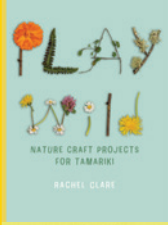
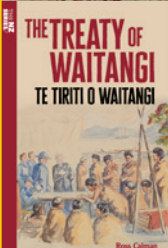
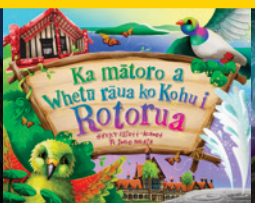
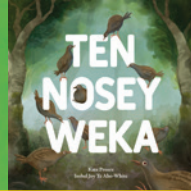
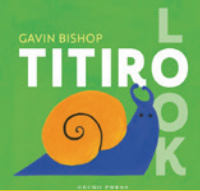




# 2025 FINALISTS ACTIVITY BOOKLET

NEW ZEALAND  
**BOOK  
AWARDS**  
FOR CHILDREN &  
YOUNG ADULTS



# HAVE FUN – AND LEARN – WITH OUR FINALISTS!

## #NZCYA 2025

KIA ORA TAMARIKI MĀ! THE FINALISTS IN THE 2025 NEW ZEALAND BOOK AWARDS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. OUR INCREDIBLE JUDGES HAVE SELECTED THE VERY BEST BOOKS PUBLISHED IN AOTEAROA THIS PAST YEAR FOR YOUNG READERS LIKE YOURSELVES. WE KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THEM!

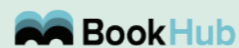
THIS BOOKLET IS PACKED WITH FUN PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER MORE ABOUT SOME OF THE SHORTLISTED BOOKS, AND TO LEARN SOME COOL, NEW THINGS ALONG THE WAY!

WE'VE LEFT THE PAGE OPPOSITE OPEN FOR YOU TO USE HOWEVER YOU LIKE. COLLECT AUTOGRAPHS IF YOU ARE AT OUR NZCYA BOOKS ALIVE EVENTS, OR MEET YOUR FAVOURITE AUTHORS IN YOUR SCHOOL. USE THE SPACE TO RECORD THE TITLES OF THE FINALIST BOOKS YOU HAVE READ, AND MAYBE EVEN WRITE SHORT REVIEWS ABOUT THEM HERE.

FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AND HAVE FUN READING!

NGĀ MIHI NUNUI TO THE SERVICES TO SCHOOLS TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND, WHO CREATED THE FANTASTIC ACTIVITIES IN THIS BOOKLET. ENJOY THEM!

## KIA ORA TO ALL OUR SPONSORS



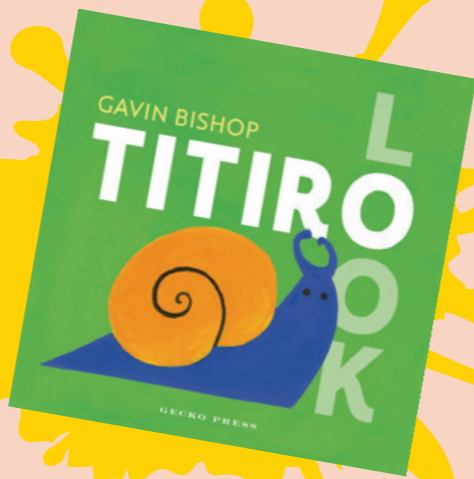
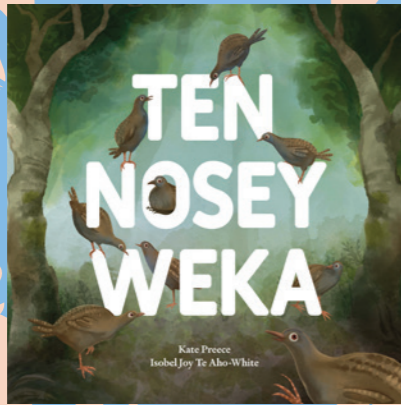
SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ALL THE FINALIST BOOKS, OR VISIT [WWW.NZBOOKAWARDS.NZ](http://WWW.NZBOOKAWARDS.NZ)  
#NZCYA #BOOKSALIVE



USE THE SPACE ABOVE FOR AUTOGRAPHS, A READING LOG, YOUR OWN BOOK REVIEWS, OR TO COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES THAT FOLLOW

