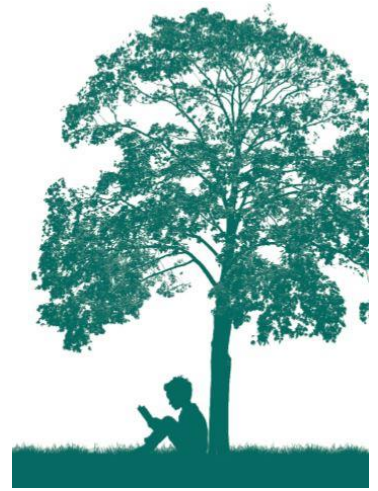


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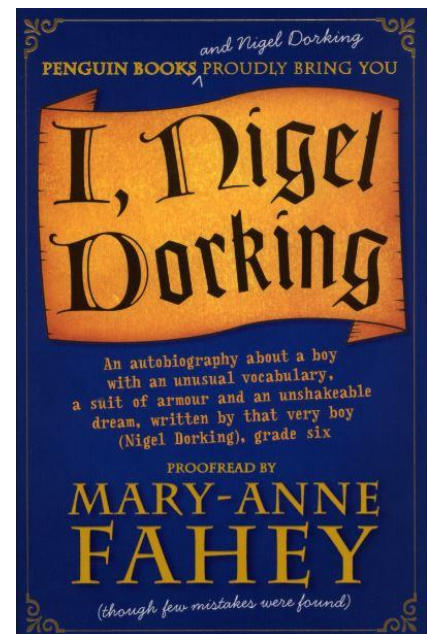


This is a snap shot of the third 9 years (2007 – 2015) of the Book Award.  
The 2016 Winner will be announced at the 2017 Annual Conference

2007

I, Nigel Dorking  
Mary-Anne Fahey

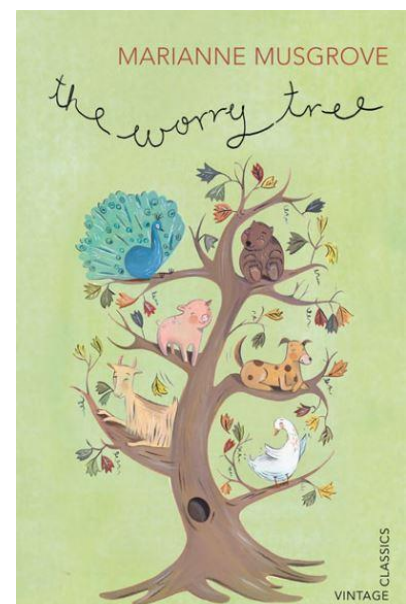
All Nigel has to do is break Mum and her new boyfriend Gordon up, break Dad and Babette up, put Babette's twins in an orphanage and find a good home for their dog, then he will be able to reunite his real family.



2007

The Worry Tree  
Marianne Musgrove

Juliet's a worrywart, and no wonder! Her little sister, Oaf, follows her around taking notes and singing 'The Irritating Song' all day long. Her parents are always arguing about Dad's junk. Nana's so tired of craft lessons that she starts barbecuing things in the middle of the night. And Juliet's friends, Lindsay and Gemma, are competing to see which of them is Juliet's best friend. Juliet can't fit in any more worries!



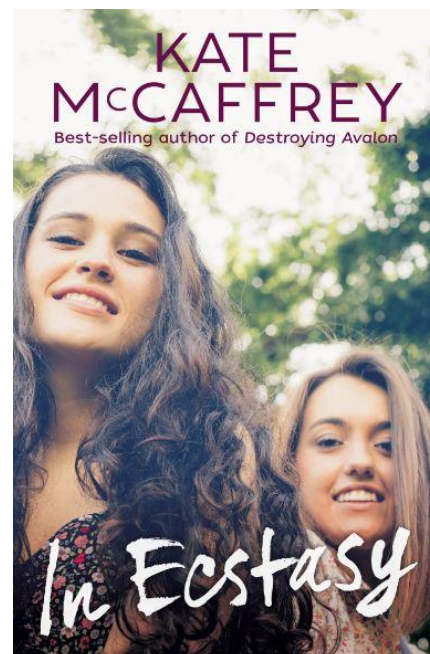
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**2008**

In Ecstasy

Kate McCaffrey

Sophie and Mia have been best friends for most of their 15 years. Sophie is popular, so when she suggests they try ecstasy Mia figures it can't hurt her own chances with the in crowd. Mia is elated when the drug lives up to its name and amazed when Lewis, the hottest guy in school, kisses her goodnight.



