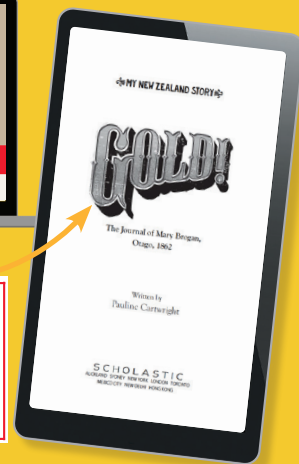
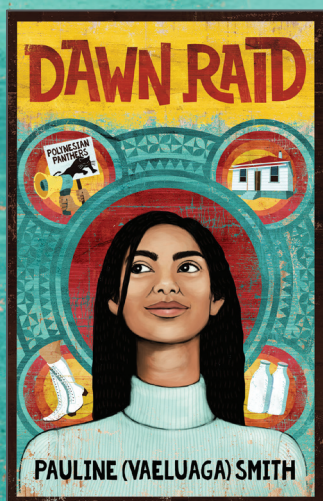


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MY NZ STORY: DAWN RAID

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Pauline (Vaeluaga) Smith

ISBN: 9781775434757

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 860

Time Period: 1976

Location: Porirua/Auckland

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Through Sofia's heartfelt diary entries, we witness the terror of violent police raids at dawn and gain an insight into the courageous and tireless work of the Polynesian Panthers in the 1970s as they encourage immigrant families across New Zealand to stand up for their rights.

NOTABLE BOOK



MY NZ STORY: GOLD!

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Pauline Cartwright

ISBN: 9781775437963

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 890

Time Period: 1862

Location: Dunedin and Dunstan

Set in the 1860s gold rush town of Dunstan, NZ, this story follows Mary Brogan, who disguises herself as a boy named Harry to search for her father. Her family, living in poverty in Dunedin, hopes the gold rush will reunite them and end their struggles.



MY NZ STORY: CANTERBURY QUAKE

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Desna Wallace

ISBN: 9781775436324

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 810

Time Period: 2010–11

Location: Christchurch

In the dark of night, with a terrifying rumble and a deafening roar, Maddy's world turns upside down! As Maddy navigates the bumps and crashes of life after the big quakes, she discovers how strong family can be, and finds friendship in the most unlikely places.



MY NZ STORY: QUARANTINE

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Philippa Werry

ISBN: 9781775437604

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 640

Time Period: 1936–37

Location: Wellington

It's 1937 and a deadly disease holds New Zealand in terror—polio. When even the adults are afraid, Tom finds refuge in his dream, to run in the Olympics like his hero, Jack Lovelock. But it's the strength of some people closer to home that provides his biggest inspiration.

MY NEW ZEALAND STORY



MY NZ STORY: CYCLONE BOLA

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Kath Beattie

ISBN: 9781775438403

Age Level: 9+

Lexile: 680

Time Period: 1988

Location: Gisborne

Cyclone Bola is one of the costliest cyclones in the history of New Zealand. When Amy's parents decide to go and sail a yacht back to NZ from Vanuatu, Amy is sent to stay with her great uncle and aunt in a vineyard near Gisborne. When reports of Bola start coming through, Amy's initial worry is for her parents ... then the cyclone moves closer, and strikes the East Coast of NZ with devastating effects.



MY NZ STORY: CHINATOWN GIRL

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Eva Wong Ng

ISBN: 9781775435778

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Lexile: 810

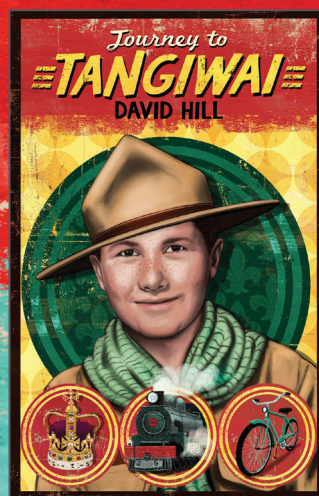
Time Period: 1942

Location: Auckland

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NOTABLE BOOK

Silvey Chan lives above a shop in Auckland's downtown Chinese district. New Zealand is at war, but for Silvey this is just a backdrop to the main issues of her world—the closure of her school and the arrival of Chinese-American soldiers.



