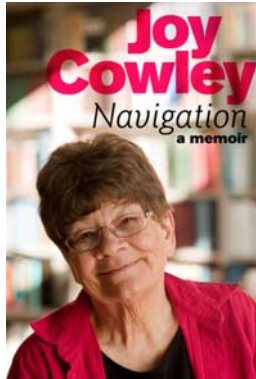




NAVIGATION: A MEMOIR Joy Cowley

In the world of New Zealand children's books, the name Joy Cowley engenders enormous respect and affection.

She has published dozens and dozens of children's trade books of all kinds, such as the *Mrs Wishy-Washy* series, the award-winning *Shadrach* trilogy and *Hunter*. And she has written literally hundreds of readers for the international educational book market. She is constantly in demand as a guest performer and speaker all over the world, but particularly in the United States.



Joy has also written a tantalisingly small number of very fine adult novels, beginning with *Nest in a Falling Tree* in 1967 and including *Classic Music* and *Holy Days*, both published by Penguin in the early 1990s.

Joy also has an additional dimension. She is an intensely thoughtful and spiritual person, who writes and practices what she preaches and owns a lodge/retreat centre at Fish Bay in the Marlborough Sounds.

Navigation is a relaxed, beautifully written memoir, not in any sense a formal autobiography. It contains wonderful sections on Joy's life growing up in a small Manawatu town (her first job on leaving school was as a pharmacy assistant in Foxton), her family life and her exploration of the joys of writing. It touches down constantly at Fish Bay in the Sounds, where Joy writes passionately about the landscape, the seasons and the natural world around her.

About the author

Joy Cowley is a much-loved, multi-award-winning New Zealand author of more than 600 titles. She is famous in the United States as the author of the *Mrs Wishy-Washy* series, which has sold over 40 million copies. Four of her novels, *The Silent One*, *Bow Down*, *Shadrach*, *Hunter* and *Snake and Lizard* have won Children's Book of the Year awards in New Zealand; *Ticket to the Sky Dance* and *Starbright and the Dream Eater* won junior fiction awards two years running. When not travelling the world, Joy spends her time between Wellington and the Marlborough Sounds.

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