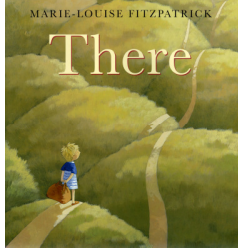


Bisto Book of the Year 2010
There by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick.



Author and Illustrator: Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

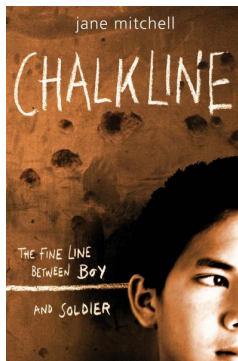
Published by Roaring Brook Press

This alluring book is one that will draw every reader, child and adult, into its charming spell. The little girl who starts out on her voyage reveals the wonders she encounters but has a constant question about her destination and the length of her journey. She experiences the wonders of urban and rural life, the ferocity of the weather, the beauty of the colours of the rainbow. Her persistent self-questioning is a true and honest echo of the voice of a child as she comes to terms with what she knows and what she doesn't.

Four other awards were made

- Bisto Honour Award - *Solace of the Road* by Siobhan Dowd
- Bisto Honour Award for Illustration - *There* by Marie Louise Fitzpatrick
- Eilís Dillon Award - *Third Pig Detective Agency* by Bob Burke
- Children's Choice Award - *Chalkline* by Jane Mitchell

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Author: Jane Mitchell

Published by Walker Books

Chalkline tells the tale of the capture of Rafiq by soldiers of the Kashmir Freedom Fighters when they raid his village in search of new recruits. They roughly draw a line in chalk on Rafiq's classroom wall and declare that any boy whose height reaches the line will be taken to fight. *Chalkline* is a chilling account of the conditioning of a young boy to accept violence as normal, to stone or be stoned and ultimately to kill or be killed. This brutalisation of a young person is offset beautifully by the family scenes: his mother's love, his sister's affection and respect, his father's stoicism.

Bisto Honour Award: ***Solace of the Road*** by Siobhan Dowd



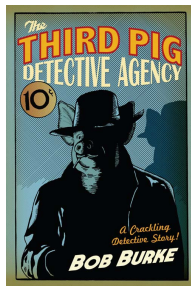
Author: Siobhan Dowd

Published by David Fickling

Teenager Holly Hogan is a troubled young person. She struggles to feel at home with her foster family, doubts their motives in caring for

her and bubbles with antagonism towards them. Her sole comfort is her memories of her mother. A blonde wig, prompts her to adopt the assumed identity of Solace, a super cool young woman who has no fears, and who can behave with courage and recklessness. There follows a gritty account of her journey across England towards what she hopes will be a better future in Ireland and an internal journey through her residual memory as she gradually uncovers events in her past that have brought her to this stage in her life.

Eilis Dillon Award: *Third Pig Detective Agency* by Bob Burke



Author: Bob Burke

Published by Harper Collins

This is the story of Harry Pig, one of the three famous little pigs who built houses during our childhood. He is now grown up and ekes out a precarious existence as a private detective. In this story he has been hired by Mr. Aladdin to recover his famous lamp, now mysteriously missing from its place of safety. This is a cleverly written book that will appeal to both the adult and the young reader. It is an excellent pastiche of detective fiction, and its use of a large cast of fairy-tale characters lends it a witty and quirky style. The plot is complex but convinces the reader with its authenticity. A vibrant, lively and funny book.