MY NZ STORY: JOURNEY TO TANGIWA

RRP: \$20.99

Author: David Hill

ISBN: 9781775436386

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 660

Time Period: 1953

Location: Napier/Tangiwai

NOTABLE BOOK

It's 1953 and Peter is determined that his scout patrol will get to the big Scout Jamboree in Auckland. It means travelling by train on Christmas Eve; a tragic journey that Peter will never forget.



MY NZ STORY: THE WAHINE DISASTER

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Shirley Corlett

ISBN: 9781775436379

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 570

Time Period: 1968

Location: Wellington

Debbie finds her forefather's old sea journal, telling of the hardships of life on board an emigrant sailing ship in 1841, fascinating. So different from her own diary about 1960s school life and troubles with her friends. Then one day in April 1968, Debbie boards the ferry to return home to Wellington. The ferry's name is *Wahine*.



MY NZ STORY: RAINBOW WARRIOR

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Sharon Holt

ISBN: 9781775438343

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 680

Time Period: 1985

Location: Auckland

It's 1985 and the Rainbow Warrior ship is the flagship of the Greenpeace anti-nuclear movement. When 13-year-old Rowan Webb gets herself a French penpal—whose brother comes to visit her in Auckland—she unwittingly becomes involved in an event that shocks not only the nation, but the whole world.



MY NZ STORY: STOP THE TOUR!

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Bill Nagelkerke

ISBN: 9781775437178

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 840

Time Period: 1981

Location: Christchurch

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BOOK
AWARDS

Martin Daly's sister is out to stop the Springbok Tour of 1981 in protest against South Africa's apartheid system. His rugby-mad dad is equally determined the tour should go ahead. Which side will Martin choose?



MY NZ STORY: MISSION GIRL

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Fleur Beale

ISBN: 9781775436188

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 520

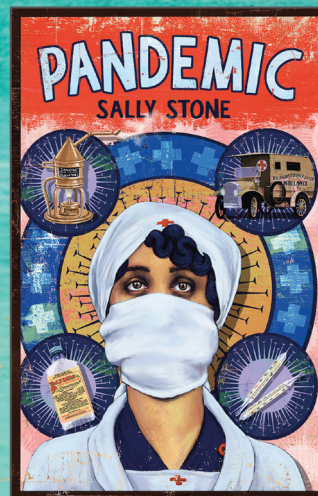
Time Period: c.1840

Location: Paihia

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NOTABLE BOOK

When her tribe is defeated in battle, Atapō is captured and becomes a slave of her enemies. When sickness strikes the village, Atapō is blamed, and she escapes to the Pākehā mission station at Paihia. Set against the backdrop of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.



MY NZ STORY: PANDEMIC

RRP: \$20.99

Author: Sally Stone

ISBN: 9781775436010

Age Level: 10+

Lexile: 920

Time Period: 1918

Location: Canterbury

It is 1918 and something is on its way to New Zealand from battle-scarred Europe: a disease that will soon prove more devastating than any war. As more and more people fall prey to the Spanish Flu, schools are closed and public gatherings cancelled. And when Freda's brother comes home from war, he is not the same person who went away.

Maria Gill is an award-winning writer of non-fiction and educational books for children that incorporate her interest in people, history and the environment.



