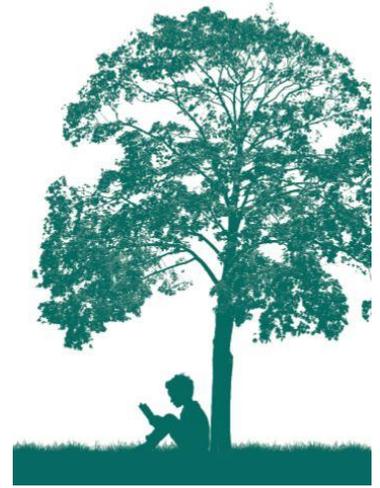


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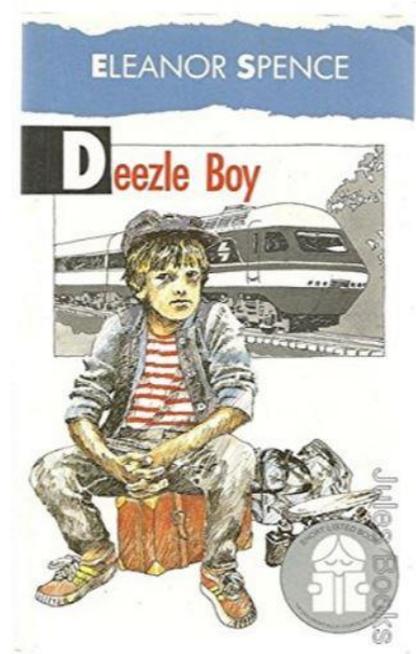
This is a snap shot of the first 10 years (1987 – 1996) of the Book Award.

1987

(Inaugural Award)
Deezle Boy

Eleanor Spence

Grant loves trains and the morning he sees the inter-city XPT is just the start of what turns out to be the extraordinary day on which he is kidnapped by an unfamiliar woman and her daughter.

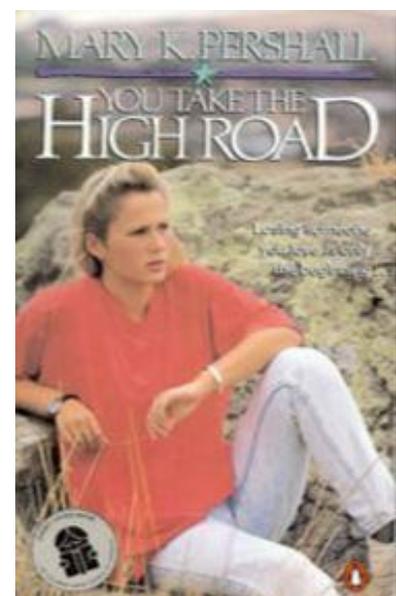


1988

You Take the High
Road

Mark K Pershall

An Australian girl's dream of being an older sister is fulfilled, until a tragic accident shatters her family, and she must pick up the pieces--with the support of a caring teacher and a special boyfriend.

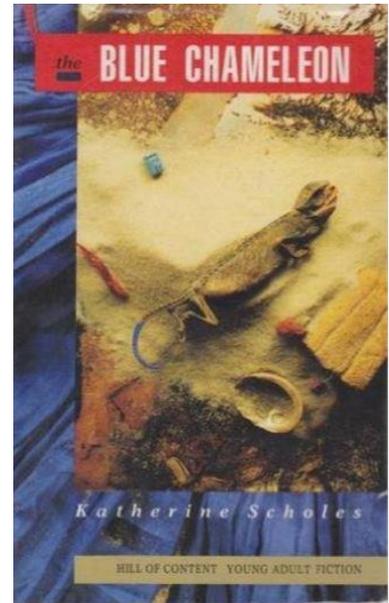


1989

The Blue
Chameleon

Katherine Scholes

A story of famine in the deep Sahara, the ozone hole over Antarctica, the dangerous legacy of a dead biologist-and Beni Ish-Mahel, and the survivor of an ancient desert clan.

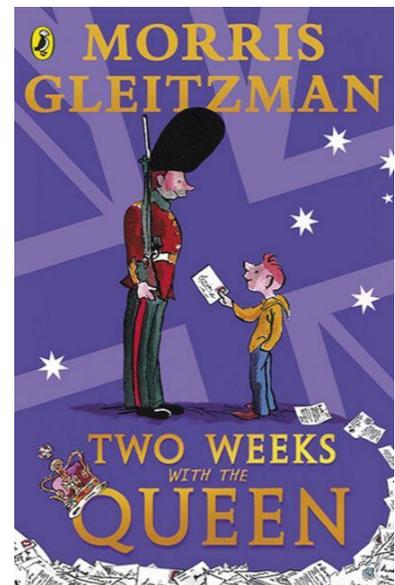


1990

Two Weeks with
the Queen

Morris Gleitzman

A humorous but deeply moving story about Colin who refuses to believe that his younger brother is dying of cancer and decides to take things into his own hands.