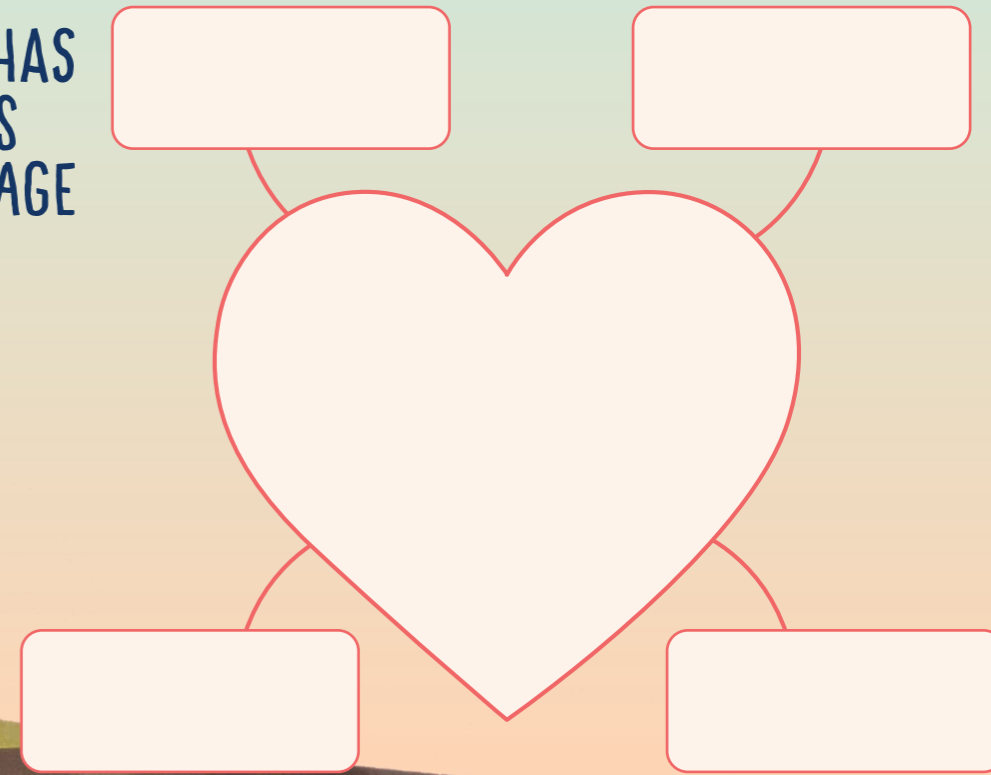
# PICTURE BOOK BOOKHUB AWARD

BEDTIME HIJINKS, SAMOAN  
MATARIKI, CURIOUS WEKA,  
FABULOUS FIRST WORDS,  
AND FUN WITH FISH



**IN MATAALI'I**  
EACH MEMBER OF  
THE 'ĀIGA | FAMILY HAS  
A POWER THAT HELPS  
PROTECT THEIR VILLAGE  
AND KEEP IT  
IN HARMONY.

THINK ABOUT YOUR FAMILY – WHO WOULD BE  
THE HEART? WHAT POWERS WOULD EACH PERSON HAVE?



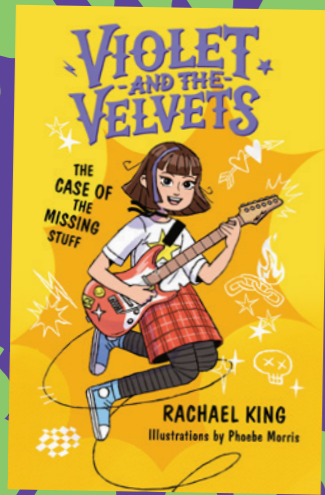
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**THE TEN NOSEY  
WEKA LIKE  
EXPLORING.**

WATCH FOR BIRDS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD  
THIS WEEK. USE THE PICTOGRAPH TO RECORD  
HOW MANY YOU SEE. WE'VE INCLUDED  
2 BIRDS TO GET YOU STARTED. ADD OTHERS  
BY DRAWING OR NAMING THEM, AND THEN  
ADD TO YOUR GRAPH.

BIRD	HOW MANY
FANTAIL	
SEAGULL	

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# JUNIOR FICTION

WRIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION  
ESTHER GLEN AWARD

THE QUIET ONES, A KITTEN  
DETECTIVE, POST-APOCALYPTIC  
MIRACLES, RUNAWAYS AND A  
RAVEN, AND ROCK GIRLS

IN DETECTIVE BEANS  
AND THE CASE OF THE  
MISSING HAT THE  
DETECTIVE HAS  
LOST HIS HAT.

