

NEW BOOKS

Here's some of the latest new books to arrive in our library!



How to Steal the Mona Lisa

by **Bethany Walker**

This book will appeal to readers who like 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid', books, which are always popular in our library!

It is a fun mystery about an art-loving girl called Mia who is sad that her school's art department is going to close due to lack of funding. At the same time the country is frantically trying to win the reward for locating the missing Mona Lisa.

This book is written in a diary format and contains lots of fun doodle illustrations by Jack Noel.



The Way of Dog **By Zana Fraillon**

Be strong. Be fierce. Life is more than a concrete floor...

Scruffity is born into the harsh, grey world of a puppy farm. Taken from his mamma and locked in a concrete cage, what he yearns for most is Family. To belong is The Way of Dog. But no one wants him. Outside, Scruffity learns all about The Way of Dog – it is to run, to dig, to howl and, biggest of all, to love. But when tragedy strikes, Scruffity is suddenly all alone.

How does a dog find his way home when he never had one to begin with?

This novel is written in verse. It has interesting formatting and illustrations. If you like dogs and you don't mind the tugging on the heart strings I think you'll love this new book in our library.



Masher By Fifi Colston

Another great book by a NZ author / illustrator.

Twelve-year-old Freddie just wants to do arts and crafts. He finds them easier to deal with than his peers, and far more rewarding. His latest project is to create a puppet from papier-mache. But when ashes from his neighbour's deceased bull terrier get into the mix, he finds he has accidentally made a growling puppet with an unpredictable mouth! Now Freddie has mysteries to solve – who is to blame for the late Masher's death? Was Masher responsible for the disappearance of a neighbourhood cat? And, most of all, is Masher actually for real? *Masher* is acclaimed author, illustrator and arts-and-crafts guru Fifi Colston's warm and funny novel about animal companions, imaginary friends, perceived enemies, and finding your happy place.



Rafferty Ferret Ratbag By Sherryl Jordan

A historical fiction novel set in medieval times. Rafferty Ferret is homeless, hungry and desperate. But his fortunes change when he accidentally stumbles into a career as a rat catcher - a career propelled to stupendous success with cunning plots, ploys and devious deceptions.

Then his fortunes change again ...

Written by award winning NZ author - Sherryl Jordan, this book is a rollicking medieval adventure. Check it out today.



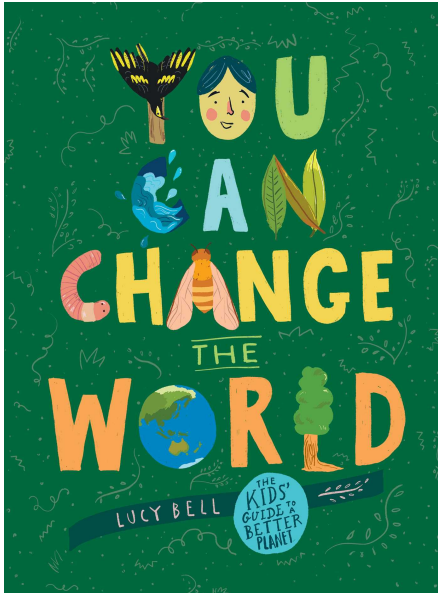
Inside Bubble Earth - Recycling

By Des Hunt

Des Hunt is a wonderful NZ author who is best known for teenage adventure novels - often with an environmental twist.

Now he has written a non fiction series called 'Bubble Earth.' In this science filled series he presents facts and information about what is happening to our Mother Earth.

We are living in the age of plastic, a substance that has changed our lives and made our waste management practices redundant. How do we solve this problem? And if we don't, what is the outcome? This book includes actions the reader can take. It is highly illustrated, highly informative and highly recommended .

