

# JOY COWLEY (OBE)



## **AUTHOR OF *THE LITTLE TRACTOR* AND *THE GREEDY CAT* SERIES**

Born in Levin in 1936, Joy was educated and worked at Palmerston North Girls High School and then attended Pharmacy College.

One of New Zealand's most prolific and successful writers of children's books, she has written more than 600 titles for all ages and her books are available in most countries where English is a first or second language. Many books have also been translated. 40% of US schools use Joy Cowley stories.

Awarded:

1981 Book of the Year Award for *The Silent One*

1992 Book of the Year Award for *Bow Down Shadrach*

1990 New Zealand Commemoration Medal for services to Literature

1992 OBE for her services to children's literature

1992 Appreciation Award for Services to Reading – Washington DC Reading Council

1993 Margaret Mahy Award for Services to Literature

1993 Honorary doctorate from Massey University

1996 Winner, Honour Book of the AIM Children's Book Awards for *The Cheese Trap*

1996 Finalist of the AIM Children's Book Awards for *Tulevai and the Sea*.

1998 Winner of NZ Post Children's Book Awards Junior Fiction *Ticket to the Sky Dance*

1999 Winner of NZ Post Children's Book Awards Junior Fiction *Starbright and the Dream Eater*

2002 Roberta Long Medal in Alabama, USA

Several years ago, Joy moved to Wellington with her husband Terry after living in the idyllic surroundings of Fish Bay in the Marlborough Sounds for many years.

Joy's writing career of more than 30 years has taken her around the globe where she has met children and teachers from Alaska to New York to South Africa to Brunei. Love, humour and a little twist at the end are key components of Joy's writing and she loves to meet children and hear what they think about her stories and life in general. "The day I'm no longer with children is the day I stop writing for them, because the energy flow comes from them and goes back to them," she says.

Joy also travels for pleasure and inspiration with recent trips to Antarctica and Petra in the Middle East. Fishing, cooking, gardening, reading, weaving and playing with her train set and kaleidoscope collection are just some of Joy's hobbies.

Joy has been awarded the New Zealand Commemorative Medal for her service to children's literature and the Order of the British Empire acknowledging her distinguished service to the arts and sciences.

Scholastic titles:

<i>Apple, Banana, Cherry</i> – HC	978 1 86943 460 1
* <i>Apple, Banana, Cherry</i> – SC	978 1 86943 467 0
<i>Beyond the River</i>	978 1 86943 218 8
<i>Brodie</i>	978 1 86943 517 2
<i>Cricket Storm</i> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	978 1 68943 458 8
<i>Cricket Storm</i> - HC	978 1 86943 430 4
<i>Duck Walk</i>	978 1 86943 535 6
<i>Eating Plums in Bed</i>	978 1 86943 536 3
<i>Elephant Rhymes</i>	978 1 86943 325 3
<i>Great Bamboozle</i>	978 1 86943 390 1
* <i>Greedy Cat and the School Pet Show</i>	978 1 86943 647 6
* <i>Greedy Cat and the Sneeze</i>	978 1 86943 688 9
<i>Haunting Tales</i>	978 1 86943 338 3
<i>Mouse Bride</i>	978 1 86943 278 2
* <i>Nicketty-Nacketty, Noo-Noo-Noo</i> - SC	978 1 86943 360 4
* <i>Pip the Penguin</i>	978 1 86943 480 9
<i>Pudding</i> – HC	978 1 86943 441 0
<i>Pudding</i> – SC	978 1 86943 538 7
<i>Questions Kids Ask: Joy Cowley</i>	978 1 86943 293 5
<i>The Screaming Mean Machine</i>	978 1 86943 629 2
* <i>The Sea Daughter</i> (Maori)	978 1 86943 516 5
<i>The Sea Daughter</i>	978 1 86943 219 5
<i>Seven Chinese Brothers</i>	978 1 86943 057 3
<i>Song of the River</i>	978 1 86943 177 8
<i>The Bump</i>	978 1 86943 345 1
* <i>The Cheese Trap</i>	978 1 86943 619 3
* <i>The Little Tractor</i> (Maori)	978 1 86943 614 8
* <i>The Little Tractor</i>	978 1 86943 599 8
<i>The Red-Eyed Tree Frog</i>	978 0 59087 175 4
<i>Tulevai and the Sea</i> (Maori)	978 1 86943 514 1
* <i>Tulevai and the Sea</i>	978 1 86943 221 8
* <i>Weta</i> (Maori)	978 1 86943 615 5
<i>Weta: A Knight in Shining Armour</i>	978 1 86943 547 9

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