THERE ARE 10 HATS HIDDEN  
IN THIS BOOKLET.  
CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

HAT 1:  HAT 2:   
HAT 3:  HAT 4:   
HAT 5:  HAT 6:   
HAT 7:  HAT 8:   
HAT 9:  HAT 10:

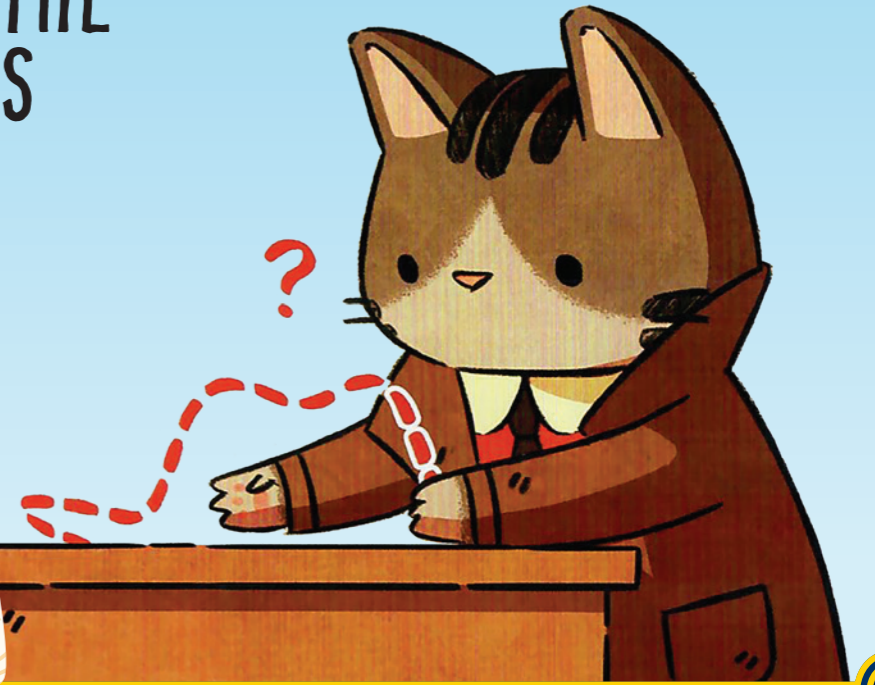


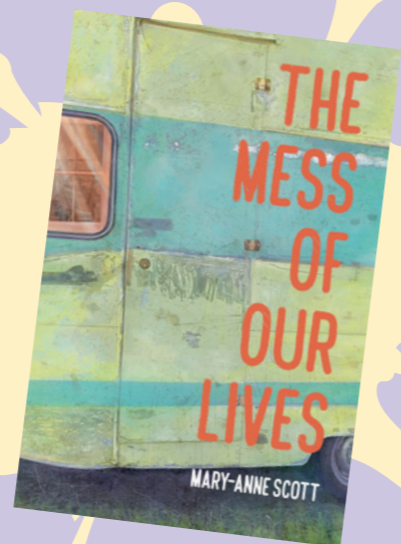
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MAKE A POSTER  
FOR VIOLET AND  
THE VELVETS OR  
YOUR OWN BAND'S  
APPEARANCE AT THE  
LOCAL STADIUM  
OR PARK.

YOU COULD INCLUDE DATE, TIME, NAME  
AND A PICTURE OF THE BAND OR  
SHOWCASE A SONG TITLE.

# YOUNG ADULT FICTION AWARD

INNER MONSTERS,  
AFTERSHOCKS OF FAMILY  
SECRETS, A SPACE ODYSSEY,  
THE MESS MADE BY OTHERS,  
& A WORLD BASED ON LIES



LIFE CAN BE  
CHAOTIC AND  
HARD TO COPE  
WITH, AS WE  
SEE IN **BEAR**  
AND **THE MESS**  
OF OUR LIVES.

BE PREPARED FOR TOUGH TIMES  
BY THINKING OF THINGS AND  
PEOPLE THAT BRING YOU COMFORT  
AND CALM.

MAKE A LIST OF SUPPORTERS AND THINGS YOU ENJOY  
THAT SOOTHE AND HELP YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF.

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## INTUITION PLAYS A BIG PART IN **MIGRATION**.

HOW GOOD IS YOUR  
INTUITION? USE THESE  
IDEAS TO EXERCISE IT.

WHEN THE PHONE  
RINGS, CAN YOU  
GUESS WHO IT IS?

WHEN YOUR PLAYLIST  
IS ON SHUFFLE, DO YOU  
KNOW WHICH SONG  
WILL BE NEXT?

WHEN YOU MEET  
SOMEONE, CAN YOU TELL  
IF THEY ARE A CAT OR A  
DOG PERSON?

