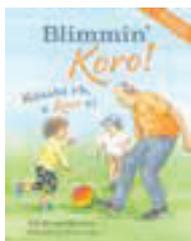
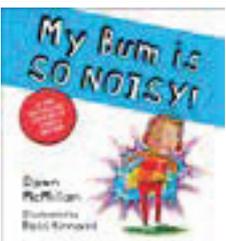
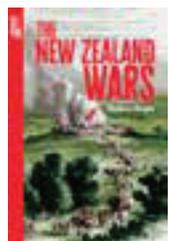


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Catalogue 2021



Every cloud has a silver lining, as the saying goes. Covid-19 has cast a cloud over the world, and meant we've had more time than usual at our office in Oratia to admire the clouds. The silver lining has shone through in the upsurge of reader support for local booksellers and publishers. That has given us the confidence to publish 15 new titles and various new editions in this, Oratia's biggest year yet.

Sayings and figures of speech start off 2021 for Oratia Books with *He Iti te Kupu: Māori Metaphors and Similes*, a fully bilingual reference by Hona Black. Another work of substantial mana is *He Atua, He Tangata*, Ross Calman's revision of A.W. Reed's landmark treasury of Māori mythology. Pā Henare Tate's *He Puna Iti i te Ao Mārama* is back in an updated edition, while for younger readers, *Blimmin' Koro* and *There's a Moa in the Moonlight* provide bilingual fun and learning.

Fun is the key to Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird's hit 'Bum' books. The third in the series, *My Bum is SO NOISY!*, publishes worldwide early in the year, and a bind-up of three of the team's books will be out ahead of Christmas. More laughs come via the mischievous Fluff and Scout in *Captain Cat*, while *Bedtime, Not Playtime!* and *Early One Morning* provide early childhood stories featuring same-sex parents.

There's more in the way of series, too. *Events in the Life of Phillip Tapsell* inaugurates the New Zealand Classics series, bringing unpublished or out-of-print works back into circulation. Meanwhile the NZ Series grows to five books with *First Encounters* and Matthew Wright's *The New Zealand Wars*. Matthew also contributes a stunning 'biography' of HMS *New Zealand*.

Cover Story is Steve Braunias' brilliant take on 100 of the best and worst New Zealand LP covers, and *Voices of Aotearoa* brings together the finest oratory from 25 years of Titirangi's Going West Writers Festival. We're grateful to Creative New Zealand and local supporters for enabling us to publish these more literary works.

The pandemic has offered a chance to pause and re-examine business as usual. As a result Oratia is advancing a policy of diversity and inclusion, renovating our ebook offering, and entering the audiobook space. Here's to the silver lining.

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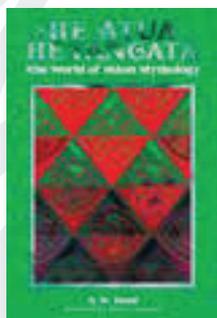
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2021 books



He Atua, He Tangata

The World of Māori Mythology

A.W. Reed; revised by Ross Calman
978-0-947506-88-9
\$59.99, HB, 240 x 160 mm portrait, 440 pp, b&w
October 2021

A fully revised edition of the authoritative work of Māori myths and legends. Esteemed editor Ross Calman (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa, Kai Tahu) has further revised the *Reed Book of Māori Mythology* to blend story, source and commentary into a captivating collection. Published in a distinguished hardback, this work will provide a valuable source of reading and reference for years to come.

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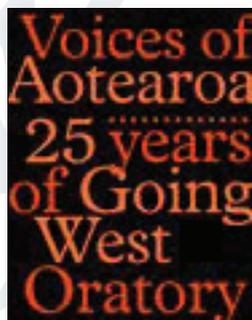
100 Beautiful, Strange and Frankly Incredible New Zealand LP Covers

Steve Braunias
978-0-947506-89-6
\$49.99, PB, 312 x 312 mm square, 160 pp, colour
November 2021

From 1957 to 1987, the LP was king of New Zealand recorded music and the cover art from those decades provides a fascinating window into our culture of the time. Award-winning journalist Steve Braunias has been amassing old LPs for years, and documents with his deadpan eye a first top 100 LP covers — from Bill & Boyd to Tina Cross, Christian music to punk — with detours into the obscure, the iconic and the awful.