REMARKABLE ANIMAL STORIES FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

RRP: **\$26.99**

Author: Maria Gill

Illustrator: Emma Huia Lovegrove

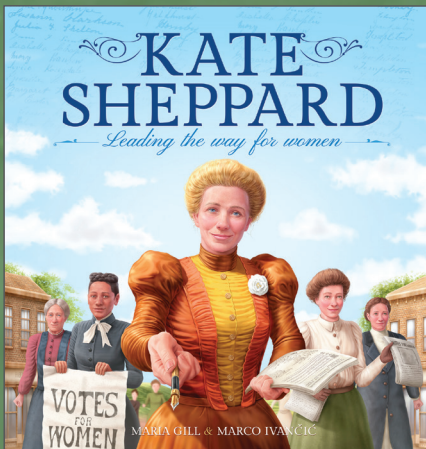
ISBN: 9781775436454

Age Level: 8+

Time Period: Various

Location: Australia & New Zealand

Charisma the Olympic champion horse, Moko the playful dolphin, Migaloo the white whale, and Einstein the hugging camel are just some of the wonderful Australasian animals featured in this fascinating, informative book. A quirky and curious collection of 28 true animal tales from NZ and Australia, from historical to present day, brought to life with more than 80 watercolour paintings and over 30 photographs.



KATE SHEPPARD: LEADING THE WAY FOR WOMEN

RRP: **\$29.99**

Author: Maria Gill

Illustrator: Marco Ivancic

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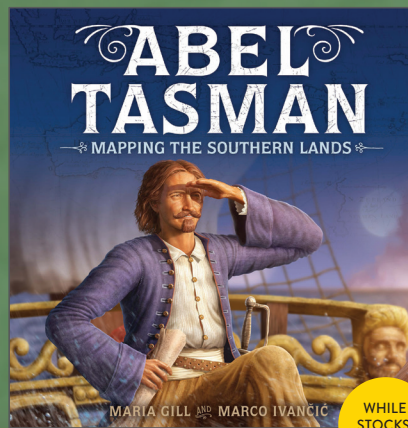
Age Level: 7+

Time Period: 1887-1902

Location: New Zealand

Before 1893, there wasn't a single country in the world that allowed women to vote in general elections. But that was before KATE SHEPPARD. With fierce determination and unstoppable belief, Kate led the way in women's suffrage and rallied enough support to make New Zealand the first country in the world to give women the vote!

HARDBACK



ABEL TASMAN: MAPPING THE SOUTHERN LANDS

RRP: **\$29.99**

Author: Maria Gill

Illustrator: Marco Ivancic

ISBN: 9781775435099

Age Level: 7+

Time Period: 1642-1644

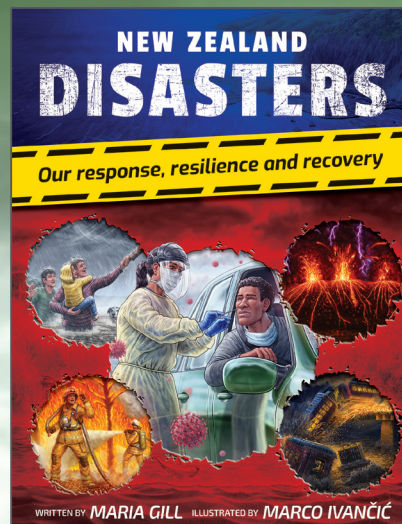
Location: Australia & New Zealand

A compellingly illustrated picture book that tells the story of Dutch explorer Abel Tasman's quest to find a route across the Pacific to Chile in the mid-1600s. Tasman mapped Tasmania, New Zealand and some Pacific Islands, lands never seen before by Europeans. The charts drawn from the journey established more pieces of the southern hemisphere puzzle.