IF YOU PICK A CARD  
FROM A DECK, IS IT  
BLACK OR RED?



YOU CAN READ POSTCARDS WITH SPECIAL MESSAGES AND SEE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE WRITING DESK.

WRITE A POSTCARD TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER. DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVOURITE PICTURES TO ADD TO THE DISPLAY? STICK DOWN A PHOTO OR DRAW SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

FROM THE DESK OF

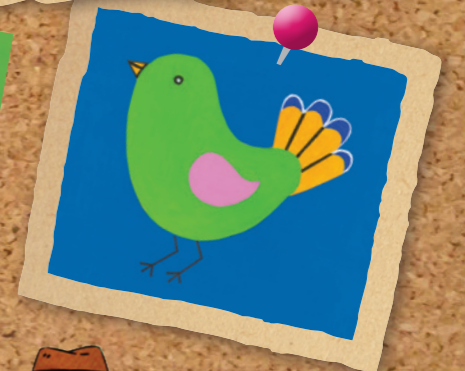
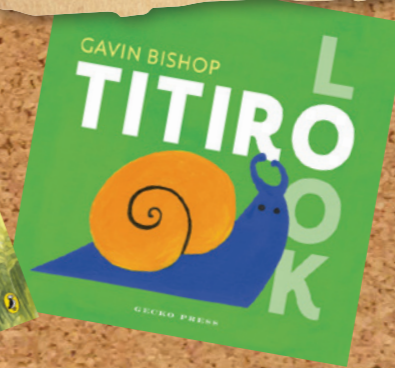


IN BROWN BIRD, REBECCA AND CHESTER BAKE BISCUITS AND MAKE JAM FROM LOCAL FRUIT TO SHARE WITH NEIGHBOURS.

CAN YOU FIND SOME LOCAL FRUIT TO MAKE JAM OR USE A RECIPE TO BAKE SOME TASTY TREATS TO SHARE WITH FAMILY OR IN YOUR LOCAL PĀTAKA KAI?



Thank You



TITIRO LOOK IS FULL OF FAMILIAR THINGS.

CAN YOU SEE SOME OF THEM IN THIS DISPLAY?

KĪ | KEYS  
TAONGA | TREASURE  
MANU | BIRD  
UKURERE | UKULELE  
KURĪ | DOG



SCRIBES IN THE RAVEN'S EYE RUNAWAYS HAVE EXQUISITE HANDWRITING.

COPY THIS FANCY CALLIGRAPHY FONT TO SIGN YOUR NAME OR WRITE A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO SOMEONE.

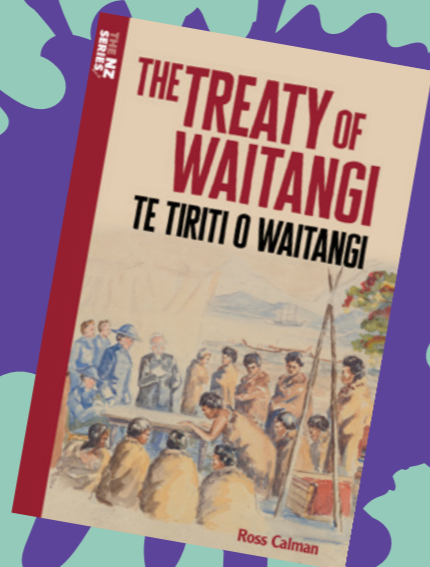
A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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Three horizontal lines for writing practice.

