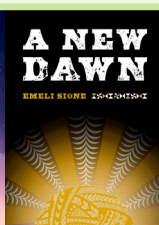
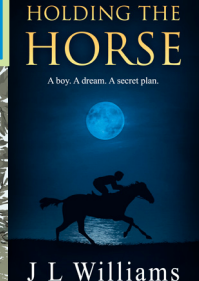
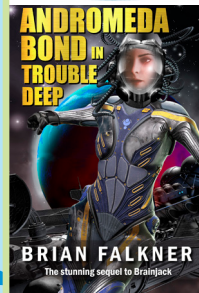
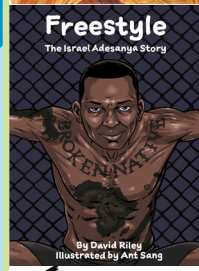
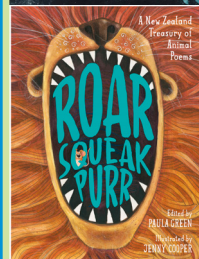


2023  
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ACTIVITY  
BOOKLET



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# HAVE FUN WITH OUR 2023 #NZCYA FINALISTS!

Kia ora tamariki mā! The finalists in the 2023 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults have been revealed. These are the very best books published for young readers this past year – selected by our awesome judges – and we know you will love them.

We've created this book of fun activities to help you discover more about some of the finalist books, and to learn some cool, new things along the way! You can do the activities on your own or with a friend or classmate. You can also create your own activities for some of the other books.

HELL Pizza is celebrating these awesome books too. If you love pizza and great books, just like us, then collect a pizza wheel to start reading your way to FREE pizza. Check out the HELL Reading Challenge page on the back cover of this booklet, or ask your local public or school library how you can get involved. They can also tell you about HELL's Great NZ Book Trip, with more chances to learn, hear authors reading, and win prizes.

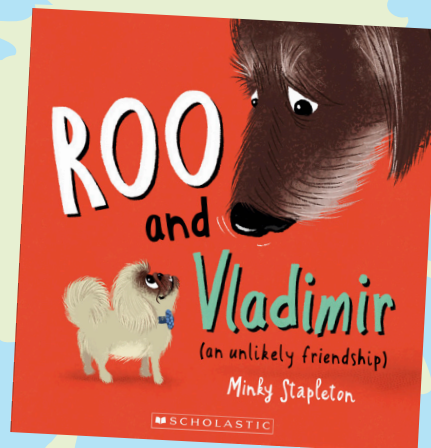
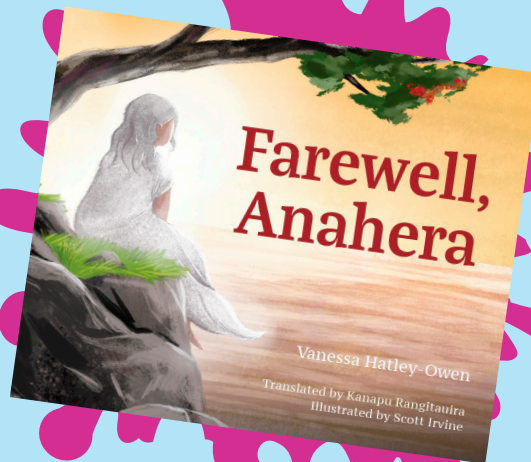
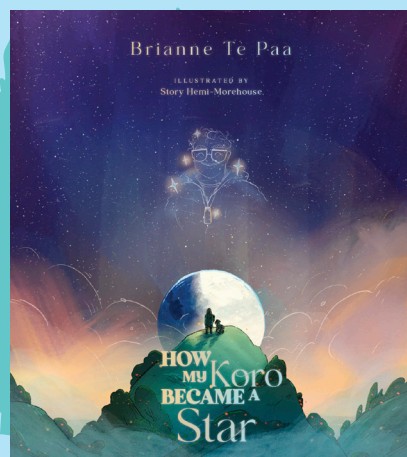
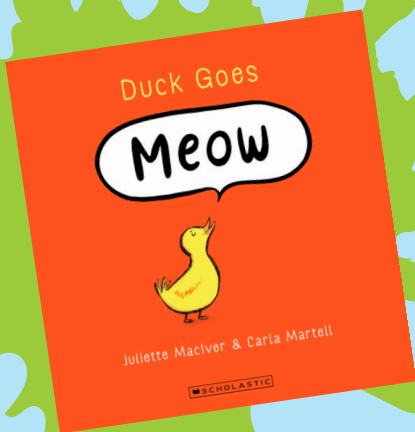
Find out what is happening at your local library over the school holidays, and have fun reading! If you are based in Christchurch or Wellington, you can come along next term and meet your favourite author or illustrator at our Books Alive finalist events to be held in the lead up to the awards ceremony on 10 August. Check out our website for programme details.