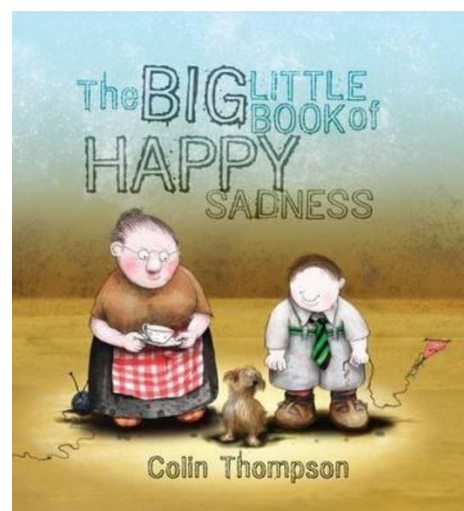
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**2008**

The Little Big Book of Happy Sadness

Colin Thompson

George lives with his grandmother and a big empty space where his mother and father should be. One Friday on his way home from school, George visits the animal shelter. There, in the very last cage, is Jeremy, a sad dog who looks as lost and lonely as George feels. When Jeremy comes home to live with George and his granny, their whole lives change, and they learn that when it comes to love, it's quality not quantity that counts.



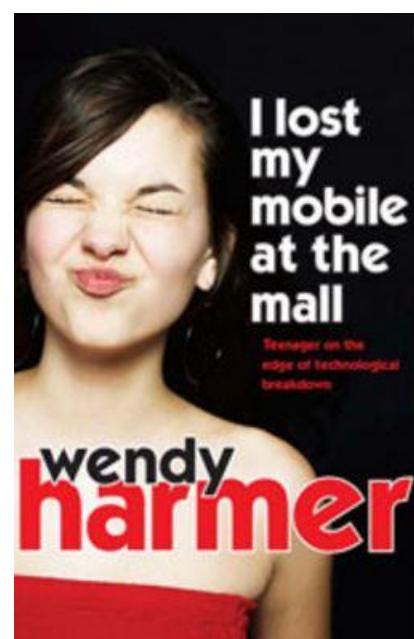
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**2009**

I Lost My Mobile at the Mall

Wendy Harmer

Elly Pickering is dreading telling her parents that she's lost her mobile phone - again - what with the Global Financial crisis and everything. But losing her mobile is just the beginning. A series of technological happenings and manipulations leads Elly to question her priorities, her friendships, and Will, her fabulous - she thought - boyfriend. Is she facing certain social death? Or can a technological breakdown sometimes be kind of a good thing?





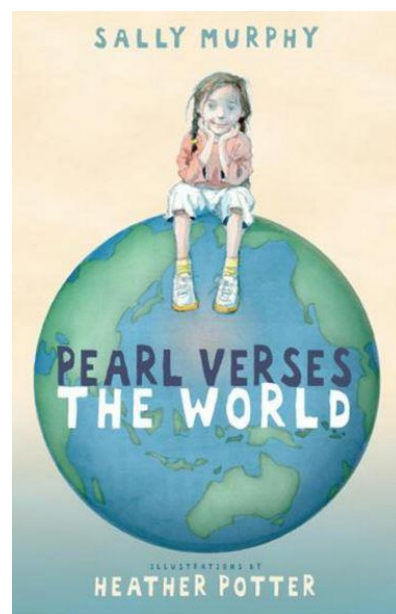
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2009

Pearl Versus the World

Sally Murphy

Pearl feels as though she is an island of one. At home, Pearl's world of safety is crumbling. Her grandmother is slowly fading, and so are Mum and Pearl. As Pearl comes to terms with losing her granny, she also begins to find her place in the world and discovers that perhaps she never really was a group of one after all.