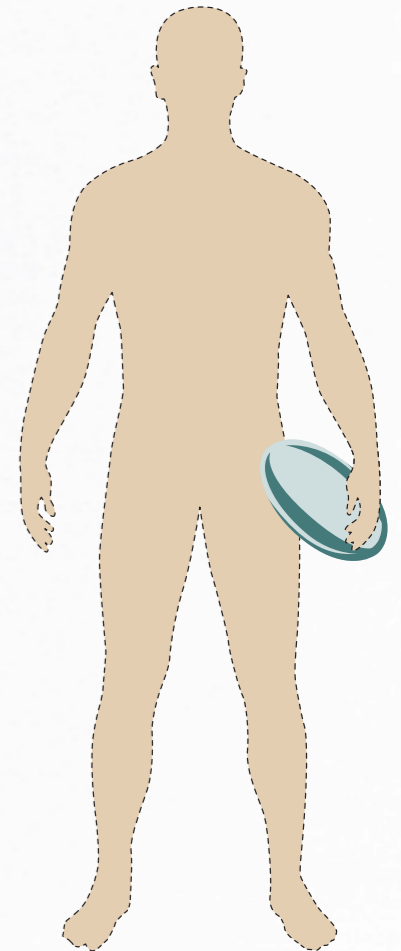
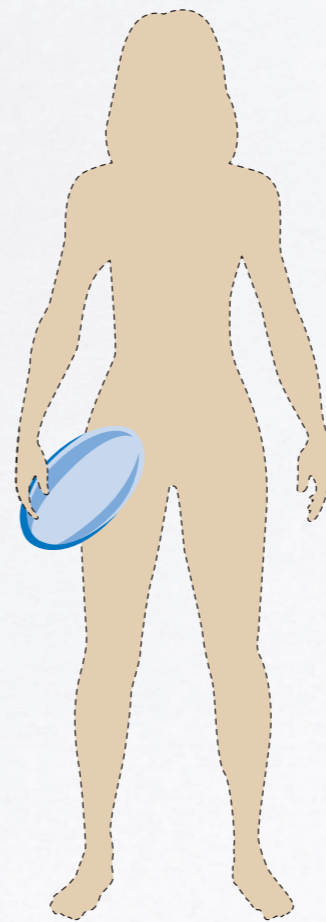
# NON-FICTION

## ELSIE LOCKE AWARD

SPORTING PRIDE,  
WHAKATAUKĪ WISDOM,  
NOCTURNAL HUNTER,  
EXPLAINING TE TIRITI,  
AND TONGAN POETRY



YOU CAN  
READ ABOUT  
NEW ZEALAND'S  
SPORTS  
UNIFORMS IN  
**BLACK MAGIC.**



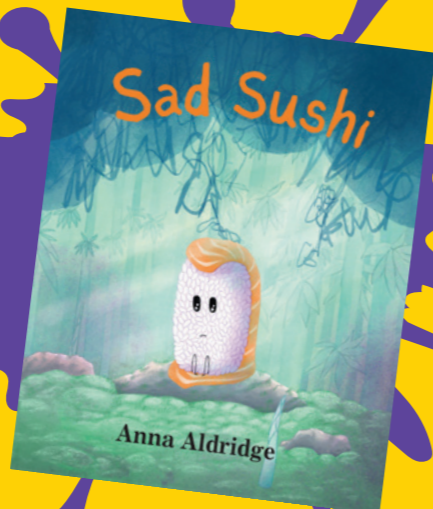
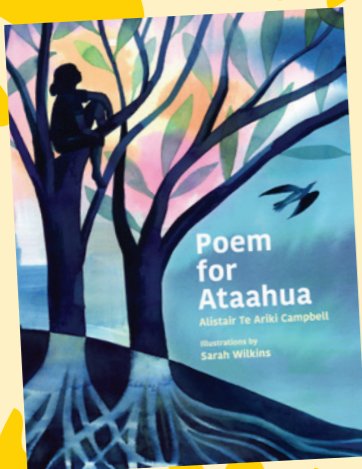
CAN YOU DESIGN A UNIFORM FOR THE  
BLACK FERNS FOR THE WOMEN'S 2025  
RUGBY WORLD CUP IN LONDON AND  
THE ALL BLACKS IN 2027 IN AUSTRALIA?  
DRAW OR COLLAGE YOUR IDEAS.

WITH SOME FRIENDS, FIND  
THINGS FROM AROUND THE HOUSE  
TO USE AS A COSTUME TO DRESS  
AS THE RURU, RAT, WĒTĀ OR OTHER  
CREATURES SEEN IN THE BUSH  
IN RURU, NIGHT HUNTER.

ACT OUT HOW YOU  
WOULD ESCAPE FROM THE  
PREDATOR AND PROTECT  
YOUR BABIES.