Ngā mihi mahana to the team from the National Library of New Zealand Services to Schools who created the great activities in this book. Enjoy them!



# PICTURE BOOK AWARD

AN UNUSUAL DUCK,  
A FAREWELL JOURNEY,  
HONOURING CUSTOMS,  
FINDING FRIENDS, AND AN  
EMPOWERING FAIRYTALE





THE ANIMALS  
 SAY A LOT IN  
 DUCK GOES MEOW!



CAN YOU FIND SOME  
 OF THE THINGS  
 THEY SAY IN THIS  
 WORD SEARCH?



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WORD BANK:

- CLUCK
- MOO
- BAA
- OINK
- WOOF
- QUACK
- CHEEP
- MEOW

IN ROO AND  
 VLADIMIR, ROO  
 IS A DOG WHO  
 LOVES LIFE.

HOWEVER, THE  
 OTHER DOGS FIND  
 HIM TOO BIG AND  
 SCARY. IF ONLY  
 THEY'D TAKE THE  
 TIME TO SEE ALL  
 THE GOOD THINGS  
 ABOUT HIM.



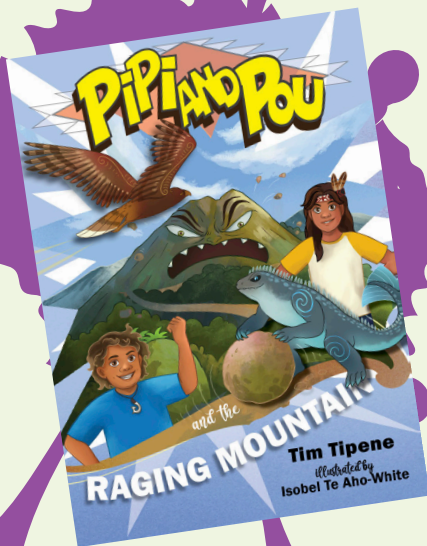
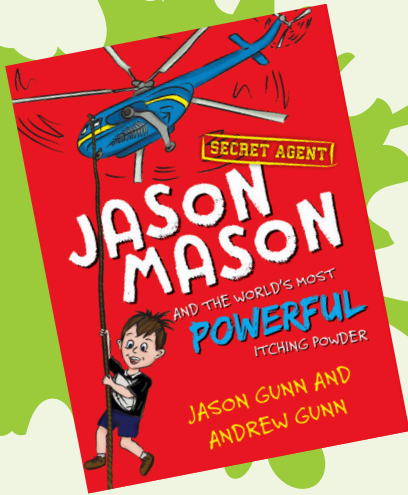
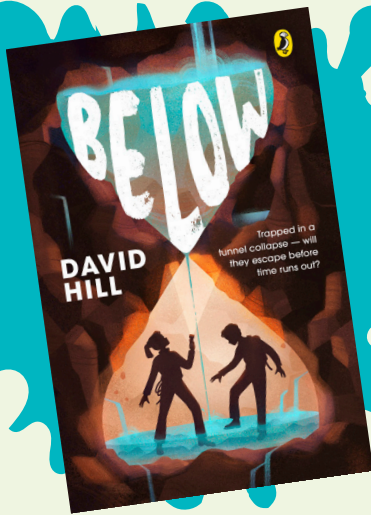
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FILL A PAGE WITH POSITIVE THINGS  
 ABOUT YOURSELF. USE THESE  
 STARTERS TO HELP:



- I CAN
- I LOVE
- I BELIEVE
- I AM GOOD AT
- I AM

PUT THIS UP  
 SOMEWHERE YOU  
 CAN SEE IT EVERY  
 DAY TO REMIND  
 YOU HOW AWESOME  
 YOU ARE.



