

# New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards

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## 2004

### Book of the Year:

Winner ***A Bird In The Hand: Keeping New Zealand Wildlife Safe*** by Janet Hunt.  
Auckland [N.Z.]: Random House New Zealand, 2003. ISBN: 1869415639

### Childrens' Choice Award:

Winner ***Oh Hogwash, Sweet Pea!*** by Ngareta Gabel ; translated and adapted from te reo Maori by Hannah Rainforth ; illustrated by Ali Teo and Astrid Jensen. Wellington, N.Z.: Huia, 2003. ISBN: 1877283967

### Picture Book:

Winner ***Cuthbert's Babies*** by Pamela Allen. Camberwell, Vic.: Viking, 2003.  
ISBN: 0670040738

[Honour Award(s)] ***Napoleon And The Chicken Farmer*** by Lloyd Jones; illustrated by Graeme Gash. Wellington [N.Z.]: Mallinson Rendel, 2003.  
ISBN: 0908783752

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Winner ***Thunder Road*** by Ted Dawe. Dunedin, N.Z.: Longacre Press, 2003.  
ISBN: 1877135879

### Junior Fiction:

Winner ***Juggling With Mandarins*** by V.M. Jones. Auckland [N.Z.]: HarperCollins, 2003. ISBN: 1869504623

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Award(s) ISBN: 1869434560

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Honour ***24 Hours*** by Margaret Mahy. Bath [England] : Chivers Audio Books, 2001  
Award(s) ISBN: 0754052311

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Honour ***A Villains Night Out*** by Margaret Mahy. Bath [England] : Chivers Audio Award(s) Books, p1999. ISBN: 0754051234

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Honour ***I am not Esther*** by Fleur Beale. Longacre Press, 1999.  
Book ISBN: 1877135100

**Junior Fiction:**

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Honour ***Killer Moves*** by Denis Edwards. Auckland [N.Z.] : Scholastic, 1997.  
book: ISBN: 1869434021

**Non-fiction:**

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Alexandra, N.Z. : Bridge Hill, 1998. ISBN: 0473051818

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book: Longacre Press, 1997. ISBN: 187713502X

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Winner ***Ticket to the Sky Dance*** by Joy Cowley. Auckland, N.Z. : Viking, 1997.  
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### Non-Fiction:

Winner ***The Know, Sow and Grow Kid's Book of Plants*** by Diana Noonan and  
Keith Olsen. Alexandra, N.Z. : Bridge Hill, 1997.  
ISBN: 0473045672

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**Non-Fiction:**

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**Best First Book**

Winner ***Reliable Friendly Girls*** by Jane Westaway. Dunedin, N.Z. : Longacre Press, 1996. ISBN: 0958340587

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## 2003

**Book of the Year:**

Winner ***Weaving Earth And Sky: Myths & Legends of Aotearoa*** by Robert Sullivan, with illustrations by Gavin Bishop. Auckland, N.Z. : Random House , 2002. ISBN: 1869415167

**Childrens' Choice Award:**

Winner ***Why Do Dogs Sniff Bottoms?*** by Dawn McMillan and Bert Signal, with illustrations by Ross Kinnaird. Auckland, N.Z. : Reed, 2002. ISBN: 186948794X

**Picture Book:**

**Winner** *Pigtails the Pirate* written and illustrated by David Elliot. Auckland N.Z. : Random House , 2002. ISBN: 1869414691

**[Honour Award(s)]** *The Immigrants* by Alan Bagnall, with illustrations by Sarah Wilkins. Wellington [N.Z.] : Mallinson Rendel, 2002. ISBN: 0908783728

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*The Christmas Caravan* by Jennifer Beck, with illustrations by Robyn Belton. Auckland, N.Z. : Scholastic, 2002. ISBN: 1869435575

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**Winner** *Alchemy* by Margaret Mahy. London : CollinsFlamingo, 2002. ISBN: 0007131356

**[Honour Award(s)]** *Tomorrow the Dark* by Ken Catran. South Melbourne, Vic. : Lothian Books, 2002. ISBN: 0734404174

*Right Where it Hurts* by David Hill. Wellington, N.Z. : Mallinson Rendel, 2002. ISBN: 0908783701

*The Thin Line* by V R Joseph. Wellington, N.Z. : Mallinson Rendel, 2002. ISBN: 090878371X

*Letters From the Coffin-Trenches* by Ken Catran. Auckland, N.Z. : Random House, 2002. ISBN: 1869415094

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**Winner** *Buddy* by V M Jones. Auckland, [N.Z.] : HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN: 1869504313



[Honour Award(s)] ***A Friend in Paradise*** by Des Hunt. Auckland, N.Z. : HarperCollins, 2002.  
ISBN: 1869504429

***The Dragon's Apprentice*** by Linda McNabb. Auckland, N.Z.:  
HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN: 1869504127

***Something Weird About Mr. Foster*** by Ken Catran. Auckland, N.Z. :  
Scholastic, 2002. ISBN: 1869435818

***When the Kehua Calls*** by Kingi McKinnon. Auckland, N.Z. : Scholastic,  
2002. ISBN: 1869435222

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Books, 2002. ISBN: 0141006366

***New Zealand Wild: The Shaping of New Zealand*** by Brian O'Flaherty.  
Auckland, N.Z. : Reed Children's Books, 2002.  
ISBN: 1869487397

***New Zealand Trees: The Kauri*** by Alina Arkins with photography by Len  
Doel. Auckland [N.Z.] : Reed, 2002. ISBN: 1869487737

***Weta: A Knight in Shining Armour*** by Joy Cowley with photography by  
Rod Morris. Auckland, N.Z. : Scholastic, 2002.  
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