

Boy on a Wire

by JON DOUST

ABOUT THE BOOK

Dedicated to all those boys who carried their scars into manhood, *Boy on a Wire* is about an underdog who bites back. Sent to boarding school at a young age, Jack Muir quickly has to decide who he is going to be. Will he roll over or bare his teeth at the bullies, the bullied and the boarding school system? Jack gets by with a quick wit and a macabre sense of humour – but not everyone is so lucky. *Boy on a Wire* depicts alienation and the beginnings of depression with poignancy and humour.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jon Doust has had diverse careers. He was born in Bridgetown into a farming/retailing family and worked in both until he was old enough to know better. Since then he has been asked to leave jobs in banking, the media, retailing (again), farming (again) and comedy. These days he is best known as a writer, professional speaker, big ideas inspirer and community projects facilitator. Some years ago he asked himself the question: Why are people the way they are? That led him to study Jungian philosophy and to becoming an accredited Myers Briggs Practitioner. None of this has dampened his sense of humour.



KEY POINTS

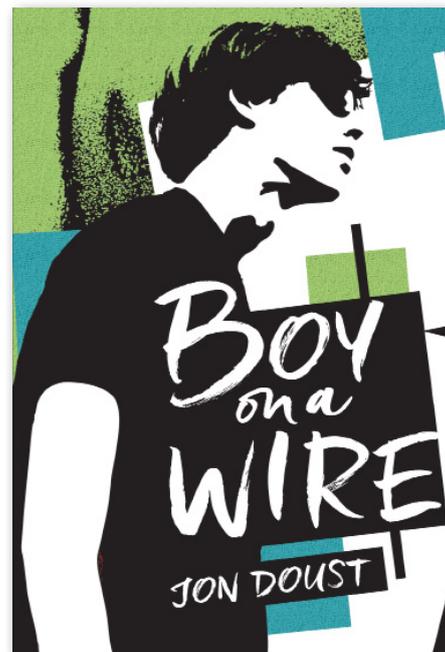
- *Boy on a Wire* has sold thousands of copies as an adult title and is now available for a new audience of readers – young adults.
- The book was longlisted for a Miles Franklin Literary Award in 2009.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

‘This highly readable novel will gain much notoriety with senior students, and the story it tells will be compared favourably with *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Lord of the Flies*, as students grapple today with the same questions Jack asked 40 years ago.’ *Magpies*

‘If you know an angry teenager, give this to him.’ *The Age*

‘... a hilarious, angry and sympathetic portrait of boys behaving badly, teeming with sadistic bullies, imperfect heroes, adolescent onanists and ice-cream gorging hedonists.’ *The West Australian*



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