**JUNIOR FICTION**  
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TUNNEL TERROR, GOLDFIELD  
GANGSTERS, SECRET AGENT  
ANTICS, PUPPET PANDEMONIUM  
AND SUPERHERO SAVIOURS



# IN JASON MASON AND THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL ITCHING POWDER JASON IS A SECRET AGENT.

**TOP SECRET**

YOU'VE BEEN SHOULDER-TAPPED TO JOIN THE AGENCY. **COMPLETE YOUR ID BADGE** AND CREATE YOUR OWN **SECRET CODE** TO KEEP YOUR MESSAGES PRIVATE.

**SECRET AGENT**

 AGENT CODE NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLEARANCE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_



# IN PIPI AND POU AND THE RAGING MOUNTAIN, NANA USES A PŪREREHUA TO SUMMON THE MOA.

THE PŪREREHUA IS A TAOKA PUORO (MĀORI MUSICAL INSTRUMENT) KNOWN IN ENGLISH AS A BULLROARER.



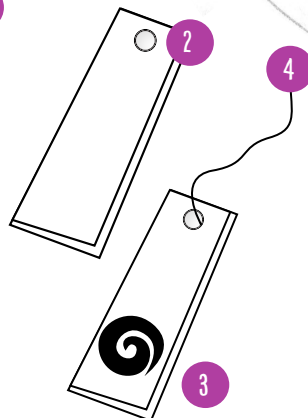
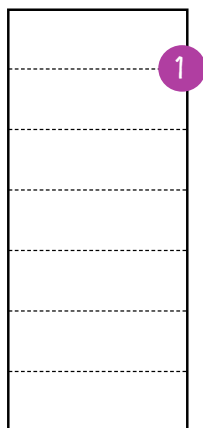
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MAKE YOUR OWN WITH A RECTANGLE OF LIGHT CARDBOARD ABOUT 28CM X 12CM E.G. CUT FROM A CEREAL BOX.

1 DRAW A LINE EVERY 4CM, FOLD UP ALONG THE LINES. PUNCH A HOLE IN THE CENTRE TOP OF EACH SECTION SO THEY ALL LINE UP WHEN IT IS FOLDED TOGETHER. 2

USE STICKY TAPE TO HOLD IT CLOSED. DECORATE HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE. 3

TIE ONE END OF THE STRING TO THE PŪREREHUA AND MAKE A LOOP IN THE OTHER END TO HOLD ON TO. 4

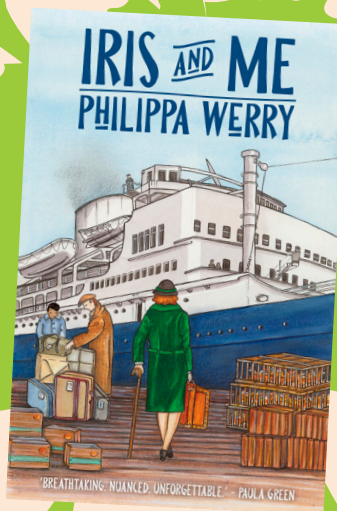
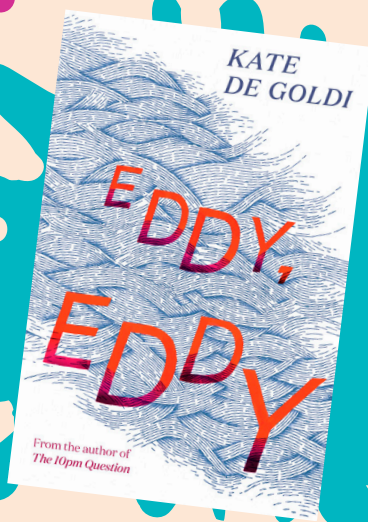
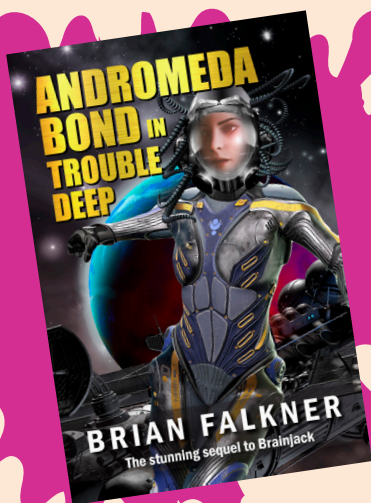


FIND LOTS OF SPACE AND SWING IT AROUND UNTIL IT STARTS TO HUM!



