



Jonty and Choc

by Vince Ford

Keynote

True friendship will overcome all obstacles.

Description

Jonty and Choc are best mates – one Pakeha, one Maori. The story opens with the boys on their final day of primary school, totally in tune with each other and pulling pranks on their teachers.

They go to the beach and find a mysterious lump, which Choc is inexplicably drawn to. The lump causes him to have dreams of ancient times, but also seems to have an adverse affect on his personality. It makes him angry.

Intermediate school starts; Jonty and Choc are put into different classes and their friendship is threatened by social and cultural differences that become more and more apparent as the story – and the influence of the strange lump – unfolds.

Selling points

- Bicultural relationship
- Emphasises the power of friendship
- Written in the realistic voice of the typical NZ playground
- Serious theme handled with typical Ford humour

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About the author

Former winner of the Tom Fitzgibbon Award, Vince Ford has gone on to build a strong following among junior readers.

Awards

2MUCH4U – Winner Tom Fitzgibbon Award 1998; Winner NZ Post Children's Book Awards: Junior Fiction category, and Best First Book; CLFNZ Notable Book 2000
POSSUMS2U – CLFNZ Notable Book 2003
A Handful of Blue – CLFNZ Notable Book 2004
Boyznbikes – Storylines Notable Book 2007
Chronicles of Stone: Scorched Bone – finalist 2009 NZ Post Book Awards. (Winner Children's Choice Senior Fiction category), Storylines Notable Book, 2009