Mihi and the rainbow** Nanny has a special plan for her grandchildren when they visit her in the holidays. Every day she asks them to collect objects of a different colour, and by the end of the week they have made a rainbow.

Gilderdale, Betty **Little yellow digger saves the whale** Ho-hum entry in this popular series.

Hopkins, Perrin **Desert dessert** The animals in the desert are bored with plain old water to drink. One by one, they each add something to the waterhole until they have a glorious dessert! The logic of the story falters somewhat, as the animals eat and eat and eat without seeming to reduce the dessert a great deal, but overall this is a quality production showcasing two new talents. Illustrated by Jenna Packer.

Meharry, Dot **The pipi and the mussels** When the whales swim up and down the coast, they disturb the pipi and the mussels with the big waves they create. A somewhat unlikely *pourquoi* story.

Turner, Gwenda **Penny and Pocket** Tale based on true events about a Jack Russell terrier, who develops mothering instincts towards an abandoned kitten named Pocket. Sadly, Gwenda Turner's last book, completed shortly before her death.

Watson, Joy **Grandpa's shorts** When the family invite Grandma and Grandpa to the beach, Grandma doesn't want Grandpa to wear his old beach shorts, but he finds them and the kids think he looks pretty cool. Although this feels a bit patronising, fans of the other books in this series will enjoy the latest addition.

Wolfe, Richard **Walter's planet** Young inventor Walter (something of a Harry Potter look-alike) discovers a new planet, in this somewhat clichéd verse narrative. The ending feels tacked on.



Fiction for younger readers

Cowley, Joy **Agapanthus Hum and Major Bark** After Agapanthus gets a puppy for a pet, she enters him in a champion dog show and comes away with a surprising result.

Cowley, Joy **Brodie** Written to help children deal with the unexpected death of a classmate.

Cowley, Joy **The wild Wests and the haunted fridge** The West family copes with the death of their rusty old fridge and trying to find a replacement. In the second story, the Wests are invited to a wedding with a difference.

Holloway, Judith Bryers **Hine's rainbow** (On order).

Kiwi kids' collection Racy riddles, cheesy chants, clapping rhymes, tongue twisters, jokes, funny poems, and stories.

Tipene, Tim **Taming the taniwha** With help and support from his family, Tama finds a way to tame the bully at school who becomes his friend.



Fiction for older readers

Beale, Fleur **Ambushed** Richard thinks his parents are “hard-hearted criminals” because they won’t let him stay behind when they shift to the city.

Corlett, Shirley **The weather-makers** Peter Brown is tired of bad weather. Altus, from the Dimension of Natural Forces, is tired of people complaining about it. So Altus gives Peter the power to control the weather.

Brassi, G **Skull Island**

Dickinson, Steve **Last cast** Zac and Rex have been mates forever. They both love fishing, any sort of fishing. When they discover Big Boris, the snapper down in the rock pool, the race is on to see who can catch him. A title in the *Sport max* series.

Hill, David **The sleeper wakes** Corey loves Mt. Taranaki, locally called “the sleeper”. It hasn’t murmured for 250 years. Corey and his father, high up on the mountain suddenly feel the first rumblings, and a race begins to protect the town from catastrophe.

Hunter, Eirlys **Finn’s quest: Coldkeep Castle** Sequel to *The queen-seekers*.

McKay, Sandy **Recycled** “What is Colin doing scrambling about in the rubbish bin? Has he lost something? His sister thinks he’s lost his marbles, his father thinks he’s lost his manners, and his mother, well, she’s losing her temper very quickly. But Colin wants to save the world. And the rubbish bin seems a good place to start.”

Mahy, Margaret **The riddle of the frozen phantom** A mystery adventure set in the Antarctic, which the author visited a few years ago.

Malane, Donna **Alien time** Jasper is a pretty normal kid – his parents aren’t together anymore but they get on okay and life seems fine. School has its ups and downs, and his best friend, Elliot, is always there for him. Then one night Jasper gets a visitor. The gift that the alien visitor gives to Jasper enables him to see into the future.

Menefy, Diana **River crossing** When Josh’s dog Cav is swept away by flood waters, Josh and Brian must work together to find him.

Robertson, Alison **Knocked for six** Tony really wants to be in the cricket team but his mum tells him he has to visit his dying gran, so he’ll miss the trials. On top of that, he falls off his bike, his best friend tells him he’s going away to boarding school, his new cricket gear is stolen and the girl he hates most in the world gets him into trouble at school. Winner of the Tom Fitzgibbon Award.



Young Adults

Beckett, Bernard **Jolt** Marko surfaces from a drug induced haze to find himself hidden from the world in a psychiatric ward. He is certain the "Doctor" means to kill him, and he in turn has vengeful plans of his own. But how is it he came to stop taking his medication? Who can Marko trust and how much time does he have? Time enough to write it all down, his story of a coast-to-coast trip, and the earthquake that ripped his world apart.

Catran, Ken **Road Kill** A title in the *Crime waves* series.

Catran, Ken **Taken at the flood** A tsunami hits New Zealand.

Catran, Ken **The tribe, Mall rats** Based on the popular television series about a future world where teenagers rule.

Catran, Wendy **Not raining today** Tibet seen through the eyes of two Tibetan nuns as they try to escape across the mountains into Nepal.

