

# BOOKRAPT™

THE BAY OF PLENTY CHILDREN'S LITERATURE ASSOCIATION INC  
www.bookrapt.org.nz info@bookrapt.org.nz



## ***Just One More* - Joy Cowley**

**Published by Gecko Press, RRP \$22.99.**

Joy Cowley's writing and wit sparkle in this collection of entertaining, quirky stories. The ultra-short stories are ideal for reading aloud to young children or for early readers to enjoy by themselves.

Each story is a mini-treasure. Characters are amusing and eccentric. There's the Grumpysaurus, Halifax Tickle, the Gonna bird, Zamforan the dragon, Captain Polly Molly Macaroon, the tiny woman, and many others. Their unusual behaviour leads to clever twists and turns in the storylines.

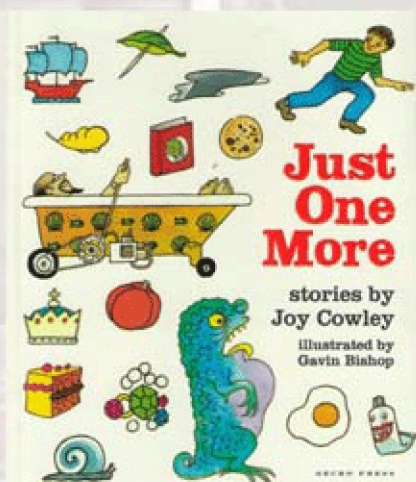
For instance, Mr West doesn't like to get out of his bath in the morning. So he invents a travelling bath with a motor to take him to work. But what happens when Mrs West wants to take a bath and it's not in the house?

The surprise endings are a delight. Often justice is dealt out with startling results, reminiscent of traditional fables. Subtle lessons can be learned from these wise and whimsical tales. Children listening to the stories will be sure to ask for, "Just one more."

Illustrator Gavin Bishop adds his own humorous perspective to the stories. His colourful drawings show the characters' unique personalities and behaviours. The Gonna bird is a personal favourite with its sweeping eyelashes and snooty look.

A quality book with durable cover and high-grade paper.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.**



Author's Website:  
[www.joycowley.com](http://www.joycowley.com)

**Promoting the enjoyment of children's literature.**