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RUSSELL CLARK AWARD

SEEING A MOA, THE MUSIC OF HINERAU KATAURI, POETIC MAGIC, COMPLEX EMOTIONS, AND THE FUN OF A NEW PET

# ALICE AND THE STRANGE BIRD IS ILLUSTRATED WITH DIORAMAS.

## CAN YOU MAKE A DIORAMA YOURSELF?

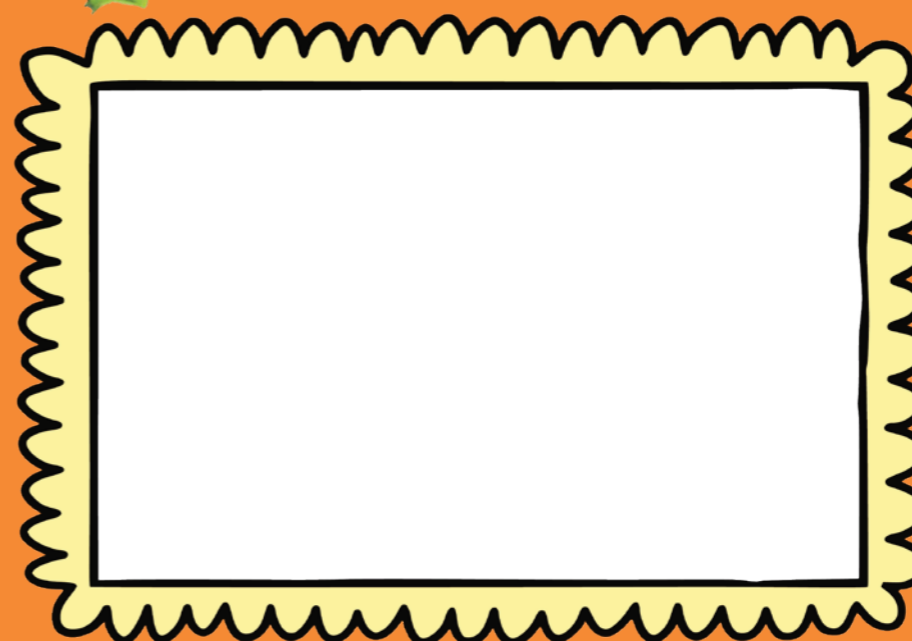
1. DECIDE ON YOUR TOPIC AND PLAN YOUR SCENE.
2. RECYCLE A BOX AS YOUR BASE AND DECORATE IT.
3. MAKE SCENERY AND FIGURES FROM CARD, OR USE SMALL TOYS OR REAL MATERIALS LIKE PLANTS.
4. FIX THEM IN PLACE TO CREATE YOUR SCENE.



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AS WE SEE IN YOU CAN'T PAT A FISH, PET POSSIBILITIES ARE MANY, FROM ORDINARY TO OUTLANDISH.



WHAT PET WOULD YOU CHOOSE? PAINT A PORTRAIT OF YOUR PERFECT PET.



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# TE REO MĀORI

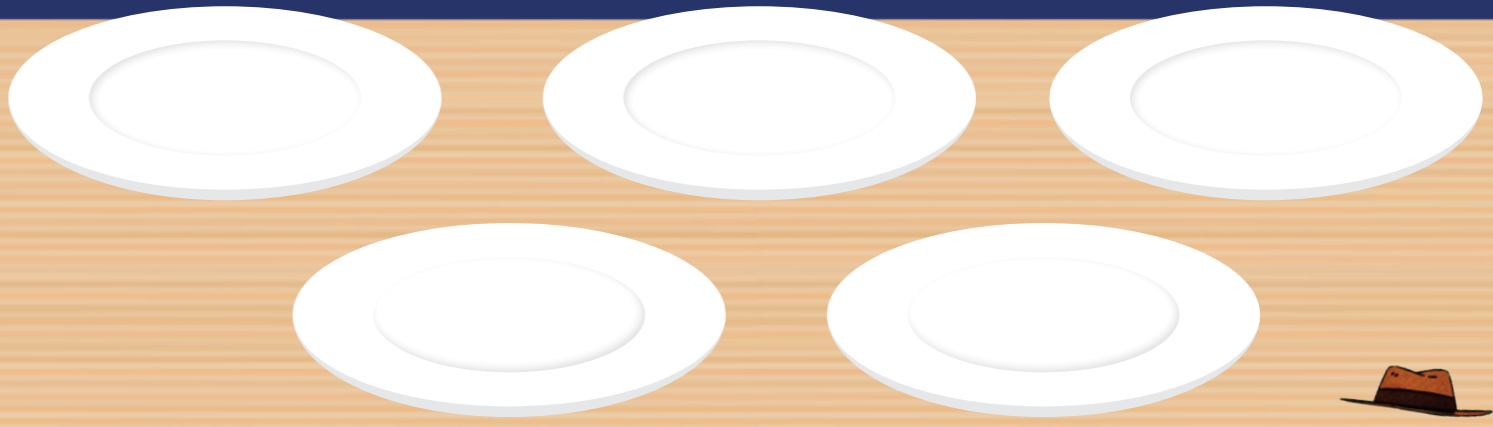
WRIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION  
TE KURA POUNAMU AWARDS