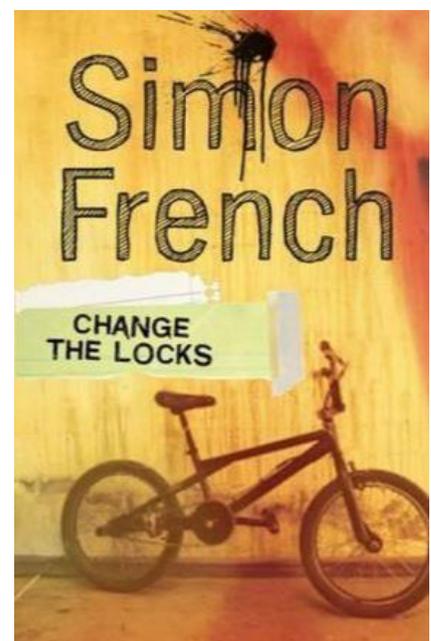


1991

Change the Locks

Simon French

Eleven-year-old Steven has vague and disturbing memories of being left alone on a road in the middle of nowhere when he was young, but his mother, faced with her own problems, avoids answering questions about their earlier life.

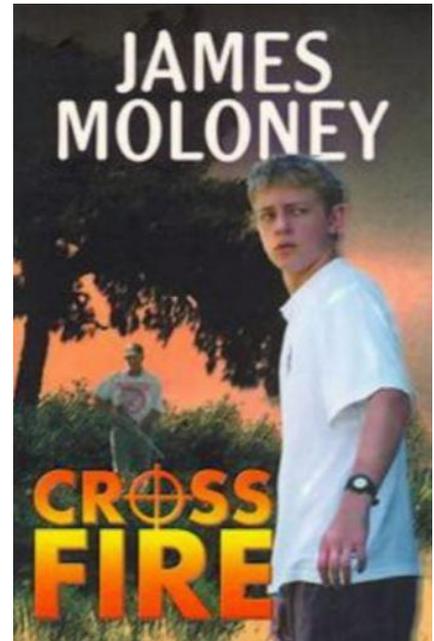


1992

Crossfire

James Moloney

A .22 calibre rifle is found in Luke Aldridges' school locker. Luke then joins his father on a forbidden hunting trip and discovers guns ...

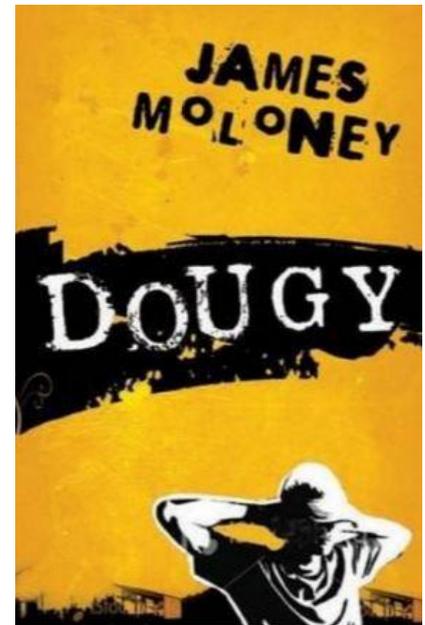


1993

Dougy

James Moloney

When Dougy's sister Gracey is picked for the state athletics championships, not everybody in their small bush town is pleased. "Aborigines get special treatment", some of the angry white people say - "It's not fair!" The championships change everything for Gracey and trigger dramatic events in the town too-black and white relations reach explosion point. The time is ripe for the mysterious Moodagudda to seek a victim... In the end, it's up to Dougy to save his family - and to prove himself.