NOTABLE BOOK

HARDBACK

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NEW ZEALAND DISASTERS: OUR RESPONSE, RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

RRP: **\$34.99**

Author: Maria Gill

Illustrator: Marco Ivancic

ISBN: 9781775436218

Age Level: 8+

Time Period: Various

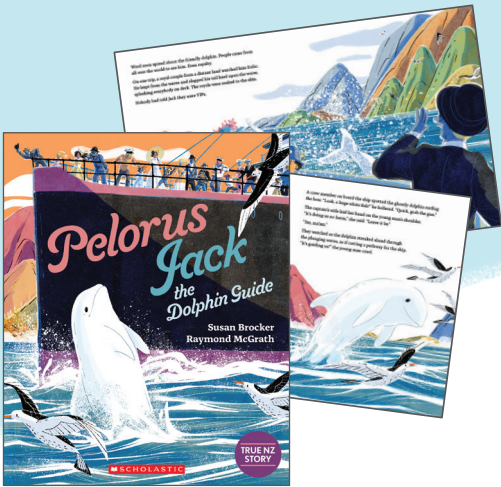
Location: New Zealand

Inspiring stories of courage, resilience and determination in the face of disaster. This vibrantly illustrated book documents some key events in our history (cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides, floods, volcanic eruptions, fires, plane crashes, pandemics and other disasters) and, more importantly, how we responded and grew stronger. Includes Safety Tips, and What to Do in an Emergency.

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A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL FICTION FOR ANIMAL-LOVING CHILDREN

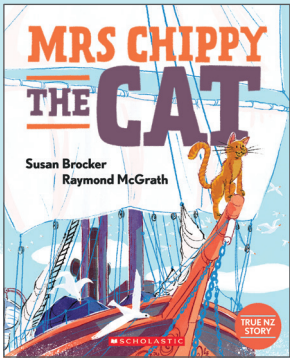


PELORUS JACK THE DOLPHIN GUIDE

RRP: \$21.99
Author: Susan Brocker
Illustrator: Raymond McGrath
ISBN: 9781775437475
Age Level: 3–7 years
Time Period: 1888–1912
Location: Marlborough Sounds



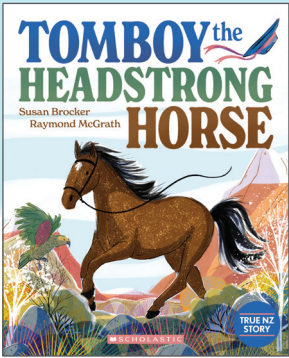
The tale of Pelorus Jack, the playful Risso’s dolphin guide, who became famous around the world for escorting ships through the treacherous waters of the Marlborough Sounds in the upper South Island, from 1888 to 1912. A statue of Pelorus Jack stands at Collinet Point, Nelson.



MRS CHIPPY THE CAT

RRP: \$21.99
Author: Susan Brocker
Illustrator: Raymond McGrath
ISBN: 9781775437086
Age Level: 3–7 years
Time Period: 1914–1915
Location: Antarctica

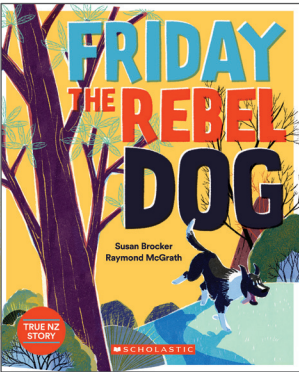
Mrs Chippy was actually a tomcat who was a loyal and loved companion to the crew on Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 expedition to the Antarctic aboard the *Endurance*. Mrs Chippy was the best mate of the ship’s carpenter, Chippy McNeish. A statue of the cat lies on his grave in Karori Cemetery, Wellington.



TOMBOY THE HEADSTRONG HORSE

RRP: \$21.99
Author: Susan Brocker
Illustrator: Raymond McGrath
ISBN: 9781775438304
Age Level: 3–7 years
Time Period: 1866
Location: South Island of New Zealand

In 1866, artist Nicholas Chevalier was commissioned to sketch and paint scenes of Aotearoa’s South Island. On one trip he takes his wife, Caroline, making her the first European woman to traverse the South Island from the east coast to the west and back again. She rode a horse called Tomboy and this book tells the story of their journey.