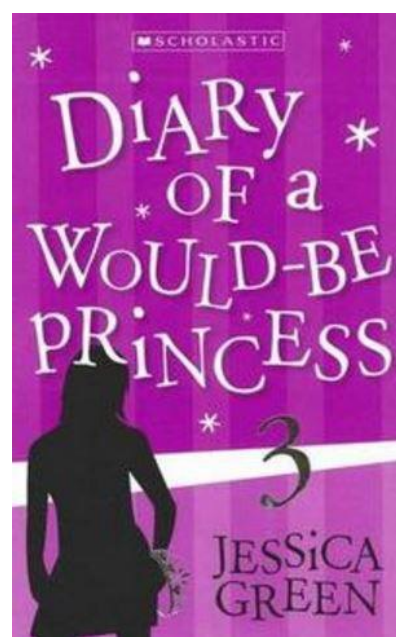
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2010

Diary of a Would-Be Princess

Jessica Green

In Diary of a Would-Be Princess 2 Jillian continues her journal as she comes to terms with a new teacher, new classmates and the new challenges of Year Six- including being forced to sit next to the school bully.



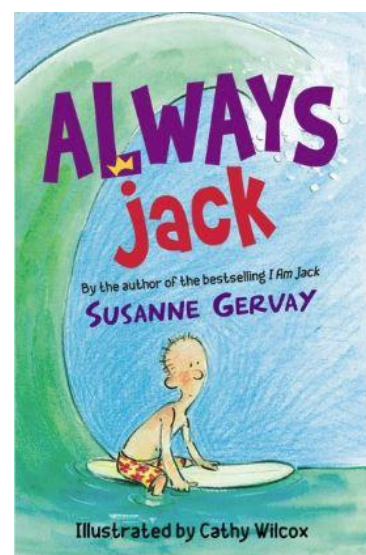
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2010

Always Jack

Author: Susanne Gervay  
Illustrator: Cathy Wilcox

Life is good for Jack. He's a great photographer, he wins at handball, and time at home with his family is never boring. But when big George Hamel starts calling Jack 'Butt Head,' school becomes a little less great. And when *everyone* starts calling him 'Butt Head,' it gets outright dangerous.



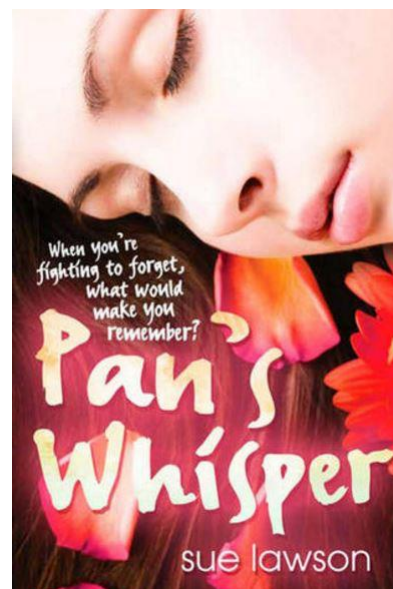
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**2011**

Pan's Whisper

Sue Lawson

Pan Harris is brash, loud and damaged. Ordered into foster care, Pan is full of anger at the mother who abandoned her, and the older sister who kept her from her father. Pan is certain that she knows the reality of her past – until she meets Hunter, the boy who understands her story better than anyone else, and who just may be the key to unlocking the truth of Pan's memories. But are some memories best left forgotten? And is Hunter worth Pan breaking her most important rule – Never. Trust. Anyone.



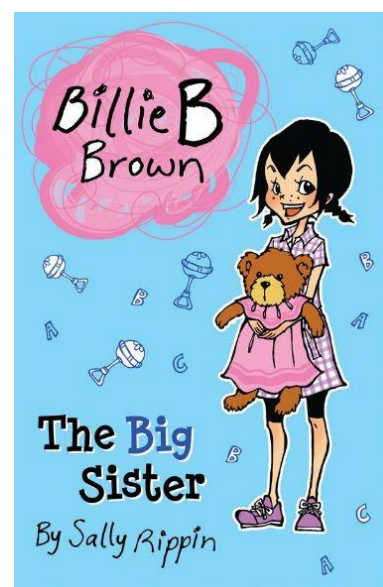
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**2011**

Billie B Brown –  
The Big Sister

Author: Sally  
Rippin  
Illustrator: Aki  
Fukouka

Billie can't wait for the new baby to arrive. She's even going to give it her favourite teddy! But what will happen when her parents go to hospital without her and Billie's teddy goes missing?