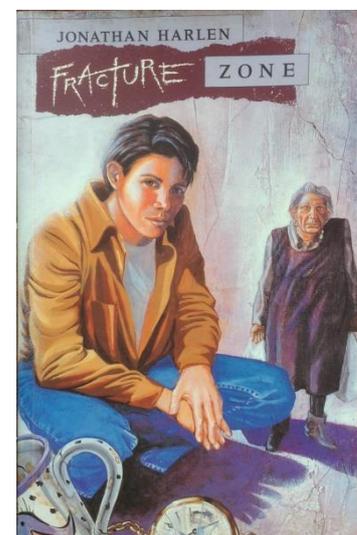


1994

Fracture Zone

Jonathan Harlen

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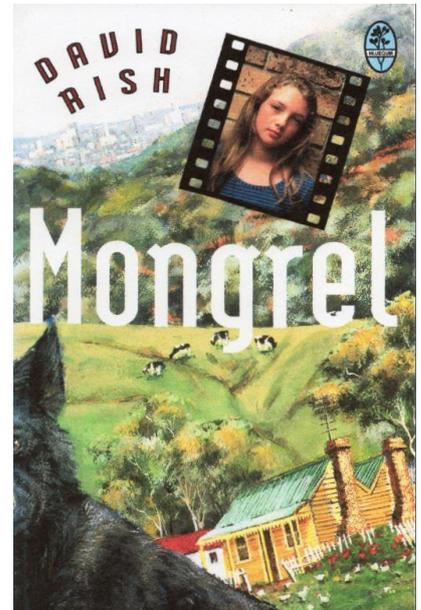
1995

Mongrel
David Rush

Judy's mother has a new boyfriend and they are going to have a baby. There doesn't seem to be any room for Judy in the relationship, so she is sent to stay with her grandfather on his farm. It all seems hopeless until she nurses an abused dog back to health.

"May I wish the awards many happy returns on their thirtieth. Winning was one of the biggest thrills of my writing time".

David Rush



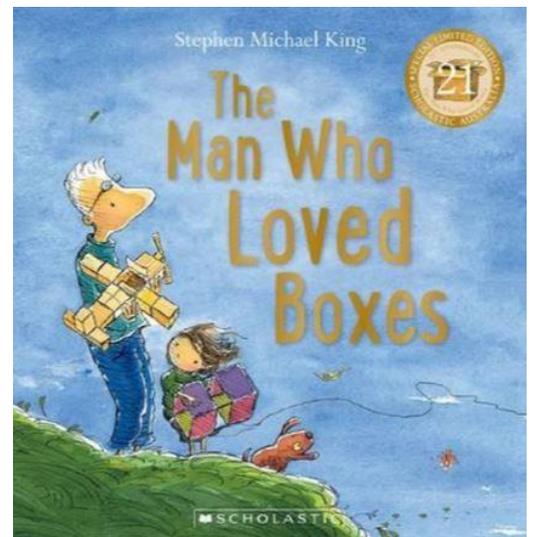
1995

(Inaugural Award
– Young Readers

The Man Who
Loved Boxes

Stephen Michael
King

Once there was a man who loved boxes. He also loved his young son, but because he did not know how to say so, he made things for his son out of boxes. Love is expressed in different ways and a small boy comes to understand his father's special way of showing his love for him.

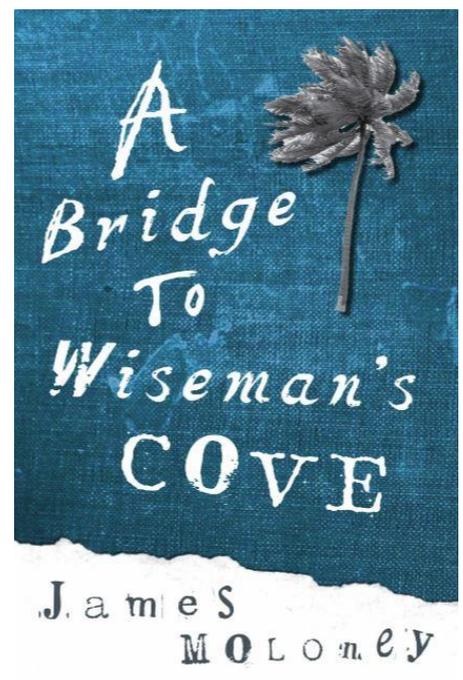


1996

A Bridge to
Wiseman's Cove

James Moloney

The answer lies in **Wiseman's Cove**, a short ride across the strait where Carl finds refuge in the most unlikely place.



1996

Hannah Plus One

Libby Gleeson and
Anne James

When Hannah learns her mum is expecting another baby, she is convinced it will be another set of twins, leaving her as the odd one out. But Hannah has her pretend friend Megan to talk to and together they get into all sorts of mischief.