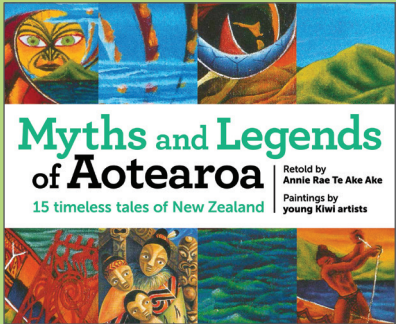
FRIDAY THE REBEL DOG

RRP: \$21.99
Author: Susan Brocker
Illustrator: Raymond McGrath
ISBN: 9781775436102
Age Level: 3–7 years
Time Period: 1855
Location: Mackenzie Country/Fairlie

The tale of New Zealand’s most notorious sheep-stealer and his loyal working dog, Friday. More than 160 years ago, Mackenzie and his dog secretly herded 1,000 stolen sheep through rugged, unmapped mountain passes before getting caught. A statue of the pair stands today in the heart of Mackenzie Country in the South Island.



STORIES THAT ARE PART OF MĀORI ORAL HISTORY, PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS



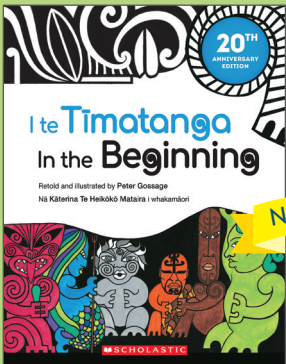
MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF AOTEAROA

RRP: \$29.99
Author: Annie Rae Te Ake Ake
Illustrator: Various Artists
ISBN: 9781775435235
Age Level: 7+
Location: Aotearoa

Fifteen Māori myths and legends are retold by gifted storyteller Annie Rae Te Ake Ake in this stunning, one-of-a-kind treasury. Illustrated by young Kiwi artists, this classic collection is a testament to the vibrant cultures of Aotearoa past, present and future.

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FINALIST NZ BOOK AWARDS



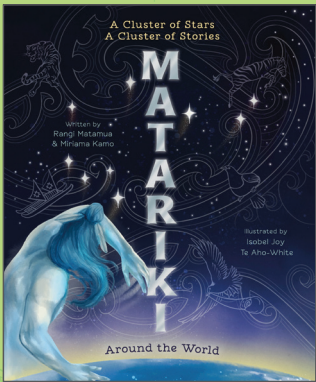
Peter Gossage’s bold, vibrant design and brief text recount the struggle of the children of Ranginui and Papatūānuku as they try to part their parents and bring light to the world. The reader is introduced to each of the children (Māori gods) and the role they play in Te Ao Māori.

NOTABLE BOOK

BILINGUAL

I TE TIMATANGA IN THE BEGINNING

RRP: \$21.99
Author: Peter Gossage
ISBN: 9781775436850
Age Level: 3–7 years
Location: Aotearoa



MATARIKI AROUND THE WORLD: A CLUSTER OF STARS, A CLUSTER OF STORIES

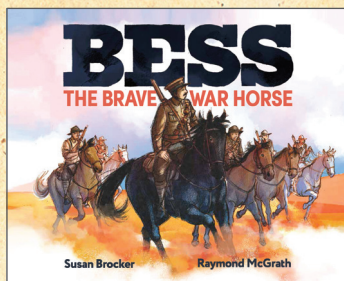
RRP: \$34.99
Author: Rangī Matamua, Miriama Kamo
Illustrator: Isobel Joy Te Aho-White
ISBN: 9781775437420
Age Level: 8+
Location: Aotearoa and around the world

HARDBACK

#1 BESTSELLER

This beautifully illustrated book by renowned Māori astronomer Rangī Matamua with Miriama Kamo, features 21 stories, 9 of which highlight the Māori Matariki stars, while the others reference the stories about the same star cluster from different cultures, from the Pacific Islands to Australia, Asia, the Americas, Europe and Africa.

