

## Storylines Christmas list 2018

### Non-Fiction/Fiction

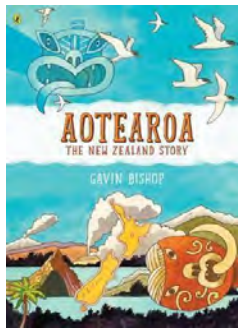


#### **Annual 2**

**Edited by Kate de Goldi and Susan Paris**

It's as much about the quality of the product as my childhood nostalgia. Annuals were huge in my world growing up and I looked forward to them every year. There was always something for everyone with stories, cartoons, puzzles, and things to do - like a mixed bag of lollies when you can't decide which kind you feel like.

**Ages 8+**



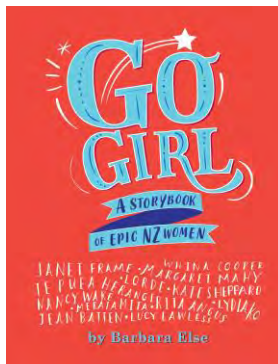
#### **Aotearoa: The New Zealand Story**

**by Gavin Bishop**

**Puffin, Penguin Random House**

*Aotearoa: The New Zealand Story* by Gavin Bishop was the winner of the 2018 Storylines Margaret Mahy Book of the Year Award. It is also a book of enduring significance in the canon of New Zealand children's literature – a landmark title which will stand the test of time. This is a story of nation and of family, illustrating our unique place in the world, and showing us the landscapes, event, and personalities that have built our culture and identity.

**All ages**



#### **GO GIRL**

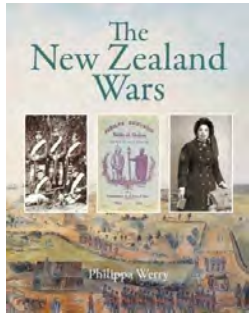
**by Barbara Else**

**Penguin Random House NZ**

This inspiring collection of true stories about New Zealand women is a must for every child's bookcase, both boys and girls. Featuring artists, writers, doctors, musicians, politicians and more, the stories are short and entertaining and have been beautifully illustrated by a range of New Zealand artists. Many adults will find this book as enlightening as the children; it's amazing that so many of these women are virtually unknown to the public. How was that possible? Thank goodness *Go*

*Girls* can set the record straight. We hope there's a sequel ... enjoy tales about Margaret Mahy, war hero Nancy Wake, Rita Angus and many more.

**Ages 8+**



***The New Zealand Wars*  
by Philippa Werry  
New Holland**

A topic all New Zealanders should know more about. Thorough research has resulted in a comprehensive book that describes what led to the wars, where and when they were fought, and who was involved. In a format accessible to a younger audience, this is a useful reference for everyone.

**Ages 9+**



***Sky High: Jean Batten's Incredible Flying Adventures*  
By David Hill, illustrations by Phoebe Hill  
Published by Puffin (Comment by Millie, aged 9)**

The story of Jean Batten's horrific adventure on a history making flight from England to Australia and beyond.

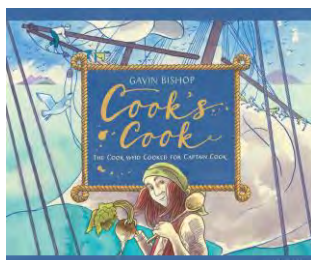
**Ages 6+**



***Wreck This Journal (colour edition)*  
by Kerry Smith  
Penguin Random House**

Not actually a story, but a blank page journal book which actively encourages barbaric book abuse. It is filled with suggestions - throw it out the window, drizzle it with honey, rip it, scribble on it ... you get the idea. It is shudder-inducing but kids love it, once they are reassured that, yes, you really are allowed to trash this book (and only this book).

**Ages 8+**



***Cook's Cook: the cook who cooked for Captain Cook*  
by Gavin Bishop  
Gecko Press**

Anticipating the 250<sup>th</sup> commemorations in October 2019 of James Cook's sighting of New Zealand, Gavin Bishop offers a fresh take on the explorer's epic first voyage to the Pacific 1768-71. The cook is

one-handed John Thompson, who tells the story of the voyage through anecdotes and recipes – ‘portable soup’ or weevily ship’s biscuit, anyone? There is much interesting factual information served up in Bishop’s inimitable style, but for teachers and parents, a note of caution: a reliable historical account this is not. Curiously, the well-documented encounters during the North Island circumnavigation between Cook and local Māori, whether the initial tragic events or, as they became, increasingly friendly, are entirely absent from the narrative. Even ship’s cooks knew what was going on outside their galleys. Only when *Endeavour* reaches Queen Charlotte’s Sound do we meet a Māori, and then read only about Thompson’s interest in Māori food. Otherwise, an introduction to children and reminder to adults of the importance of James Cook in our nation’s history.

**Ages 5+**



***The Kitchen Science Cookbook***

**By Dr Michelle Dickinson**

**Nanogirl Labs**

This cornucopia of science experiments using familiar ingredients will delight children of all ages. Dr Dickinson aka Nanogirl, an internationally recognised, passionate science communicator and founder of Nanogirl Labs, funded this book through Kickstarter, with each recipe tested by families throughout the world. It offers far more than the usual science experiment, explaining the science behind each recipe and then how to experiment further. Thoroughly recommended.

**All ages**

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