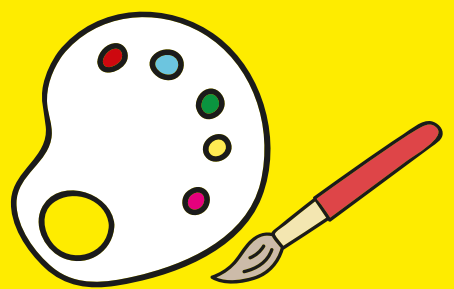
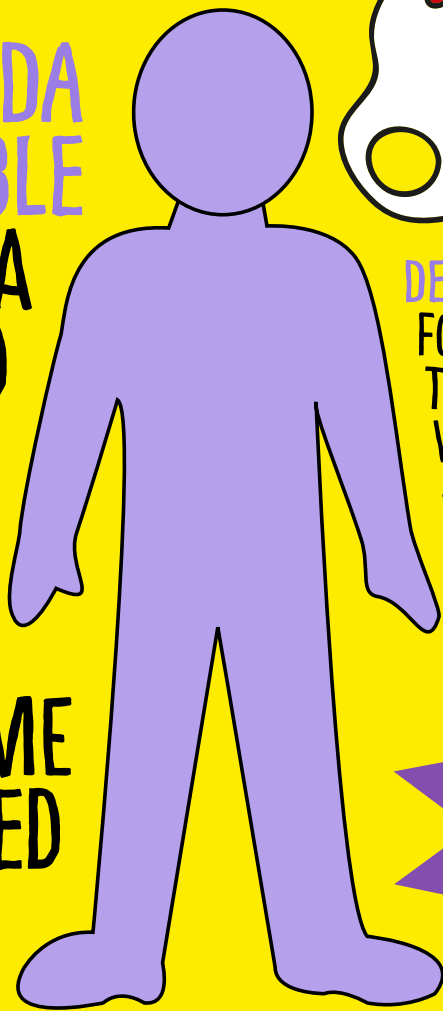
# YOUNG ADULT FICTION AWARD

A DEADLY GAME, COMING OF AGE, TIME TRAVEL, ADVENTURES OF A WAR REPORTER, AND A QUIRKY WHODUNNIT





IN ANDROMEDA  
BOND IN TROUBLE  
DEEP, ANDROMEDA  
BECOMES INVOLVED  
IN THE REAL  
VERSION OF THE  
WORLD'S MOST  
POPULAR VR GAME  
CALLED TROUBLED  
WATERS.



DESIGN A COSTUME  
FOR ONE OR MORE OF  
THE CHARACTERS TO  
WEAR TO THE GAME  
— IT'S GOING TO BE  
LIVE ON TV!

SOME OF THE CHARACTER  
NAMES IN THE STORY ARE:  
STARSLAYER, TIGERSNAKE,  
THRASHCAN, VOLTADROID,  
SPACE KNIGHT, CROCODILUS,  
VLADIATOR, DEVASTATION,  
MEGANERD, SPUKE

VERSE NOVEL IRIS AND  
ME TELLS THE STORY OF  
NEW ZEALAND WRITER  
ROBIN HYDE, WHO  
TRAVELLED THE WORLD.

WE LEARN ABOUT HOW SHE EXPERIENCED  
THE CULTURE AND LANDSCAPE OF THE  
COUNTRIES SHE VISITED.



WRITE A POEM ABOUT SOMEWHERE  
YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO, EVEN IF IT  
WAS LOCAL.

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SAW, SMELT,  
HEARD, FELT, AND TASTED.

OR  
WRITE ABOUT THE LIFE OF A  
SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY.





KOURUKU TĒNEI  
PIKITIA KI TE TAI.  
COLOUR IN THE  
PICTURE.



