

Hucking Cody

A Young Adult novel

by Aaron Topp

A tale of betrayal, jealousy, brotherly love and freeriding

- *The New Zealand Listener* Top 50 Children's Books of 2015
- Winner 2016 NZ Storylines Notable Book Award
- Finalist in the 2016 New Zealand Children and Young Adult Book Awards

'Hucking Cody is a fast-paced and gritty read. Aaron Topp knows young men and sport, no question.' *Barbara Else, NZOM, fiction writer and judge of NZ Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults*

About the book

Life has been pretty average for Cody Harrington lately. First, there's his job at the bike shop where he's being blamed for not locking the door and causing a burglary. Then there's his wild brother Zane who's promised his parents he's back on the rails, but is he? As for girls, they only exist in his fantasies, and if only he could get through the week without being egged by a carload of rugby heads.

The only time that Cody feels truly free is when he's flying down bush-lined tracks and hitting stunts on his bike.

But then he falls in love – with a bike and a girl. Does he have it in him to win either of them or are they out of reach? Can a huckster ever really change? The exhilarating, risky world of mountain biking is the backdrop to this engrossing novel about the awkward lows and palm-sweating highs of adolescence, the constraining binds of complicated family relationships, and how if you want to really become who you are, sometimes you have to let go of everything.

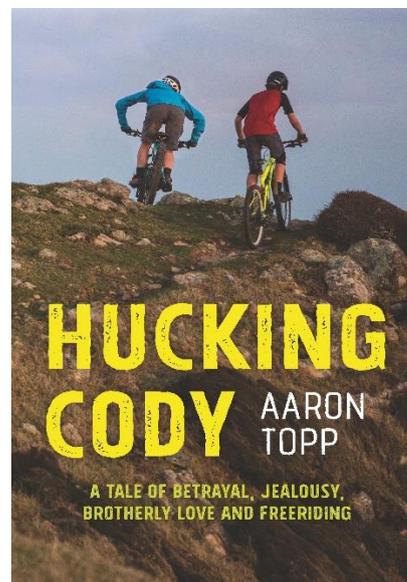
About the author

Aaron Topp (1975 -) writes young adult fiction. He was born in the Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, where he currently still lives. He worked for many years as a primary school teacher, and is currently a marketing strategist. His first book, *Single Fin* (Random House, 2006), is a coming of age tale about a boy obsessed with surfing, based on a true story.

The work won the Young Adult Fiction Honour Award at the 2007 New Zealand Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, and was also listed as a 2007 Storylines Notable Young Adult Fiction Book.

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