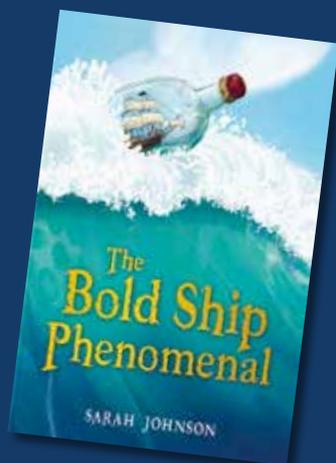
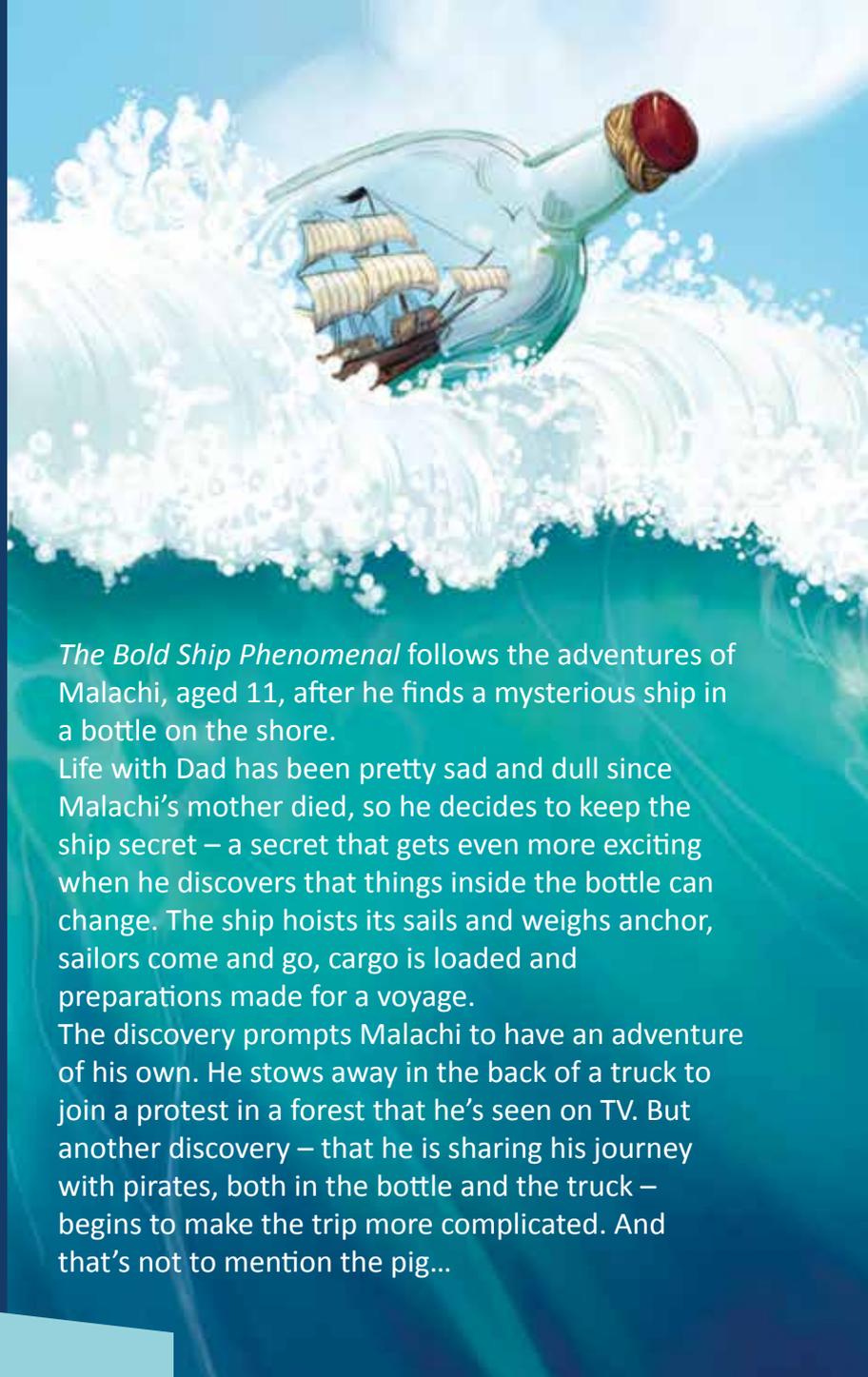