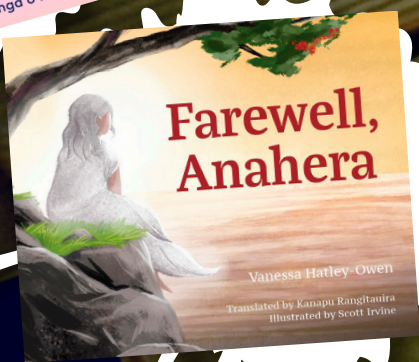


KUA WHETŪRANGITIA A KORO, TE KŌKŌRANGI ME FAREWELL ANAHERA – KATOA ĒNEI PUKAPUKA KA WHAI WHAKAARO KI TE WHAKAMAUMAHARA I TE HUNGA MATE.

KUA WHETŪRANGITIA A KORO/HOW MY KORO BECAME A STAR, TE KŌKŌRANGI AND FAREWELL, ANAHERA – ALL SHOWCASE MATARIKI AND FAREWELLING OUR LOVED ONES.

HANGAIA HE WHETU MATARIKI, WHAKAMAHIA HE HARAKEKE, HE PEPA RĀNEI. WHAKARAKEI KI TE KORAKORA PĪATA, KI TE WŪRU KI TE ONE RĀNEI. TIROHIA KI NGĀ PUKAPUKA, KI TE IPURANGI RĀNEI MŌ ĒTAHI ATU WHAKAARO.

MAKE YOUR OWN MATARIKI STARS. YOU COULD WEAVE FLAX STARS, FOLD ORIGAMI STARS OR CREATE CRAFT STARS WITH GLITTER, WOOL, OR CLAY. LOOK FOR IDEAS IN BOOKS OR ON THE INTERNET.



WHAKAAROHIA TE MANA NUI O MATARIKI KI A KOE ME TŌ WHĀNAU, Ā WĀNANGAHIA HE KAWA MŌ TŌ WHĀNAU KIA WHAKANUI TE WĀ O MATARIKI.

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT WHAT MATARIKI MEANS TO YOU AND START YOUR OWN FAMILY TRADITION.



# TE REO MĀORI

WRIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION  
TE KURA POUNAMU AWARD

A COURAGEOUS JOURNEY,  
TIKANGA OF MATARIKI, AND  
A WISE TEACHER





KI ROTO I TĒNEI PUKAPUKA, HE RARU KI TAI,  
HE MĀHERE, HE KUPUTAKA O NGĀ WĀHI, ŌNĀ  
WHAKAMARAMATANGA ME O RĀTOU INGOA I ĒNEI RĀ.

HEI TAUIRA: NGĀ ANA WAI — HE REPO O MUĀ. KA RERE TE WAI KI ROTO I NGĀ ANA KEI RARO I  
TE WHENUA. KO EDEN PARK TE INGOA PĀKEHĀ O TĒNEI WĀHI.

IN HE RARU KI TAI, THERE IS A MAP AND A GLOSSARY  
OF THE MĀORI PLACE NAMES, THEIR MEANING AND  
WHAT WE CALL THEM TODAY.

FOR EXAMPLE: NGĀ ANA WAI — THE CAVE WATERS — CURRENT SITE OF EDEN PARK;  
FORMERLY A SWAMP WHOSE WATERS FLOWED INTO UNDERGROUND CAVES.

TUHIA MAI HE MĀHERE O TŌ ROHE KIA  
WHAKAATU MAI KEI HEA NGĀ WĀHI  
Ā ROHE. WHAKAURU I TŌ KAINGA, TŌ  
KURA, NGĀ WHARE HOKOHOKO, ME NGĀ  
WHARE A ĀU HOA.

DRAW A MAP OF YOUR LOCAL AREA TO  
SHOW WHERE PLACES ARE LOCATED. YOU  
COULD INCLUDE YOUR HOME, SCHOOL,  
SHOPS AND FRIENDS' HOUSES.