A DESPERATE JOURNEY,  
THE ORIGIN OF MUSIC,  
SHOWCASING ROTORUA,  
MATARIKI CELEBRATION,  
& KNOWLEDGE  
HANDLED DOWN



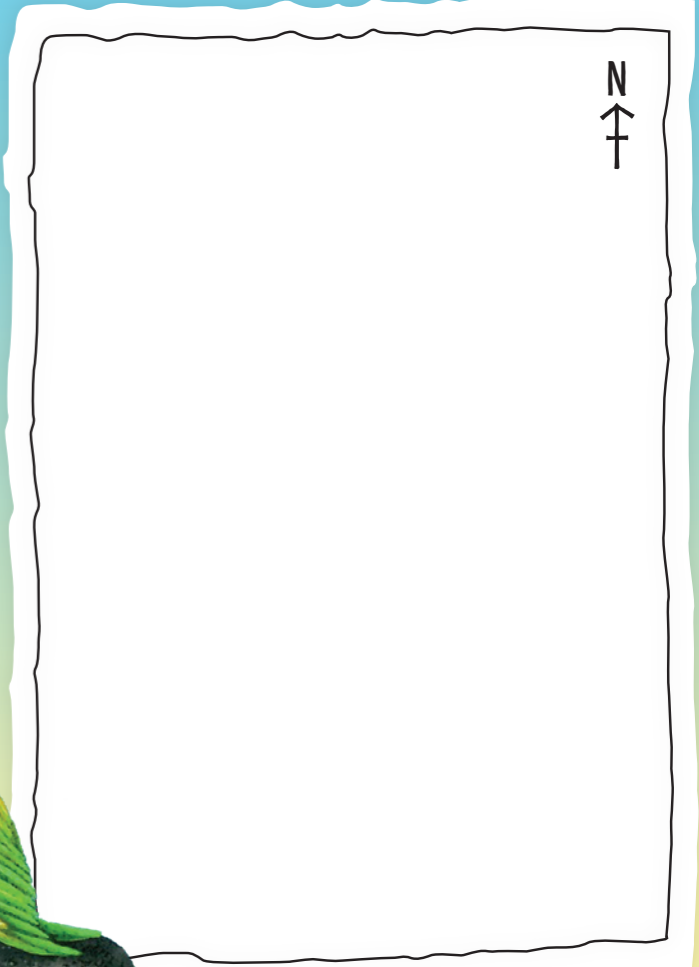
MATARIKI IS CELEBRATED IN **A ARIĀ ME TE ATUA O TE KŪMARA**, **NGĀ KUPENGA A NANNY RINA** AND **KO NGĀ WHETŪ KAI O MATARIKI: KO TUPUĀNUKU RĀUA KO TUPUĀRANGI**. DRAW OR WRITE YOUR FAVOURITE DISHES ON THE PLATES TO SERVE FROM TUPUĀNUKU AND TUPUĀRANGI AT YOUR IDEAL MATARIKI FEAST.

KA WHAKANUIA A MATARIKI I ROTO I NGĀ PUKAPUKA **A ARIĀ ME TE ATUA O TE KŪMARA**, **NGĀ KUPENGA A NANNY RINA**, **KO NGĀ WHETŪ KAI O MATARIKI: TUPUĀNUKU RĀUA KO TUPUĀRANGI**. TUHIA Ō TINO KAI A TUPUĀNUKU RĀUA KO TUPUĀRANGI HEI HORA I TE WĀ O TE HAUTAPU NUI KI A MATARIKI.



KA MĀTORO A WHETŪ RĀUA KO KOHU I ROTORUA GUIDES A VISITOR TO SEE THE ROTORUA SIGHTS. MAKE AN ILLUSTRATED MAP TO SHOW PLACES NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE AND THE TAONGA THAT VISITORS MIGHT FIND INTERESTING.

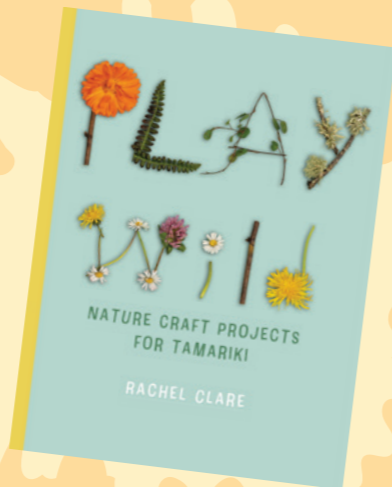
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# BEST FIRST BOOK

NZSA AWARD

A BRAVE BIRD, OUTDOOR FUN, A BATTLE FOR BOOKS, AN OUTWITTED WITCH, AND SETTLER STORIES



## PLAY WILD IS FULL OF PROJECTS USING MATERIALS FROM THE NATURAL WORLD.

GET CREATIVE WITH NATURE AND MAKE A WRISTBAND.