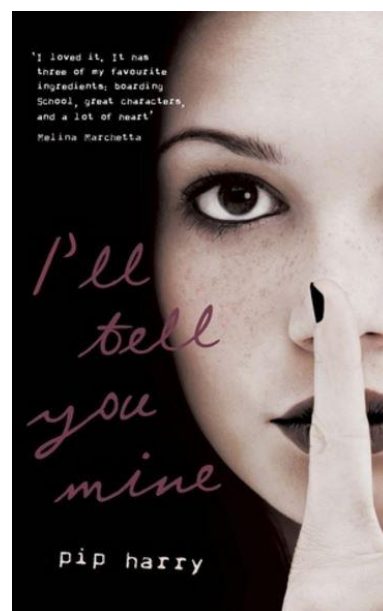
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**2012**

I'll Tell You Mine

Pip Harry

Kate Elliot isn't trying to fit in – that's the whole point of being a goth, isn't it? Everything about her – from her hair to her clothes – screams different and the girls at her school give her a wide berth. How can Kate be herself, really herself, when she's hiding her big secret? The one that landed her in boarding school in the first place. She's buried it down deep but it always seems to surface.

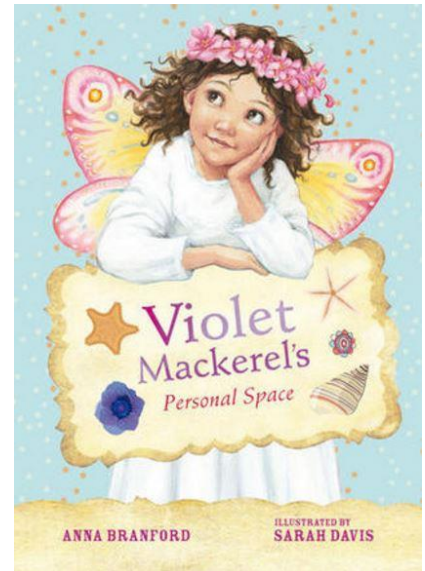


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**2012** Violet Mackerel's  
Personal Space

Author: Anna  
Branford  
Illustrator: Sarah  
Davis

Violet finds a special way to cope with moving to a new home after Mama marries Vincent.

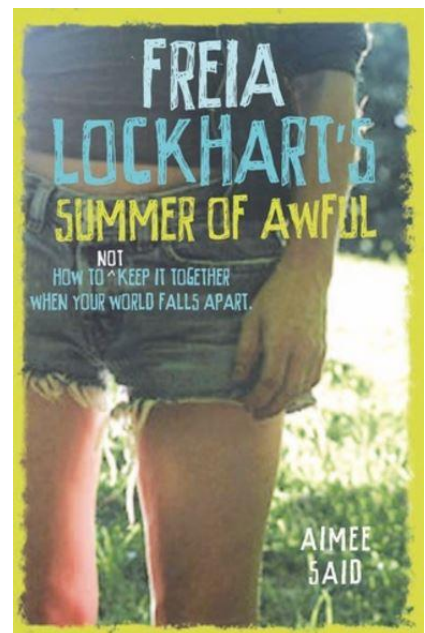


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**2013** Freia Lockhart's  
Summer of Awful

Aimee Said

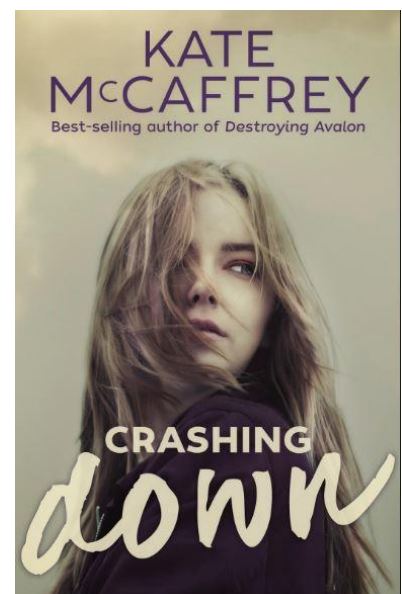
Freia Lockhart has all the ingredients for an awesome summer: great new friends, an extremely kissable boyfriend, plans for New Year's Eve (which don't include her parents) and no school.