Draft cover only



Voices of Aotearoa

25 Years of Going West Oratory

Edited by Robyn Mason and Carolyn Lagahetau
978-0-947506-97-1
\$49.99, HB, 220 x 170 mm portrait, 400 pp, b&w
September 2021

Since 1996 the Going West Writers Festival has attracted literary voices from around Aotearoa to West Auckland for a feast of ideas and words. Drawing on the festival's comprehensive sound archive, *Voices of Aotearoa* sets down the 'live recordings' of a who's who of New Zealand literary luminaries from Fiona Kidman and Albert Wendt to Paula Morris and Te Radar. This terrific resource for New Zealand words and ideas will be launched as part of the 2021 festival.

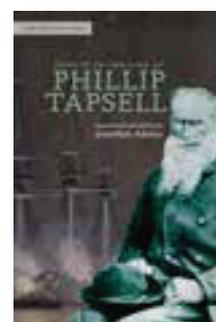
Events in the Life of Phillip Tapsell

NEW ZEALAND Classics

The Old Dane

Researched and edited by Jonathan Adams
978-0-947506-92-6
\$45, PB with flaps, 240 x 160 mm portrait, 252 pp, b&w
May 2021

Phillip Tapsell (1790–1873) was one of the earliest Pākehā-Māori traders and has over 3000 descendants in New Zealand. Yet his eventful life is not well known today, and his memoirs have never before been published in book form. Dr Jonathan Adams presents the original manuscript with extensive commentary, including perspectives from Tapsell's country of origin, Denmark. With a foreword by Dr Paora Tapsell.



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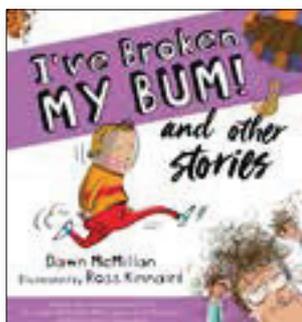
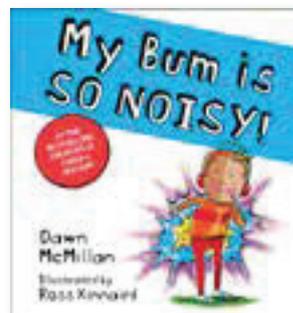
2021 books

My Bum is SO NOISY!

Dawn McMillan, illustrated by Ross Kinnaird
978-0-947506-81-0 Ebook 978-0-947506-82-7
\$19.99, PB, 230 x 215 portrait, 32 pp, colour
March 2021

*My bum is so noisy.
My bum brings me shame.
It makes weird noises and I get the blame.*

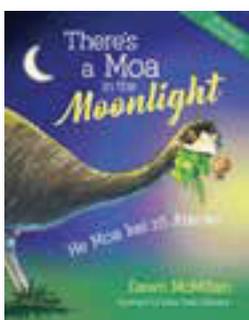
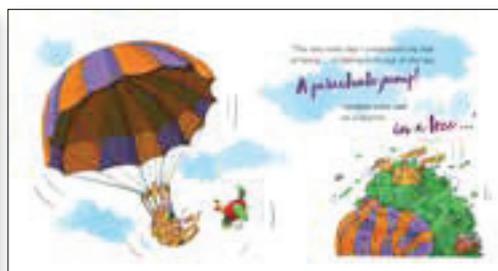
The hilarious third in Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird's bestselling series that was kicked off by *I Need a New Bum!* Our young hero is in a fix because of the strange noises issuing from his behind! But Mum and Dad love their boy, and everyone agrees when he is talent-spotted (or talent-heard) by movie scouts. Also publishing this year in the US, UK and China.