# The Bold Ship Phenomenal

By Sarah Johnson



*A boy, a bottle, a pig and a ship...  
where is it going to end?*



*The Bold Ship Phenomenal* follows the adventures of Malachi, aged 11, after he finds a mysterious ship in a bottle on the shore.

Life with Dad has been pretty sad and dull since Malachi's mother died, so he decides to keep the ship secret – a secret that gets even more exciting when he discovers that things inside the bottle can change. The ship hoists its sails and weighs anchor, sailors come and go, cargo is loaded and preparations made for a voyage.

The discovery prompts Malachi to have an adventure of his own. He stows away in the back of a truck to join a protest in a forest that he's seen on TV. But another discovery – that he is sharing his journey with pirates, both in the bottle and the truck – begins to make the trip more complicated. And that's not to mention the pig...

## Specifications

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Printing	Full colour cover, black and white internals
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Extent:	240 pages
Age:	8 to 12 years
Art work:	Deborah Hinde

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## Sales points

- The latest book by Joy Cowley Award-winning author Sarah Johnson.
- Combines a fast-paced adventure story with environmental themes.
- Original story concept – a ship in a bottle that can change.
- Top production values, with cover and cameo illustrations by Deborah Hinde (*10 Kooky Kiwis*, *A Kiwi Night Before Christmas* etc).



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*The Bold Ship Phenomenal* is her third trade book for children to be published in New Zealand. Sarah won the Joy Cowley Award 2011 for her picture book, *Wooden Arms* (Scholastic NZ, 2012), which is also available in te reo Māori as *Poupou Tauawhi* (Scholastic NZ, 2012). Her previous chapter book, *Ella and Ob* (Scholastic NZ, 2008), was shortlisted for the 2006 Tom Fitzgibbon Award.

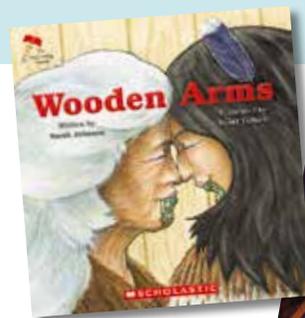
*The Bold Ship Phenomenal* was one of only two children's chapter books shortlisted for the 2013 Kobo/NZ Authors E-publishing Prize.



## Pre-publication review

*The Bold Ship Phenomenal, due out later this year, made me cry as I edited it. It's not a sad book though – the make-you-cry bit is just a small part. The rest is a page-turning adventure with a ship in a bottle as its star, and a strong nature theme. It's classically New Zealand, but everyone, everywhere will love it. Take my word for it!*

– Sue Copsey, children's writer and editor [www.suecopsey.com](http://www.suecopsey.com)



## Planned promotion

- Word Café Raglan – August 2015: launch and presentation at writers and readers festival.
- Storylines Festival – August 2015: stand at the Auckland family day in the Aotea Centre.
- Bookshop readings – August to December 2015: Hamilton, Thames and others.
- Library readings – September 2015: Hamilton, Raglan, and other Waikato libraries.
- Newspaper reviews – August 2015: *Raglan Chronicle*; *Waikato Times*, and others.
- Radio interview – August 2015: Raglan community radio.
- Giveaway promotions – August and September 2015: *Kidz magazine*, *KCC magazine*, *Raglan Chronicle*, *Christchurch Kids' Blog*, and others.
- Waikato AMP show – March 2016: guest author at Hamilton Library stand.
- Between the Lines 2016 – April 2016: exhibitor at month-long exhibition on Waikato children's writers and illustrators, Hamilton Central City Library.
- Hamilton Gardens Festival 2016 – guest author (tbc).

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