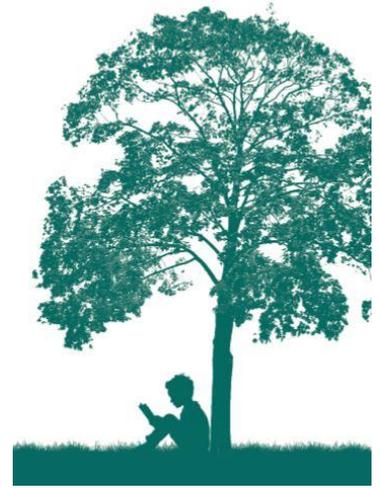


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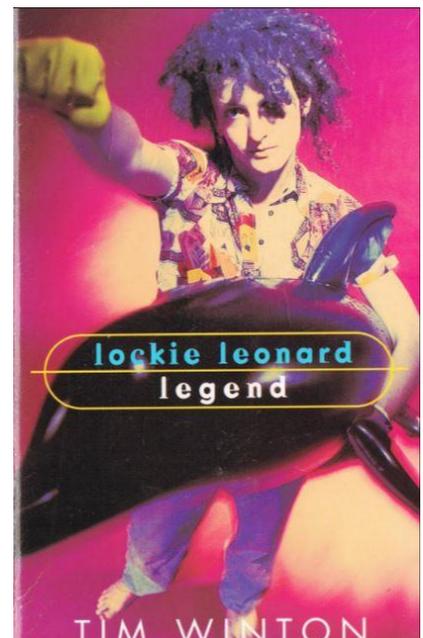
This is a snap shot of the second 10 years (1997 – 2006) of the Book Award.

1997

Lockie Leonard
Legend

Tim Winton

Lockie Leonard survived the worst year on record. His first year of high school, settling into a new town, his first mad love affair - it's all behind him. He's about to turn fourteen and things are looking up.

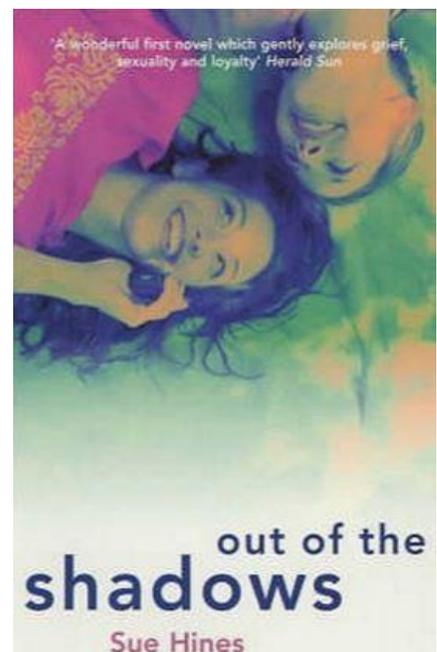


1998

Out of the
Shadows

Sue Hines

After her mother's sudden death, Ro now lives with her mother's partner Deb. Ro is convinced that her family is unlike anyone else's and is determined that no one at her new school will get close enough to find out. Then Jodie arrives, with a secret of her own. The two girls are drawn together, but when Jodie's feelings for Ro start to tip into something different, the rules of friendship are stretched to the limit.

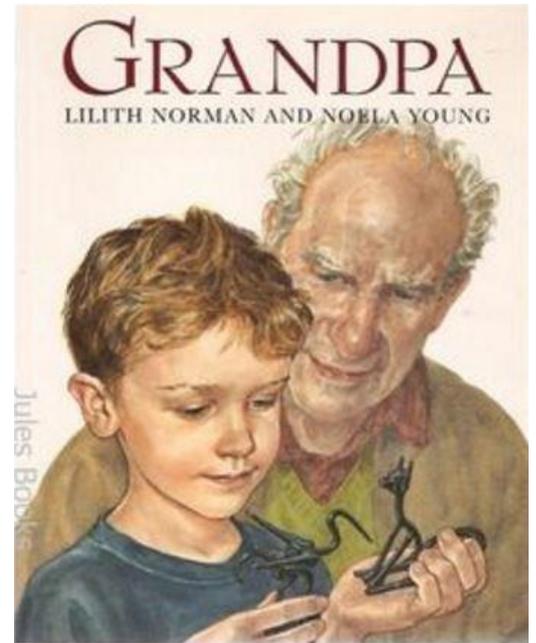


1998

Grandpa

Lilith Norman
Noela Young

Blake thought that his Grandpa was a pain in the neck sometimes. He took over Blake's room and Blake had to move out to the sunroom. And Grandpa told boring stories about his life - over and over again. But now Grandpa was gone, Blake remembered some other things about him, like how he was good at fixing things and how he had made a whole shelf of animals out of horseshoe nails.