I've Broken My Bum! and other stories

Dawn McMillan, illustrated by Ross Kinnaird
978-0-947506-94-0
\$29.99, PB, 230 x 215 mm portrait, 96 pp, colour
October 2021

This special edition groups Dawn and Ross' second Bum book — the hilarious story of a boy who breaks his backside — with two of their fantastic picture-book heroes. *Mister Spears and his Hairy Ears* portrays a sweet man who's desperate to tame his unruly ear hair, while *Charlie and his amazing tales* tells of a talking dog who's done it all (or so he says!). A bumper read for the kids.



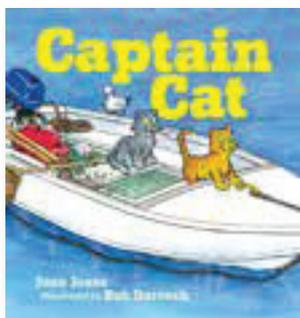
There's a Moa in the Moonlight • BILINGUAL

He Moa kei rō Atarau

Dawn McMillan, illustrated by Nikki Slade Robinson
Māori translation by Ngaere Roberts
978-0-947506-96-4
\$25.99, HB, 270 x 210 portrait, 32 pp, colour
November 2021

Moa is munching melons in the moonlight, Laughing Owl hoots happily, Huia are eating grubs in the hibiscus tree ... and that's just the start as creatures that have disappeared from modern Aotearoa reappear and have fun in the night. On the heels of *There's a Tui in our Teapot* and *There's a Weta on my Sweater* comes the latest in Dawn McMillan's native animal series, this time celebrating Aotearoa's extinct fauna.

2021 books



Captain Cat

Joan Joass, illustrated by Bob Darroch
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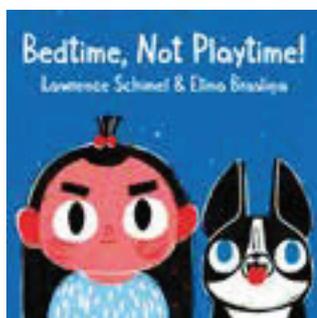
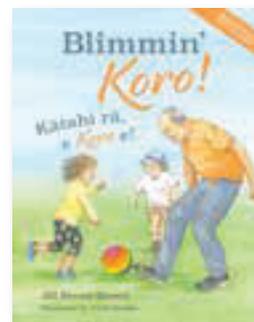
Dad forgets to tether his dinghy properly, two mischievous cats jump aboard to sample his fish bait, and off they sail on an unscheduled journey. Will anyone notice them floating into the estuary? Catchy rhymes and jam-packed illustrations hilariously describe Fluff and Scout's adventures at sea, and the efforts of the Jones family and friends to bring them back to shore.

Blimmin' Koro • BILINGUAL

Kātahi rā, e Koro e!

Jill Bevan-Brown, illustrated by Trish Bowles
Māori translation by Māhaki Bevan-Brown
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\$25.99, HB, 270 x 210 mm, 32 pp, colour
September 2021

Educationalist Jill Bevan-Brown makes her picture book debut in te Reo and English in this sensitive story. A beloved koro (grandpa) starts forgetting things and becomes frail, and his grandkids respond with innocence and unwavering love. Well-known illustrator Trish Bowles adds her delicate touch to this hardback that shows kids how precious older people are. Launching in Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.



Bedtime, Not Playtime!

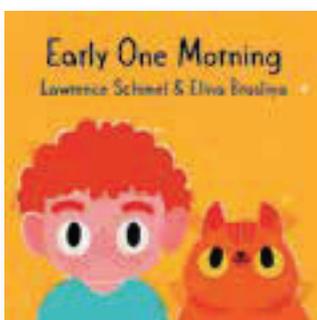
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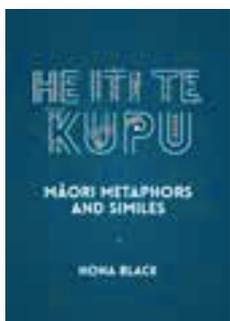
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Lawrence Schimel, illustrated by Elina Brasliņa
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August 2021

These special board books tell the stories of a young girl and her daddies distracted from going to bed by her puppy, and a young boy who wakes before his mums and his sister. Suitable for infants and toddlers, these inclusive books have been translated into more than 15 languages worldwide. We are delighted to introduce this Madrid-based author and Latvian illustrator to Australasia in conjunction with Orca Press, Canada.



