

Joy Cowley

So who is Joy Cowley and what is she famous for?

Cassia Joy Cowley, is best known as Joy Cowley. Joy Cowley is a New Zealand author of children's fiction, novels, and short stories.

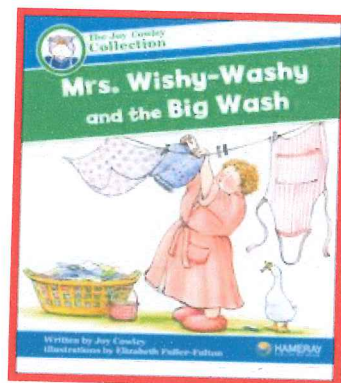


Picture of Joy Cowley

Her first novel, Nest in a Fallen Tree, was adapted into the 1971 film The Night Digger by Roald Dahl.

Joy is a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Writing is what she does and she has been writing for as long as she can remember. She became a children's writer at the age of 16 when she had a job editing the children's page for The Manawatu Daily Times. In the 1960s one of her sons had trouble learning to read so Joy wrote stories for children with similar learning problems. Many were published in school journals and some were made in to big books for classrooms.

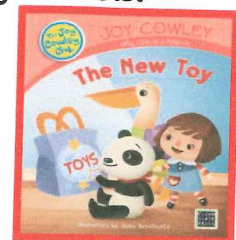
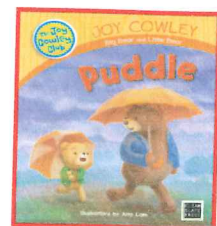
Born 7th August 1936 in Levin, New Zealand



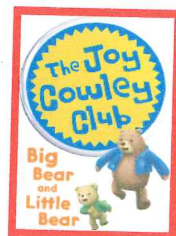
Pictures of some of Joy Cowley's books

Genre

Joy Cowley's writing is enjoyed by many children and adults. She writes fiction and has published many novels, short stories and children's picture books. Joy Cowley has written 41 picture books examples of these are The Duck in the Gun, The Terrible Taniwha of Timberditch and The Cheese Trap. She has been involved in teaching children reading skills and she has also helped people with reading problems. Joy Cowley has written approximately 500 learning to read books used in Primary Schools.



Joy Cowley has written many Children's Books



Personal Life

Joy Cowley has been married three times, firstly when she was 20 years old and had four children. Her second husband died and married again in 1989 and now lives in Featherston which is north of Wellington. She has 13 grandchildren who she loves going on adventures with and still writes full time at the age of 78 years old.

For her 60th Birthday she went bungy jumping. She sounds like quite a fun person.

Awards and Honours

Joy Cowley has won many awards and now gives out her own award called The Joy Cowley Award to outstanding writers.

Commemoration Medal for services to New Zealand	1990
OBE for services to children's literature	1992
Margaret Mahy Lecture Award	1993
NZ Women's Suffrage Centennial Meda	1993
Hon.D.Litt Massey University	1993
Award best TV Drama Script	1994
Patron NZ Children's Book Foundation	1994
Roberta Long medal for multicultural writing USA	2002
A.W.Reed Award for Contribution to NZ Literature	2004
Dame Commander of the NZ Order of Merit	2005
Prime Minister's Award for Fiction	2010
University of Alabama, Birmingham, Maryann Manning Award for Outstanding Literacy Scholar	2011



Books Published

It is estimated that Joy Cowley has published over 600 books. Joy Cowley has published hundreds of books and they can be divided in to the following sections.

- Joy Plays
- Joy Starters
- Joy Readers
- Joy Chapters
- Joy Signature Chapters
- Joy Well Being
- Story Box
- Story Basket
- Sunshine Programme
- Shortland Programmes
- Learning Media



Joy Cowley reading her books to school children

- Board Books
- Picture Books
- Easy Chapter Books
- Junior Fiction
- Young Adult Fiction

Bibliography

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