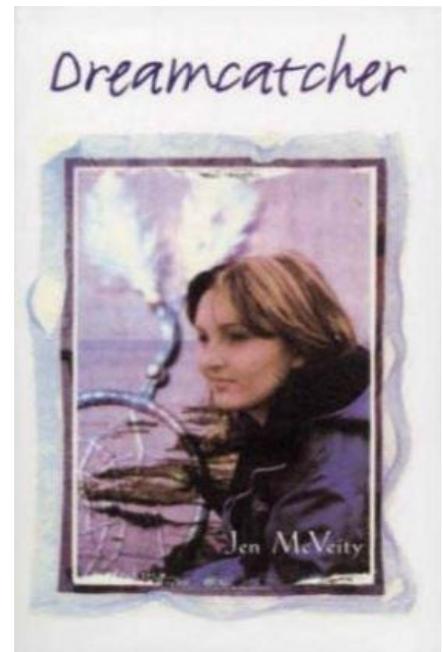


1999

Dreamcatcher

Jen McVeity

Tess used to believe her father would always be there. But that was before he got caught up with his rising political career. Tess is different now, too. Shuttling between two homes and two mothers, she's dropped out of championship swimming and almost out of school as well. The only thing that interests her is leading a group of young environmental activists...



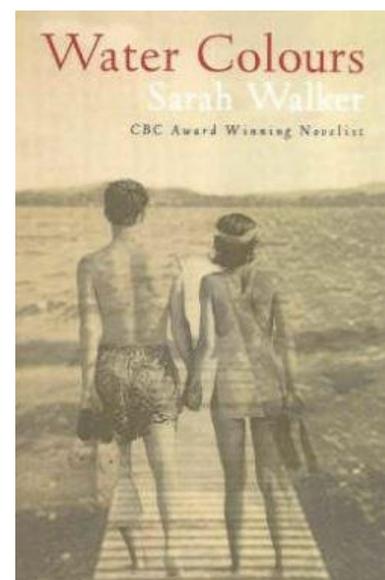
2000

Water Colours

Sarah Walker

When Beatrice is forced to leave her beloved Wilson Park and her offbeat friend Marty, she discovers some shocking truths about her mother and learns what friendship and family really mean.

Change is hard, but as her Aunty Olivia tells her, sometimes when you lose something, you gain something else.

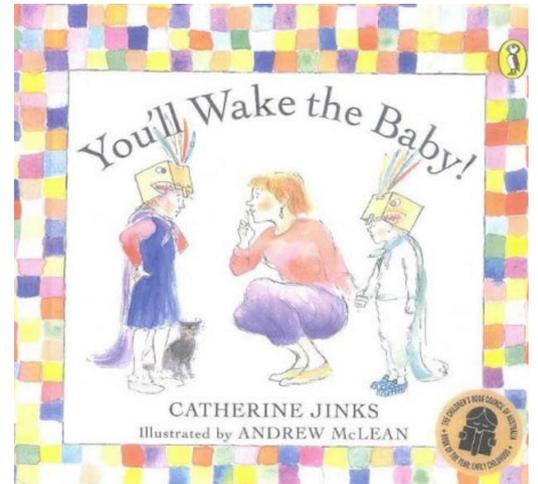


2000

You'll Wake the Baby

Catherine Jinks
Andrew McLean

It's a wet day, and Andy and Annie have no choice but to play inside. But they are making too much noise! Can they find a game which won't wake the baby?