## KUPUTAKA | GLOSSARY

KUPU | WORD

TAUTUHI | DEFINITION

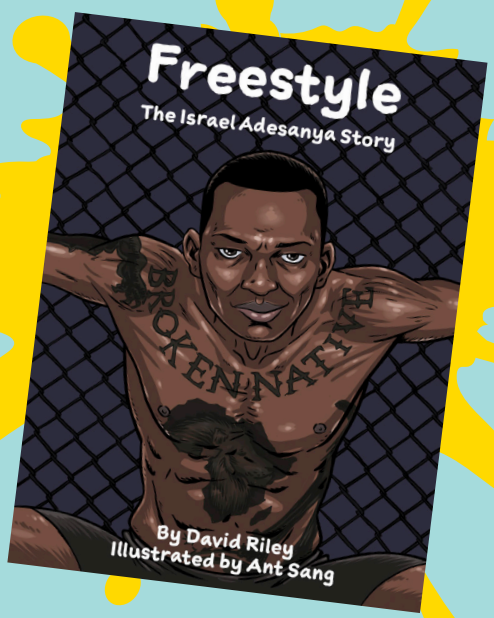
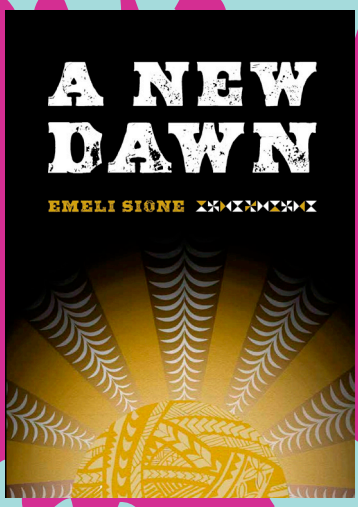
## MĀHERE | MAP

TUHIA MAI HE KUPUTAKA  
O ĒTAHI WĀHI Ā-ROHE ME  
TŌNA WHAKAMĀRAMATANGA.  
WRITE A GLOSSARY FOR YOUR  
OWN LOCAL PLACES.

# NON-FICTION

## ELSIE LOCKE AWARD

DAWN RAIDS, BECOMING  
A CHAMPION, THE  
BIRD LADY, IN THE  
BEGINNING, AND  
CLOUDS AND CURRENTS





# IN FREESTYLE: THE ISRAEL ADESANYA STORY, ISRAEL SAYS:

"IN MY IMAGINATION, I CAN GO ANYWHERE AND BE ANYTHING."

WHERE WOULD YOU GO AND WHO OR WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

## WEATHER AND CLIMATE NEW ZEALAND HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE WEATHER.

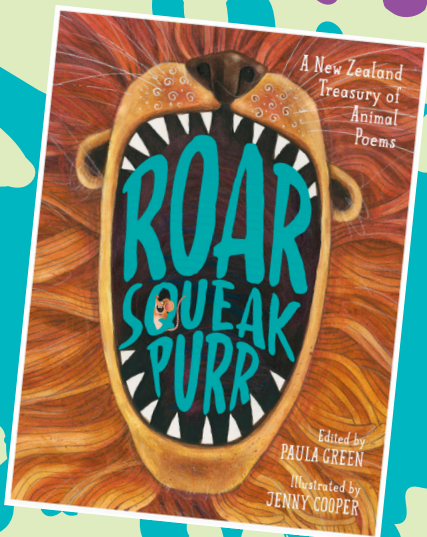
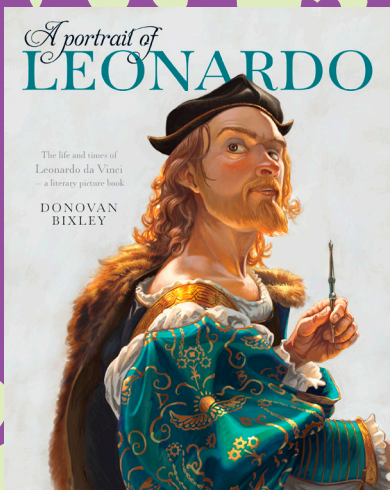
RECORD YOUR OWN OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE WEATHER IN YOUR AREA.

1. LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW. WHAT IS THE WEATHER? DRAW THE ICONS ON THE CHART EACH DAY.
2. COMPARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS WITH FRIENDS AND OFFICIAL FORECASTS. DO THEY MATCH?



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SUNNY CLOUDY RAINY WINDY HAIL SNOW



**ILLUSTRATION**  
RUSSELL CLARK AWARD

THE STORY OF DA VINCI,  
EXPRESSIVE YAKS, A PAINTED  
MENAGERIE, GODS OF  
DARKNESS, AND LIFE  
IN A LIGHTHOUSE



# IN A PORTRAIT OF LEONARDO WE FIND OUT ABOUT LEONARDO DA VINCI'S LIFE AND ART.

USE YOUR FAVOURITE  
ART MATERIALS TO  
PAINT, DRAW, COLLAGE  
OR SCULPT A PORTRAIT  
OF YOURSELF OR  
AN HISTORICAL  
CHARACTER  
YOU ADMIRE.