HEARTWARMING stories about Anzac soldiers and animals



BESS THE BRAVE WAR HORSE

RRP: \$29.99

Author: Susan Brocker

Illustrator: Raymond McGrath

ISBN: 9781775435563

Age Level: 6+

Time Period: World War I

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Based on the true experiences of Bess, one of 10,000 NZ horses sent overseas to battle in World War One. Tragically, at the end of the war only four horses were returned to New Zealand. Luckily for Bess, she was one.



ANZAC HEROES

RRP: \$34.99

Author: Maria Gill

Illustrator: Marco Ivancic

ISBN: 9781775433637

Age Level: 9+

Lexile: 1120

Time Period: World War I & II

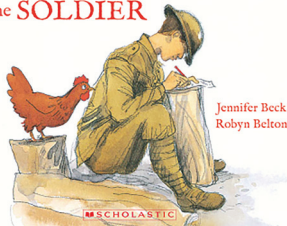
NOTABLE BOOK

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

Discover the triumphs and tragedies of 30 heroic Australasians during both World Wars. Profiles include ANZAC Army, Air Force and Navy soldiers, medics, a spy, an ambulance driver and a humanitarian. Detailed maps, timelines and charts add further depth.

HARDBACK

The BANTAM and the SOLDIER



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THE BANTAM AND THE SOLDIER

RRP: \$21.99

Author: Jennifer Beck

Illustrator: Robyn Belton

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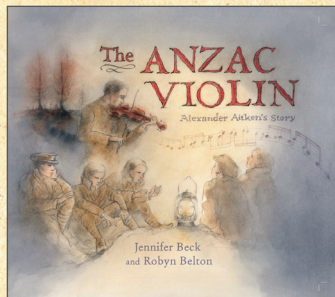
Age Level: 4+

Lexile: 910

Time Period: World War I

A delightful and poignant story that touches on humanity and unexpected friendship in times of war. At the heart of the story is a little bantam—a character children will instantly warm to.

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER



THE ANZAC VIOLIN

RRP: \$29.99

Author: Jennifer Beck

Illustrator: Robyn Belton

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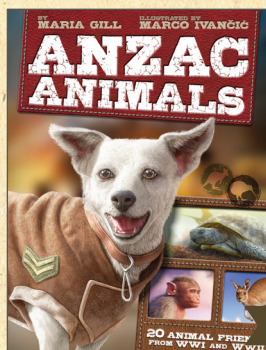
Age Level: 6+

Time Period: World War I

NOTABLE BOOK

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The true story of Otago's Alexander Aitken and the violin that travelled with him on his wartime journey, bringing music and solace to his fellow ANZACs.



ANZAC ANIMALS

RRP: \$24.99

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Illustrator: Marco Ivancic

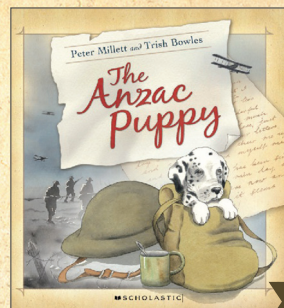
ISBN: 9781775438571

Age Level: 7+

Time Period: World War I & II

NOTABLE BOOK

A heart-warming non-fiction book that tells the stories of the mascots (cats, dogs, monkeys, and a chicken) and dedicated working animals (horses, donkeys, mules, pigeons and camels) that went to war with ANZAC troops during both World Wars.



THE ANZAC PUPPY

RRP: \$21.99

Author: Peter Millett

Illustrator: Trish Bowles

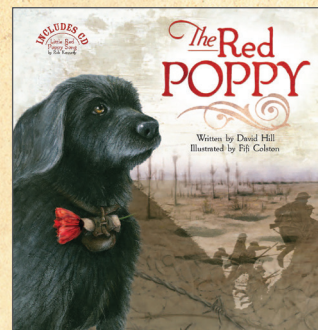
ISBN: 9781775430971

Age Level: 6+

Time Period: World War I

NOTABLE BOOK

A fictional story inspired by Freda, a Harlequin Great Dane and mascot of the NZ Rifle Brigade during World War One. *The Anzac Puppy* is a simple story about the reality of war, hardship, friendship and love.