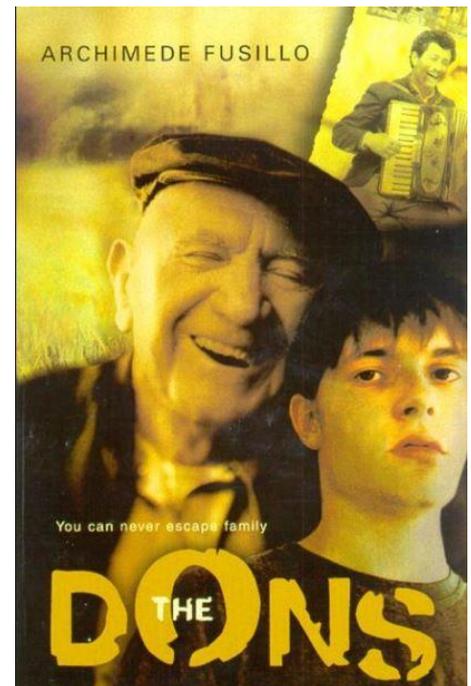


2001

The Dons

Archimede Fusillo

Paul is trying to escape. He's trying to escape from an Italian heritage that just doesn't seem to have any relevance for him anymore, and he's trying to escape from his Nonno. They come from two different worlds, he and his grandfather, and Paul is more interested in his own world – his friends, the girls, the go-carts – than Nonno's strange and embarrassing behaviour.

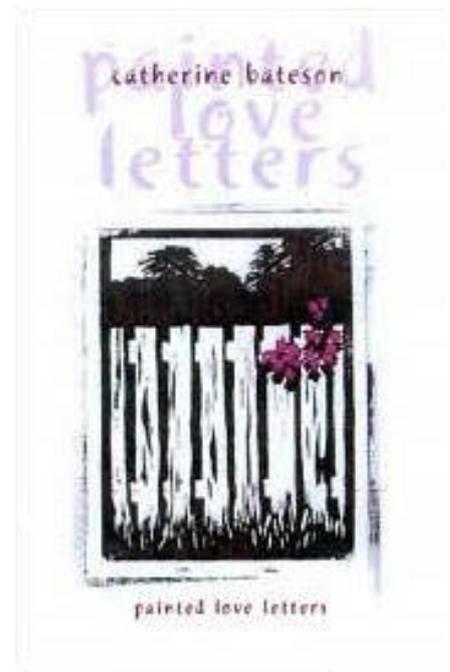


2002

Painted Love Letters

Catherine Bateson

And bigger than all of that, I knew that sometimes you had to do the impossible like eat oysters or go shopping even when you could hardly breathe because that is what people did when they truly loved one another and it had nothing to do with freckles or anklebones or lipstick." Dave is dying. Chrissie, Mum, Nan and Badger are going to be left behind.

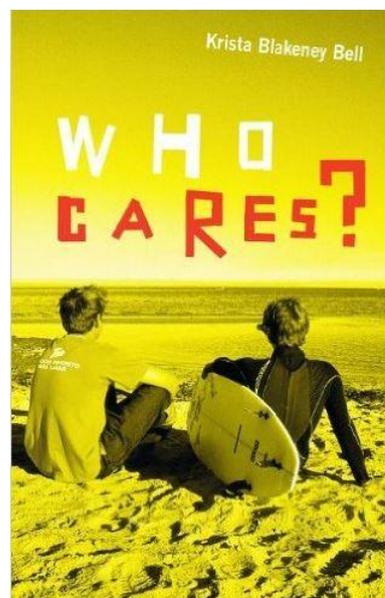


2003

Who Cares

Krista Bell

Rhys loves to tap dance. Knowing how his peers may react, Rhys keeps his passion to himself. Sam spends his days surfing, yet when Rhys spends the weekend at Lorne with him, he seems really keen on Rhys's tap. Maybe Sam has a secret too...



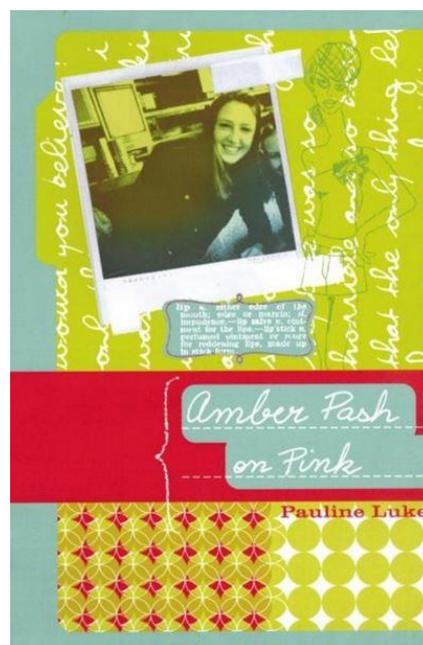
2004

Amber Pash on

Pink

Pauline Luke

Aimed at children aged 13+, this is the story that deals with friendship, love and families through a series of poems, diary entries, emails, recipes and drawings. Rebecca is fourteen, and finding out that life is becoming increasingly complicated. Having to live with a gross brother, and the world's ugliest dog is no picnic.

