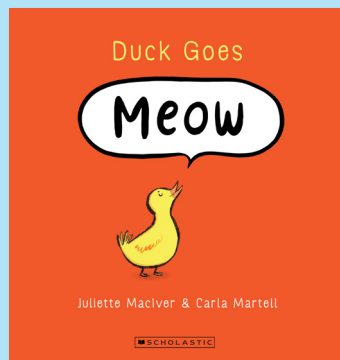


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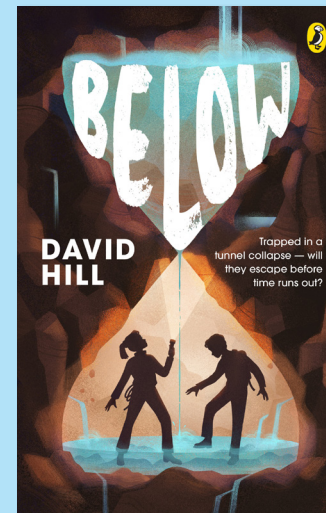
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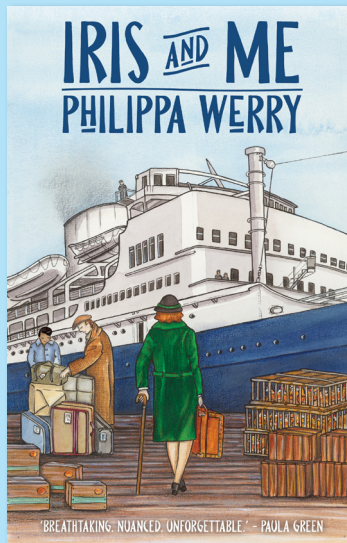
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"*Iris and Me* is audacious and daring, much like its subject. Written in verse with a unique narrative voice, this is heartbreaking yet hopeful historical fiction. The book is impeccably researched and exquisitely written. This is poetry our young people can relate to."

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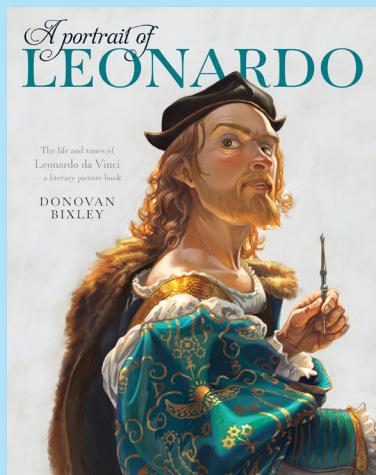
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"*Te Wehenga* presents a well-known creation story from te ao Māori in a ground breaking bilingual format. It brings mātauranga Māori into our understanding of how the world began, using tohu Māori or Māori design elements. Judges were awestruck by its production qualities and by the bold, dark and fully immersive design."

RUSSELL CLARK  
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"Donovan Bixley excels in this illustrated biography of Leonardo Da Vinci. He plays joyously with puns and puzzles while demonstrating masterful use of tools that were developed by the great artist himself, creating a vibrant historical read that is also a fluent and delightful feast for the eyes."

WRIGHT FAMILY  
FOUNDATION  
TE KURA  
POUNAMU  
AWARD  
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MĀORI  
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"*Kua Whetūrangitia a Koro* is a traditional Māori narrative tailored to fit a new world and a new audience. The significance of this story, its context, and its poetic use of te reo Māori place it in a stratosphere of its own. Haramai tētahi āhua!"

NZSA BEST  
FIRST BOOK  
AWARD  
2023 WINNER

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*"The Lighthouse Princess stands out as a picture book that combines poetic writing and whimsical illustration to create a sum that is greater than its parts. This clever alchemy is all the more astounding considering it is both the writer's and the illustrator's first foray into publication."*

MARGARET  
MAHY  
BOOK OF  
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*"Te Wehenga presents the Māori creation pūrākau in a bold design using universal elements. The bilingual text is poetic, and integrated into the artwork in a way that draws readers into an interactive experience. The production values are exceptionally high, and the result is a book that is – like the story – a taonga."*