GIULIO THE GERMAN



GIOVANNI BAZZI



LODOTTI



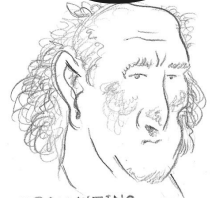
BERNARDINO  
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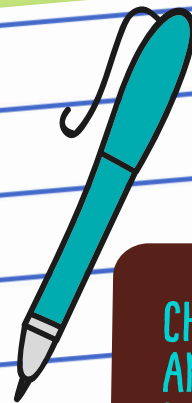
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# ROAR SQUEAK PURR IS FULL OF CREATIVELY ILLUSTRATED POEMS ABOUT ALL SORTS OF ANIMALS.

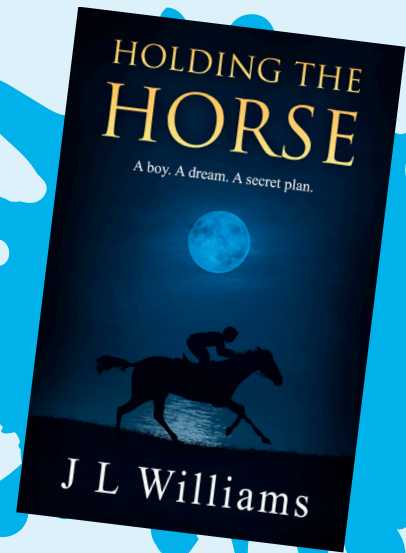


CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE  
ANIMAL AND WRITE AND  
ILLUSTRATE A POEM ABOUT  
THEM. YOU COULD TRY AN  
ACROSTIC WHERE THE FIRST  
LETTER OF EACH LINE SPELLS  
THE NAME OF THE ANIMAL.

# BEST FIRST BOOK

## NZSA AWARD

BEFRIENDING A WHALE,  
RIDING HORSES, SAVING  
A TANIWHA, 2080  
MORAL DILEMMA, AND  
LIGHTHOUSE FRIENDS





# ECHO IS A STORY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN A VISUALLY-IMPAIRED BOY AND A WHALE.

CAN YOU RESEARCH THESE FACTS ABOUT WHALES?

1. WHAT IS THE MĀORI WORD FOR WHALE? \_\_\_\_\_
2. HOW MANY WHALE SPECIES ARE THERE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH WHALE IS

3. BIGGEST? \_\_\_\_\_
4. FASTEST? \_\_\_\_\_
5. DEEPEST DIVING? \_\_\_\_\_
6. DEADLIEST? \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH WHALE

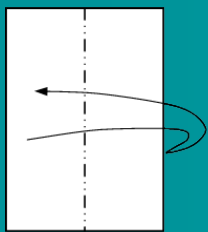
7. CAN HOLD ITS BREATH LONGEST? \_\_\_\_\_
8. HAS GONE THE FURTHEST DISTANCE? \_\_\_\_\_
9. HOW DO YOU WRITE 'WHALE' IN BRAILLE? \_\_\_\_\_

- ANSWERS
1. TOHORA
  2. 92
  3. BLUE
  4. SEI
  5. SPERM
  6. ORCA
  7. CUVIER'S BEAKED WHALE
  8. GRAY
  9. ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠

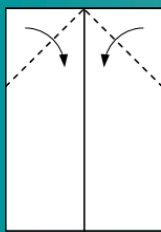
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## THE CHARACTERS IN THE LIGHTHOUSE PRINCESS MAKE AND FLY PAPER PLANES.

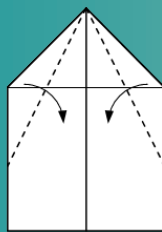
MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER PLANES. DECORATE OR WRITE MESSAGES ON THEM AND FLY YOUR PLANE TO YOUR FRIENDS ACROSS THE ROOM.



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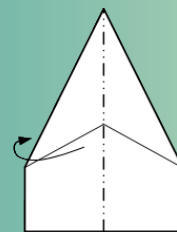
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