THE RED POPPY

RRP: \$22.99

Author: David Hill

Illustrator: Fifi Colston

ISBN: 9781775430704

Age Level: 7+

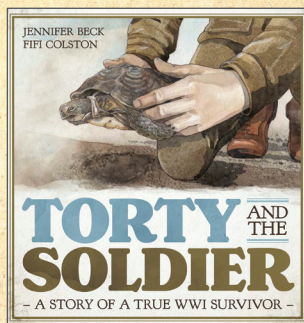
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Time Period: World War I

NOTABLE BOOK

INCLUDES THE LITTLE RED POPPY SONG

Young soldier Jim McLeod waits in the trenches of World War One for the order to attack the enemy. When they charge across no-man's-land, Jim is shot, and finds himself in a shell hole with an enemy soldier, where he discovers how much they have in common.



TORTY AND THE SOLDIER

RRP: \$21.99

Author: Jennifer Beck

Illustrator: Fifi Colston

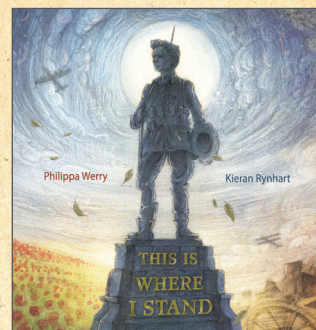
ISBN: 9781775433651

Age Level: 4+

Time Period: World War I/Present

NOTABLE BOOK

Meet Torty! She's one tough little tortoise, who survived a great war that raged in Europe over 100 years ago. Rescued by a young Kiwi soldier and brought back to New Zealand, she is a World War One survivor!



THIS IS WHERE I STAND

RRP: \$29.99

Author: Philippa Werry

Illustrator: Kieran Rynhart

ISBN: 9781775433842

Age Level: 4+

Time Period: World War I

NOTABLE BOOK

HARDBACK

A beautiful story centered around the statue of a World War One soldier—which could be any soldier. The statue gives readers an insight into the soldier's memories of the war as well as what he has seen from his pedestal as the years have passed.



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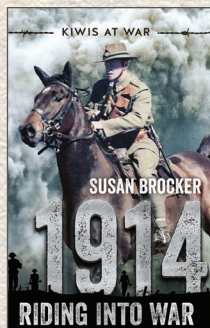
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KIWIS AT WAR

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KIWIS AT WAR: 1914 RIDING INTO WAR
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Susan Brocker
ISBN: 9781775432067
Age Level: 12+
Lexile: 890
Time Period: 1914
Location: New Zealand/Egypt/Gallipoli

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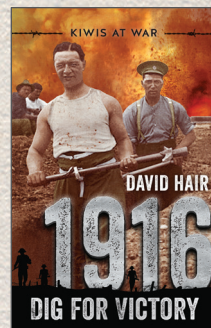
Young Billy and his friend eagerly enlist in the Mounted Rifles when war is declared in August 1914, believing it will be over by Christmas. Leaving their farm jobs, they train at Awapuni, then head to Egypt. Eventually, they are sent to fight in Gallipoli—without their horses—where they realise war isn't the adventure they imagined.



KIWIS AT WAR: 1915 WOUNDS OF WAR
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Diana Menefy
ISBN: 9781775432746
Age Level: 12+
Lexile: 840
Time Period: 1915
Location: New Zealand/Egypt/Gallipoli/Hospital Ships

Nurse Mel and her cousin Harriet can't stand the idea of brave Kiwi boys being cared for by untrained people while the Great War rages on. Joining the NZ Army Nursing Service, they board ships bound for Egypt and Anzac Cove, unaware of the horrors, wounds, and hearts they will encounter.