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He Iti te Kupu • BILINGUAL

Māori Metaphors and Similes

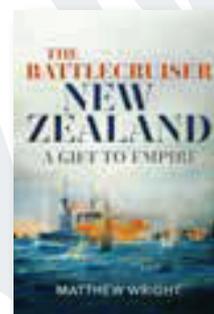
Hona Black
978-0-947506-91-9 Ebook 978-1-99-004205-8
\$39.99, PB, 210 x 148 mm portrait, 240 pp, b&w
February 2021

Written in Māori with English on facing pages, this accessible guide explains the use, meaning and context of nearly 500 figures of speech in te Reo. Rising scholar Hona Black researched *He Iti te Kupu* over several years, classifying the figures of speech into key categories and providing examples from real life. A valuable reference work for speakers, writers and readers of both te Reo and English.

The Battlecruiser New Zealand

Matthew Wright
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\$59.99, HB, 234 x 156 mm portrait, 288 pp, b&w with colour
November 2021

A country came together to pay for HMS *New Zealand*, gifting this warship to the British Navy in 1909, when Japan was perceived as a threat. Despite challenges with her design, she went on to have a distinguished First World War career. This attractive hardback tells the ship's story through crew accounts and official documents, illustrated with colour and black & white plates.



THE NZ SERIES

Introducing New Zealand society, history, science and geography to general readers and students.



The New Zealand Wars

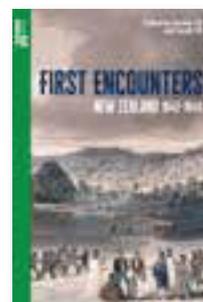
Matthew Wright
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July 2021

Fought over both land and sovereignty, the New Zealand Wars involved British, settlers and allied Māori fighting other Māori from 1845 to 1875, and by the late 1860s had really become a civil war. *The New Zealand Wars* makes clear what happened, locates the battles firmly on our landscape, and explains the causes and consequences with plentiful illustrations.

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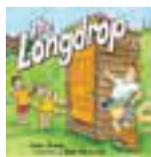
First Encounters selects key writings by the earliest European explorers, traders, missionaries and surveyors — from Abel Tasman in 1642 to early settlers such as John Logan Campbell in 1840. Their records of encounters with this new land and Māori are liberally illustrated with fascinating imagery and historical photos, alongside fact boxes explaining historical language and events.



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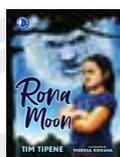
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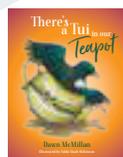
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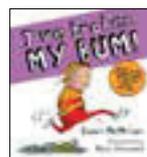
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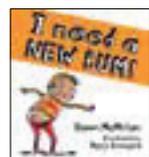
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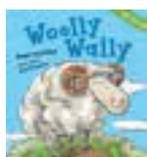
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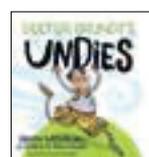
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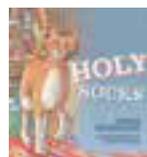
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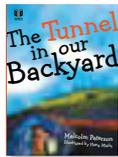
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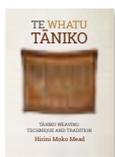
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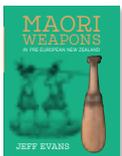
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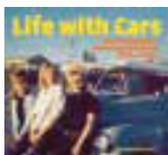


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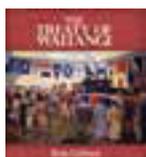
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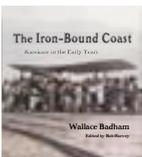
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