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**2014** Crashing Down  
Kate McCaffrey

Lucy is under pressure to succeed and needs to focus on her end-of-year exams—the last thing she needs now is an intense boyfriend.



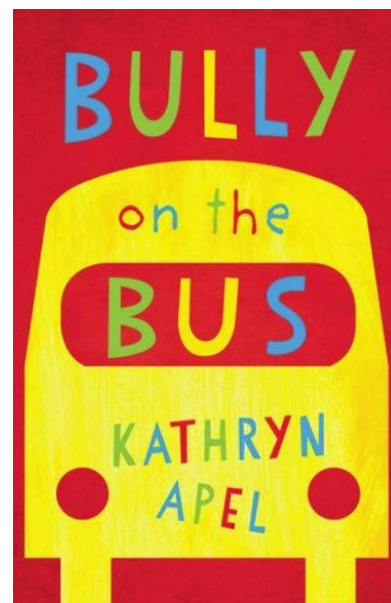


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2014

Bully on the Bus  
Kathryn Apel

But I don't know how to make her stop. The bully on the bus taunts seven-year-old Leroy, then silences him with threats of worse to come. To distract him, his teacher introduces him to the adventures in *The Big Bad Book of Fairytales*.



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2015

Risk  
Fleur Ferris

Taylor and Sierra have been best friends for their whole lives. But Taylor's fed up. Why does Sierra always get what – and who – she wants? From kissing Taylor's crush to stealing the guy they both met online for herself, Sierra doesn't seem to notice when she hurts her friends.

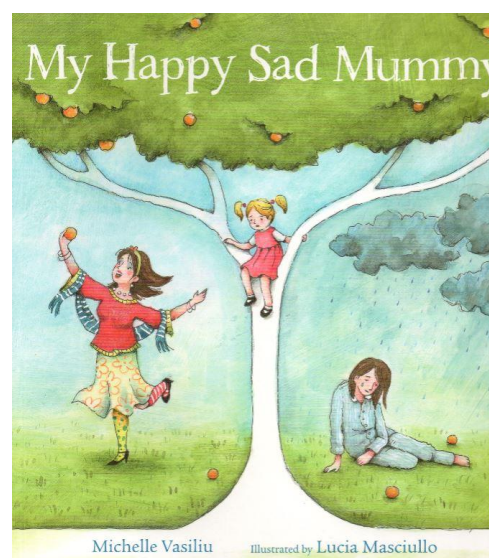


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2015

My Happy Sad Mummy  
Author: Michelle Vasiliu  
Illustrator: Lucia Masciullo

For a small child, dealing with any mental illness would be terribly difficult. This little girl's supportive family, in a very gentle way, helps her to understand the reason for her mother's changing moods. Mental health issues are such a large part of today's society. *My Happy Sad Mummy*, through the voice of the little child, offers a strong helping hand in terms of understanding.



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**2016**

Saving Jazz

Kate McCaffrey

Jasmine Lovely has it all – the looks, the grades, the friends. But when a house party spins out of control, Jazz discovers what can happen when your mistakes go viral ...

We know our kids are at risk of becoming victims of cyberbullying. But do we know how at risk they are of becoming perpetrators? This controversial new novel tackles cyberbullying from a whole new perspective.



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**2016**

Out

Author: Angela May George  
Illustrator: Owen Swan

I'm called an asylum seeker; but that's not my name ...

A little girl flees her homeland, making a long and treacherous boat journey with her mother to seek asylum in Australia. Starting a new life is challenging, but they work hard to create a new home. Told from the little girl's point of view, the story is both heartbreaking and triumphant, allowing timely and sensitive discussion of what drives people to become refugees and the challenges they face.