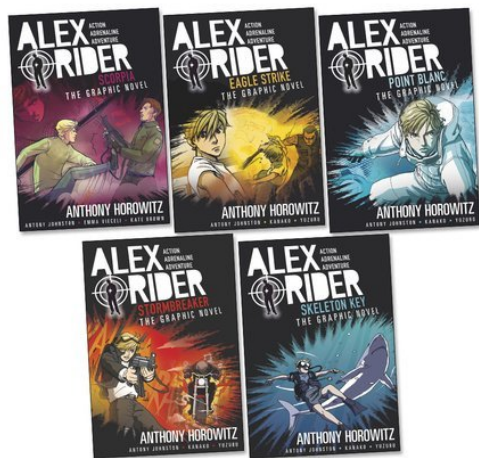


You Can Change the World

A Kids' Guide to a Better Planet **By Lucy Bell**

This book is filled with activities and ideas to help environmentally aware people take small steps to help save our planet. It is a practical guide designed to give students the tools to take action, empowering and inspiring them to make a difference in the world.

So if you've ever wanted to grow a bee friendly garden, reduce the plastics in our oceans, or just reduce your own carbon footprint, check out this book for some excellent and important ideas.

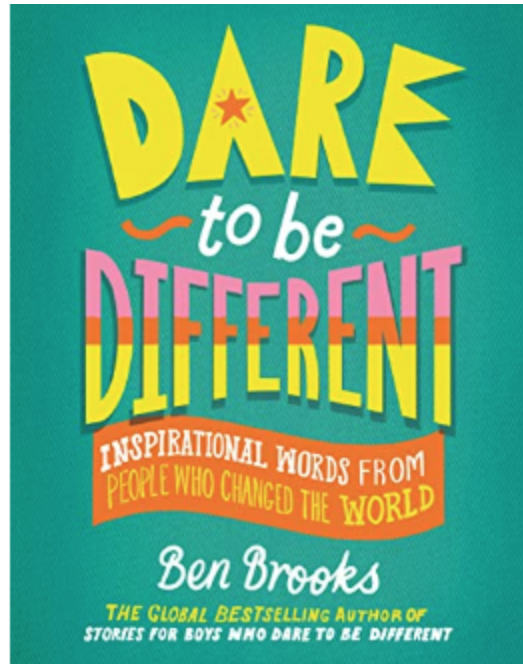


Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider started as a very popular series of spy novels written by British author Anthony Horowitz. The novels revolve around a teenage spy named Alex Rider and are aimed towards more confident readers.

New additions to the school library include these Alex Rider books presented as graphic novels. These action packed books bring the popular series to life and make the stories accessible for a wider range of readers.

Graphic novels continue to be super popular in our library.



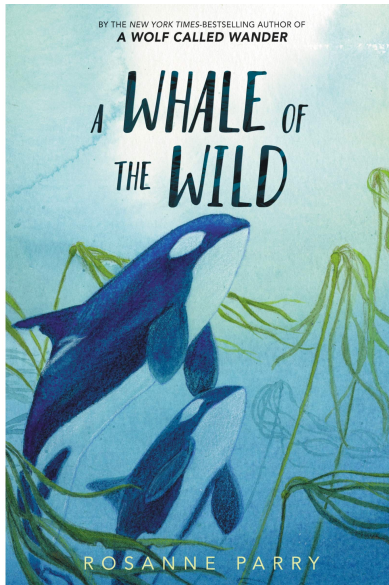
Dare to be Different

Inspirational Words from People Who Changed the World

By Ben Brooks

The things we say, write, and sing can inspire, comfort, uplift, and excite other people. But words do not only provoke emotions, they lead to action too. This book, like most others, is a collection of words. What makes these words different is how they changed the world and changed peoples' lives. Some of them were heard by millions of people around the planet, while others were written in personal letters from one person to another.

Learn more about 75 people throughout history who have used their words to make a difference in the world, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nujeen Mustafa, Lin Yutang, Lydia Maria Child, Malala, Socrates, Sampa the Great, and more. Spot the New Zealander!