KIWIS AT WAR: 1916 DIG FOR VICTORY
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: David Hair
ISBN: 9781775432784
Age Level: 12+
Lexile: 860
Time Period: 1916
Location: Egypt/France (the Somme)

When Leith McArran joins the war far from home, he doesn't expect to be digging with fellow Scots and Māori lads from Dunedin. Nor does he foresee becoming best mates with Tamati, a young Māori plagued by visions of steel serpents and blood-red butterflies—premonitions that could either save them from a hidden enemy or lead to their deaths.



KIWIS AT WAR: 1917 MACHINES OF WAR
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Brian Falkner
ISBN: 9781775432807
Age Level: 12+
Time Period: 1917
Location: England/France/Belgium

Bob Sunday (17) steals his brother's identity to enlist in World War One and joins the Royal Flying Corps. He begins flying patrols over France, facing enemies like the Red Baron. His dreams of adventure are soon crushed by the brutal realities of war, culminating in the devastation at Passchendaele.



KIWIS AT WAR: 1918 BROKEN POPPIES
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Des Hunt
ISBN: 9781775432821
Age Level: 12+
Time Period: 1918
Location: New Zealand/France/England

Four Christmases have passed since the world went to war in 1914. Amid the terror of gunfire and warplanes in the trenches, Kiwi soldier Henry Hunt rescues a shaken little dog. The dog not only comforts Henry and his fellow soldiers but also proves to be a skilled rat. Can they survive the Great War together?

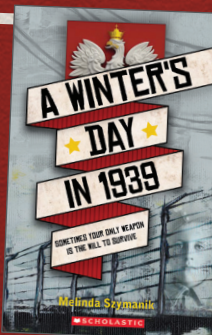
NOTABLE BOOK

Set in 1960s New Zealand, *Koro's Star* follows 10-year-old Atama as he moves to a new army base. His father, off to Vietnam, leaves him his grandfather's WWII medal for courage. Atama navigates new friendships and faces an initiation challenge, relying on the medal for strength. Unaware of the dangers ahead, he embarks on an adventure deep beneath the base.

KORO'S STAR
RRP: **\$20.99**

Author: Claire Aramaku
ISBN: 9781775438618
Age Level: 9+
Lexile: 730
Time Period: 1960s
Location: NZ military camp community

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A WINTER'S DAY IN 1939
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Melinda Szymanik
ISBN: 9781775430308
Age Level: 10+
Lexile: 780
Time Period: 1941
Location: Poland/USSR/Persia

NOTABLE BOOK

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It is 1939 and World War Two has just broken out. Russians invade Poland and confiscate 12-year-old Adam's family house and farm. The family is transported by train to work in a labour camp in Russia. Based on memories of the author's own father.

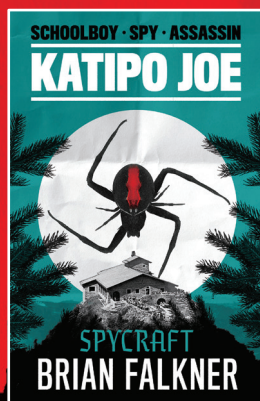
AN ACTION-PACKED WWII TRILOGY BY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, BRIAN FALKNER



KATIPO JOE #1: BLITZKRIEG
RRP: **\$21.99**

Author: Brian Falkner
ISBN: 9781775436447
Age Level: 12+
Lexile: 830
Time Period: 1939–1945
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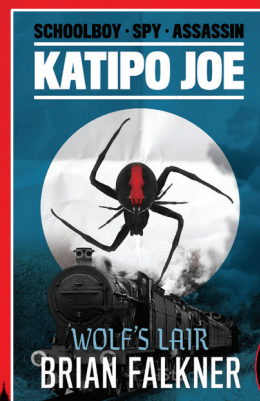
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