

2026 WINNERS

NEW ZEALAND BOOK AWARDS

FOR CHILDREN &
YOUNG ADULTS

MARGARET MAHY
BOOK OF THE YEAR



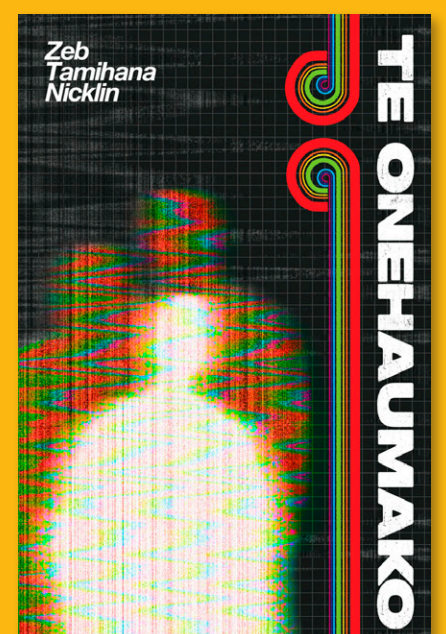
BOOKHUB
PICTURE BOOK AWARD



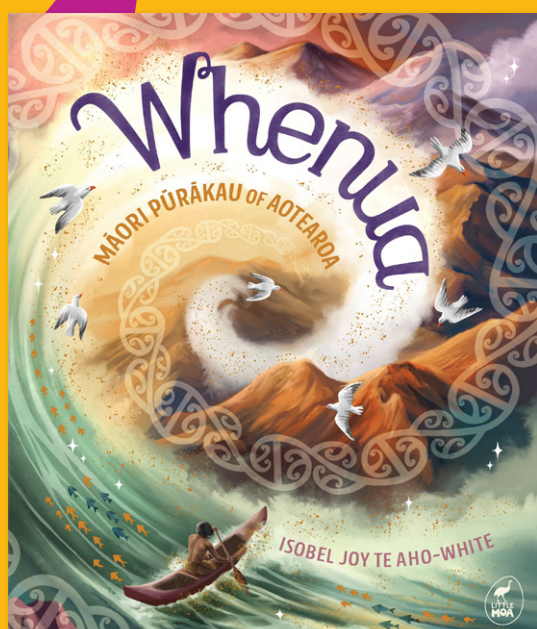
WRIGHT FAMILY
FOUNDATION
ESTHER GLEN AWARD
FOR JUNIOR FICTION



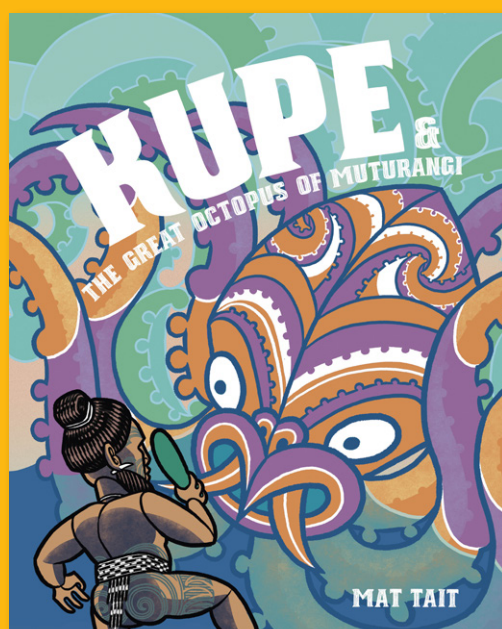
WHEELERS BOOKS
AWARD FOR
YOUNG ADULT FICTION



NZSA BEST FIRST
BOOK AWARD



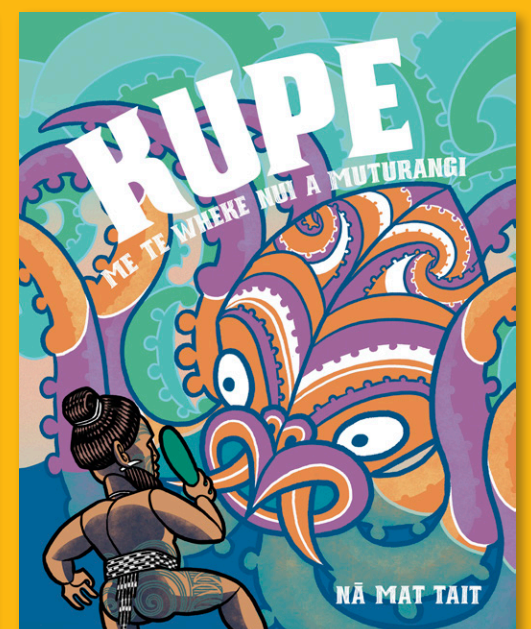
ELSIE LOCKE AWARD
FOR NON-FICTION



RUSSELL CLARK AWARD
FOR ILLUSTRATION



WRIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION
TE KURA POUNAMU AWARD
FOR A BOOK TRANSLATED
INTO TE REO MĀORI



WRIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION
TE KURA POUNAMU AWARD
FOR A BOOK ORIGINALLY
WRITTEN IN TE REO MĀORI