Chadwick, Dave **Shaking** Ian, Marko, Andrew and Terry are the boys in the band, preparing for the rock quest in just four weeks' time. When Marko brings Rachel along to try out as singer, everything changes.

Duder, Tessa **Tiggie Tompson, all at sea** The lives of a modern day young actress and the character she is to portray in a 19th century television drama, are about to collide.

Fifty short stories by young New Zealanders edited by Graeme Lay.

Hill, David **The high wind blows** Adam Cade, astronomy enthusiast, wins a chance to watch the launch of a satellite that will study the solar wind. At Mt Dauntless Launch Station he hears about a terrorist group that believes space exploration is bad. Adam is soon involved in a struggle that leads all the way to the Kennedy Space Centre.

Hill, David **The name of the game** Rugby-playing Alan Randall and his mates think the South African rugby team should tour New Zealand. Donna Ostler and her friends think not. They want to stop the tour, by marches, protests, even by invading the grounds.

Lay, Graeme **Return to One Foot Island** Tuaine returns to the Cook Islands after a disastrous term at an Auckland school and takes great comfort in sailing to One Foot Island. Then she meets Adam, sailing around the world with his parents. Their friendship deepens and One Foot Island becomes their miniature paradise. But will it last?

Maybury, Ged **I am leather-man** Jake is fed up with his wealthy parent's divorce, and having to leave his home and his school when their house is sold. They're so busy with their own lives they don't realise he's slipping out of the arrangements they've made for him, and is living alone in his mother's new house.

O'Brien, Bill **Unmasked** A title in the *Crime waves* series.

Orwin, Joanna **Owl** Owl and Tama are from very different backgrounds and are set for a stand off. Then Owl's discovery of some Maori cave drawings unleashes a disturbing malevolence from the past.

Todd, Penelope **Peri** A move to a new town throws Peri's whole family into a spin, and then Peri meets Max.



Information books, including poetry and folktales

Another 100 New Zealand poems for children edited by Rachel McAlpine A follow up to the popular first collection.

Batt, Tanya Robyn **The fabrics of fairytale: stories spun from far and wide**

Baynton, Theo **Looking for Larry** Combination of fact and puzzle book, this works better at the latter level as Troy the tuatara searches through the age of dinosaurs, looking for his Uncle Larry.

Bishop Gavin **Tom Thumb: the true history of Thomas Thumb** Retelling of the classic tale.

Crowe, Andrew **Which New Zealand bird?: a simple step-by-step guide to the identification of New Zealand's native & introduced birds**

Gossage, Peter **In the beginning** A retelling of the story of Rangī and Papa.

Hita, Quinton **Q's course in Maori** (Book and tape).

Pollard, Simon **I am a spider** Introducing nineteen spiders commonly found in New Zealand.

Redraft! edited by Alan Bunn. A collection of prose and poetry by teenage writers.

Seager, Jo **Easy peasy lemon squeezy**

Stace, Glenys **Yes! We had dinosaurs: discover New Zealand's exciting past**



Children's book awards 2001

NEW ZEALAND

Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa Children's Book Awards

Esther Glen Award

Mahy, Margaret **24 hours**

Russell Clark Award

Kerr, Bob **After the war**

Non-Fiction for Young People Award

Parkinson, Brian **The tuatara**

Te Kura Pounamu Award

Tawhara, Merito **Te Puriri**

New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards

Picture Book of the Year

Beames, Margaret **Oliver in the garden** illustrated by Sue Hitchcock

Book of the Year

Catran, Ken **Voyage with Jason**

Non-Fiction

Hogg, Colin **The zoo**

Book of the Year (Supreme Award)

Catran, Ken **Voyage with Jason**

Children's choice

Beames, Margaret **Oliver in the garden** illustrated by Sue Hitchcock

UNITED STATES

Newbery Medal

Peck, Richard **A year down yonder**

Caldecott Medal

St George, Judith **So you want to be president?**

Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards

Picture Book

DeFelice, Cynthia C **Cold feet**

Fiction

Nelson, Marilyn **Carver: A Life in Poems**

Non-Fiction

Dash, Joan **The longitude prize**

AUSTRALIA

Children's Book Council Book of the Year awards

Picture Book

Wild, Margaret **Fox** illustrated by Ron Brooks

Early Childhood

Jinks, Catherine **You'll wake the baby!**

Younger Readers

Kidd, Diana **Two hands together**

Older Readers

Clarke, Judith **Wolf on the Fold**

The Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Blacklock, Dyan **Olympia: warrior athletes of ancient Greece**

ENGLAND

Carnegie Medal

Naidoo, Beverley **The other side of truth**

Kate Greenaway Medal

Child, Lauren **I will not ever never eat a tomato**

Whitbread Award

Gavin, Jamila **Coram boy**

Signal Poetry Award

Reid, Christopher **All sorts**

Guardian Award

Crossley-Holland, Kevin **The Seeing Stone**

Smarties Prize (overall winner)

5 and Under Category

Graham, Bob **Max**

6 to 8 Years Category

Wilson, Jacqueline, **Lizzie Zipmouth**

9 to 11 Years Category

Nicholson, William **The wind singer**

CANADA

Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award for illustration (Canadian Library Association)

Reynolds, Marilyn **The magnificent piano recital** illustrated by Laura Fernandez and Rick Jacobson

Young Adult Book Award (Canadian Library Association)

Goobie, Beth **Before wings**



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