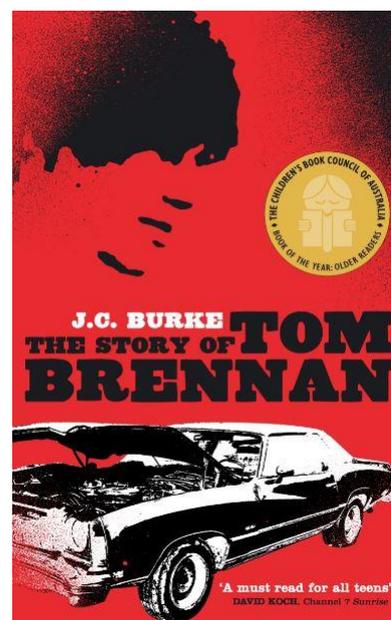


2005

The Story of Tom Brennan

J. C. Burke

For seventeen-year-old Tom, life is about rugby, his mates and his family, who are well respected in their small country town. But a night of celebration changes his life forever. Tom's older brother, Daniel, starts a fight at the 'sudden death' pre-final party - then, worse, Daniel is involved in a car accident on the way home. Their cousin, Fin, suffers irreversible spinal injuries, and the two other passengers are killed. Tom's world explodes...

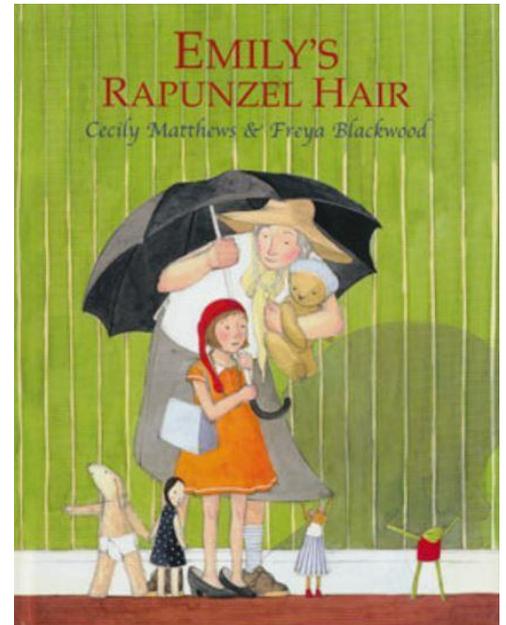


2005

Emily's Rapunzel Hair

Cecily Matthews
Freya Blackwood

Four-year-old Emily wants long, flowing Rapunzel hair. She wants to have pigtails in blue ribbons, just like Lucy Brown. Dad tells her that she will have to wait until the new baby is big enough to walk before she can have Rapunzel hair.

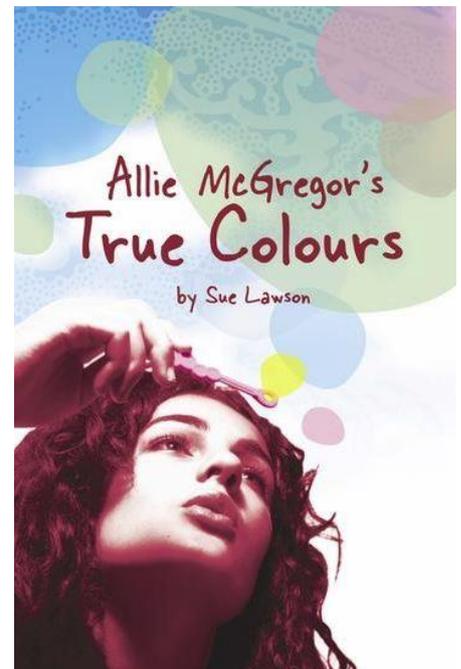


2006

Allie McGregor's True Colours

Sue Lawson

Allie McGregor's list of problems is longer than movie credits. House renovations have forced Allie to share her room with mouse-loving little sister, Sarah. Her dad, Will, calls Allie 'The Hormonal One' during his popular radio program. Her brother, Riley, is just plain gross. Her best friend Lou is fighting with Allie's new friend, Romy. Oh, and Allie's mum has cancer.



2006

Clancy the Courageous Cow

Lachie Hume

Although he is part of a herd of Belted Galloways, Clancy has no belt. Because he is totally black, all the other cows treat him like an outcast. However, he discovers that there is an advantage to being all black. ...