CUT A PIECE OF STICKY TAPE LONG ENOUGH TO FIT AROUND YOUR WRIST, STICKY SIDE OUT, WITH A GAP SO IT IS NOT TOO TIGHT.

GO OUTSIDE AND FIND FLOWERS AND LEAVES TO DECORATE THE BAND.



## IN BRAVE KĀHU AND THE PŌRANGI MAGPIE, ARI COLLECTS SEASHELLS.

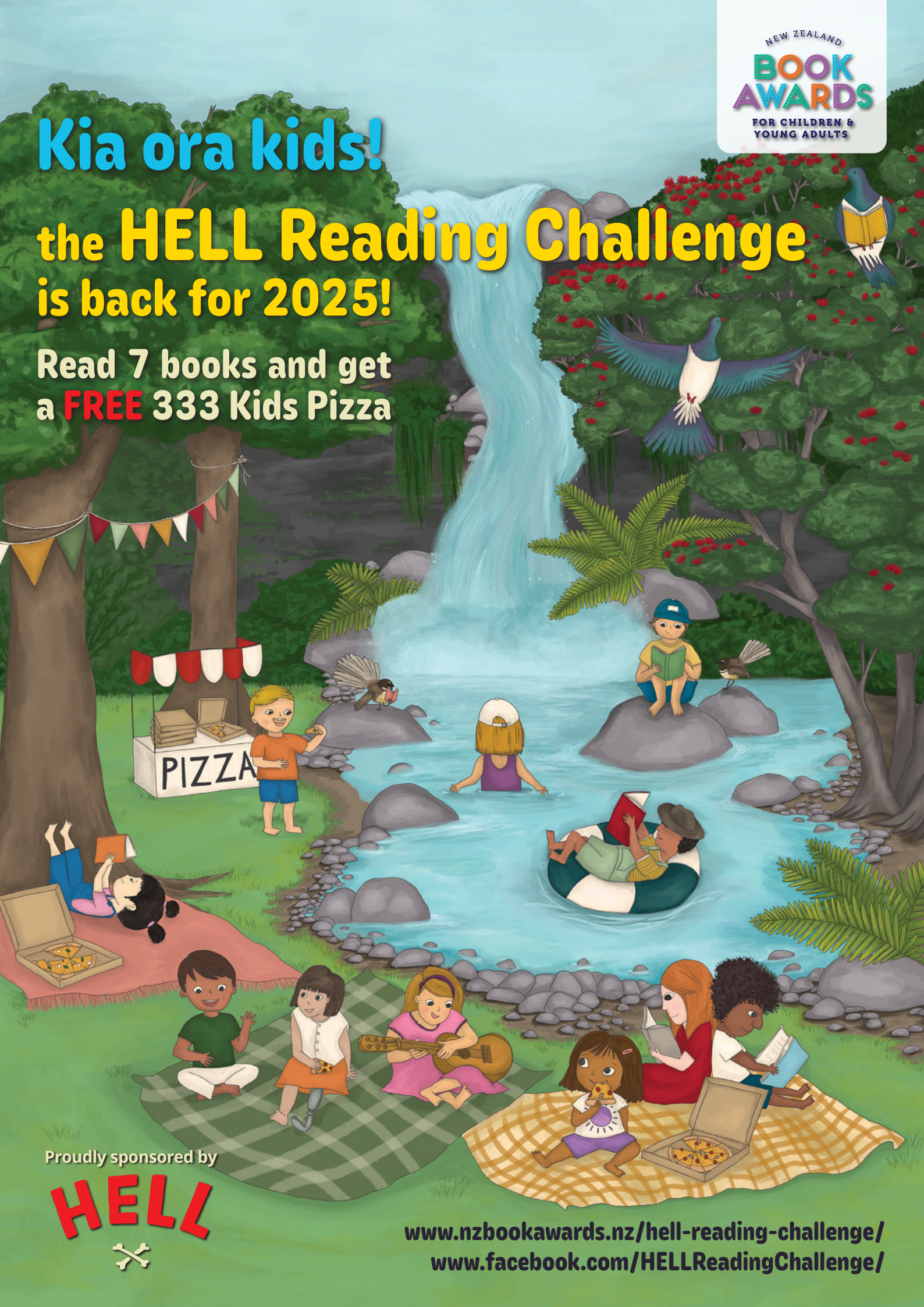
HOW MANY DIFFERENT SHELLS (OR OTHER NATURE TREASURES SUCH AS ROCKS) CAN YOU COLLECT? CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT THEIR NAMES ARE?



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