A Whale of the Wild **By Rosanne Parry**

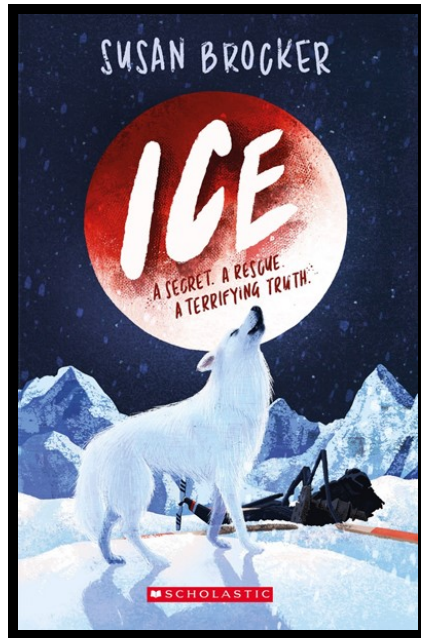
A young orca whale must lead her brother on a dangerous journey to be reunited with their pod. This illustrated animal adventure novel explores family bonds, survival, global warming, and a changing seascape. It includes information about orcas and their habitats.

For Vega and her family, salmon is life. And Vega is learning to be a salmon finder, preparing for the day when she will be her family's matriarch. But then she and her brother Deneb are separated from their pod when a devastating earthquake and tsunami render the seascape unrecognizable. Vega must use every skill she has to lead her brother back to their family. The young orcas face a shark attack, hunger, the deep ocean, and polluted waters on their journey. Will Vega become the leader she's destined to be?

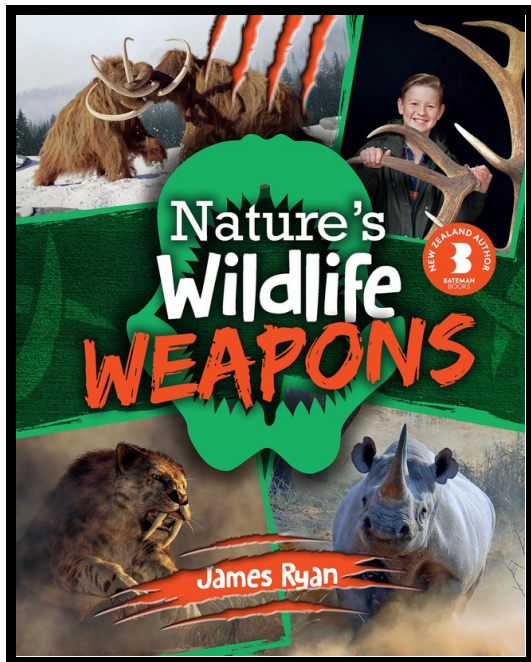
ICE *A secret. A rescue. A terrifying truth* **By Susan Broucker**

This book, written by a New Zealand author and set in the South Island will appeal to readers who love adventure and animals.

When Zac chooses the rescue dog with the startling ice-blue eyes, little does he know the danger and adventure that will unravel as the mystery around the tracking dog becomes a fight for survival against a terrifying enemy.



The story includes some unpleasant material around animal trafficking and some very nasty adult characters. But don't worry, it all turns out well in the end



Nature's Wildlife Weapons

By James Ryan

This excellent book was written by a young New Zealand author.

James Ryan is 12 years old, he lives in Canterbury and has always loved nature and animals. This book started out as a school project, but James says he could not stop!

