Red Dirt Diary Series
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Red Dirt Diary (ABC Books, 2010)
Blue Weston’s life is spiralling out of control.
• Her parents are sending her to boarding school next year.
• Her mad twin brothers are building pig chariots in the back shed.
• Her best friend has been abducted by zombies and replaced with a boy crazy tween.
• And then there’s the drought that’s showing no signs of ending soon …

It’s New Year’s Day and Blue has resolved to keep a diary of the year’s events. It will be another hard year of dust storms and drought on her family's farm – with the odd leech attack, rocket launch and bagpipe-loving pig thrown in just for fun.

Shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards 2011 and the West Australian Young Readers’ Book Award 2012. Given a five star review in Good Reading magazine (July 2011) and a recommended reading age of 8 to 88.

I'm going to be a bridesmaid.
Mat, Lynette and me.
Long, pink shiny dresses and flowers in our hair.
Leading Miss McKenzie down the aisle to disaster.
I think I'm going to puke …

When Blue’s favourite teacher announces she’s engaged, Blue thinks she must have lost her mind. Why would Miss McKenzie want to get married? Especially to someone called James Linley Welsh-Pearson!
Can Blue stop the wedding in time or will Miss McKenzie leave Hardbake Plains … forever?

Blue Weston is on a mission
• She’s starting Hardbake Plains’ first ever newspaper with Mat and Ben.
• She’s determined not to like her new teacher, the Colonel.
• And she’s trying to convince Miss McKenzie to come back from Scotland.

But things don’t go exactly as planned… And to make matters worse, her mum is dusting off the old boarding school uniform!
Can Blue get things back on track?
And boarding school? Her parents wouldn’t dare …