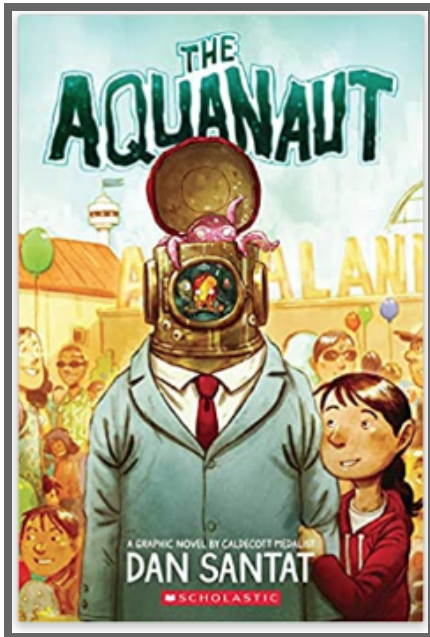
To survive in the wild, many animals need a natural form of defence against predators. Using their teeth, claws, horns and antlers to defend, fight and hunt, these incredibly powerful creatures do whatever it takes to stay alive. Join twelve-year-old author James Ryan as he shares a bunch of surprising, cool and occasionally gross facts with us about some of nature's most awesome animals and their built-in weapons.

The Aquanaut **By Dan Santat**

Graphic novels are very popular in our library, this newly published one has just arrived.

Ever since her father was lost at sea, Sophia has been moping around Aqualand, the marine theme park her dad and uncle created. But Sophia's world is turned upside down when an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab.

To her amazement, Sophia discovers that the aquanaut is not what it seems -- inside lives a band of four goofy sea creatures! And when

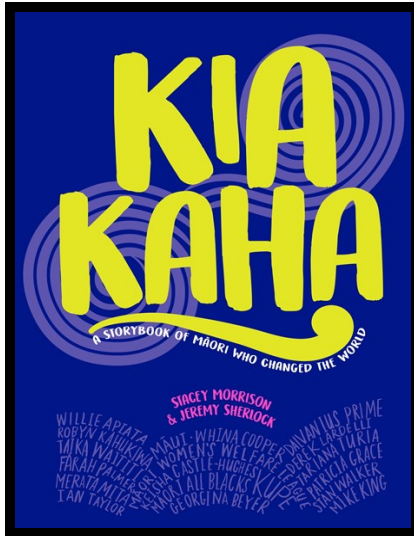


they all realize that Aqualand has evolved into something much darker than Sophia's dad had envisioned, Sophia is determined to help the aquanaut crew free the park's captive marine life before it's too late.

If you love graphic novels - check one out from our library collection today!

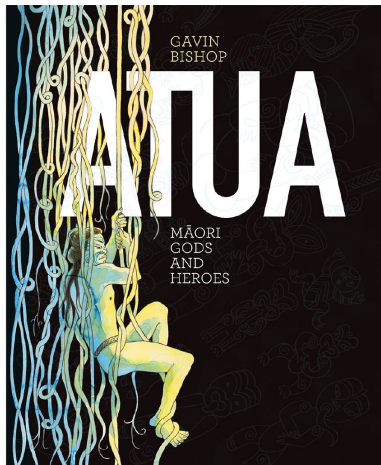
Kia Kaha A Storybook of Maori Who Changed the World By Stacey Morrison and Jeremy Sherlock

A powerful illustrated storybook for the tamariki and rangatahi of Aotearoa New Zealand celebrating Maoritanga! KIA KAHA is a collection of true stories about amazing Maori who have achieved incredible things. Each of them blazed a trail in their own way, and this pukapuka was written to show that with your kura huna, your special gifts, YOU can make a difference too.



This special book has just arrived in our school library.

Enjoy!



ATUA MĀORI GODS AND HEROES

By Gavin Bishop

This beautiful new book by renown NZ author Gavin Bishop has just arrived in our school library.

It is richly illustrated and packed with stories about Māori gods, demigods and heroes. Bite-sized facts about Māori culture and our native flora and fauna have been woven into the stories. The book starts with the creation story of Rangi and Papa and goes on to tell many other beautifully written and illustrated traditional tales.

The stories have not been sanitized. There is love and courage, but there is also revenge and violence.

	This beautiful large format book was donated to our library by Matua Grant.
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