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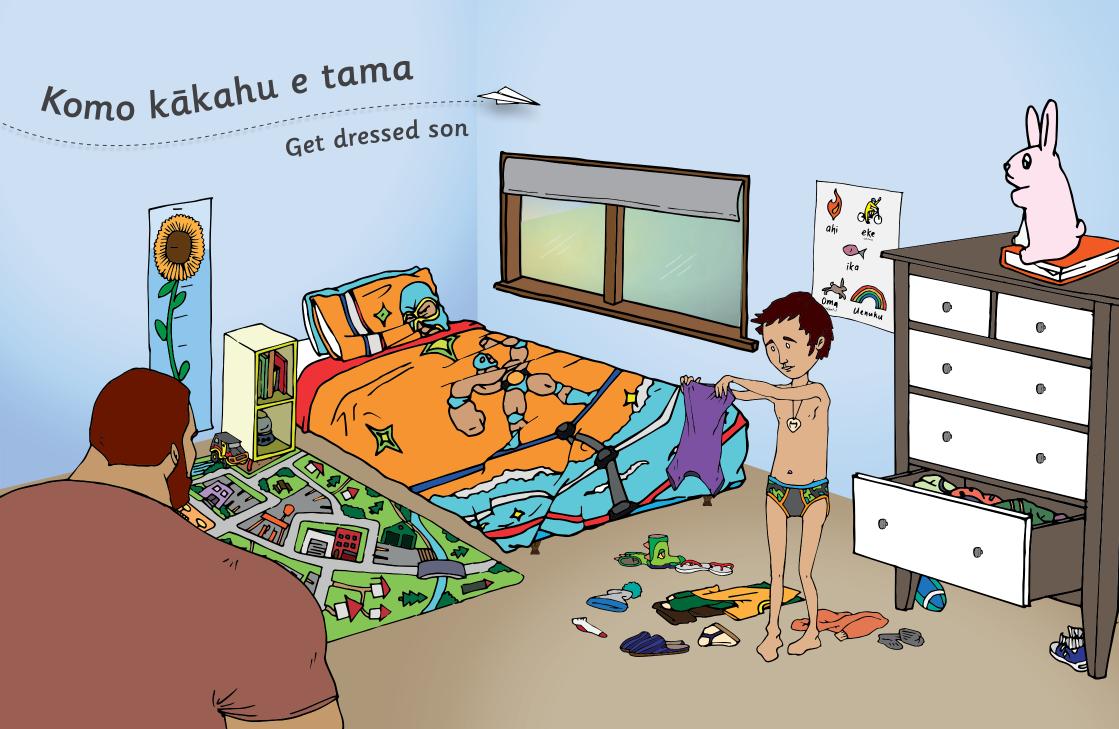


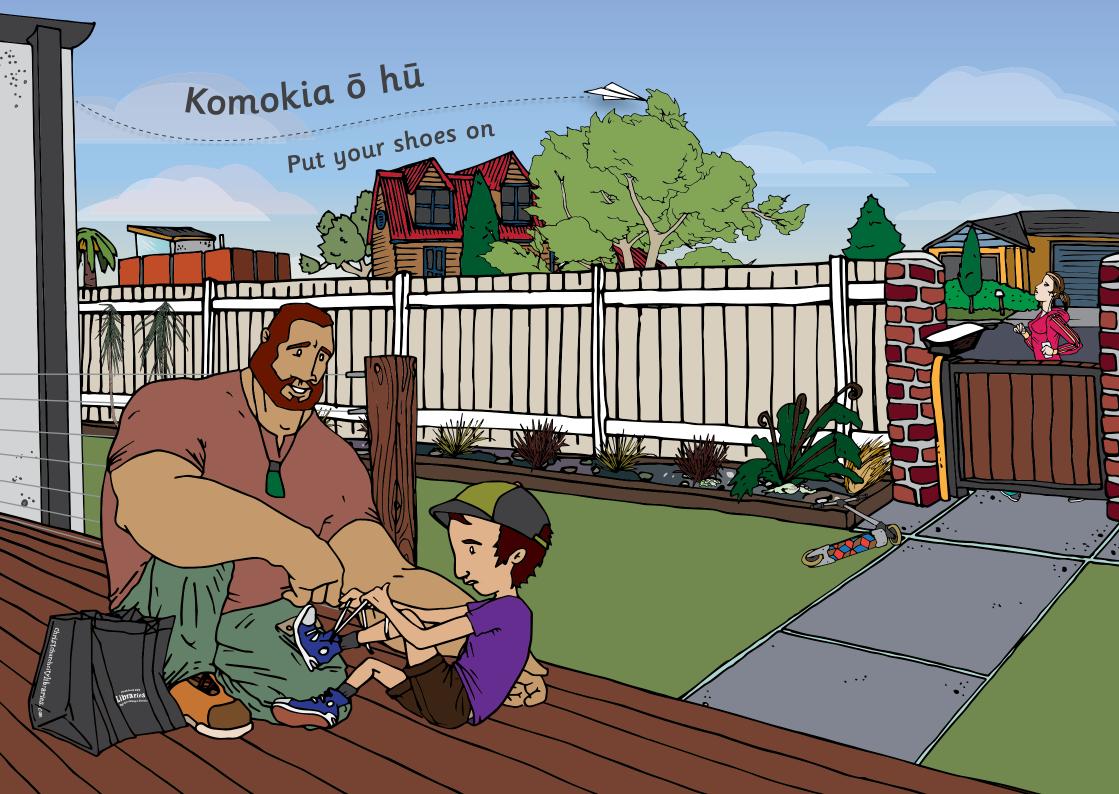
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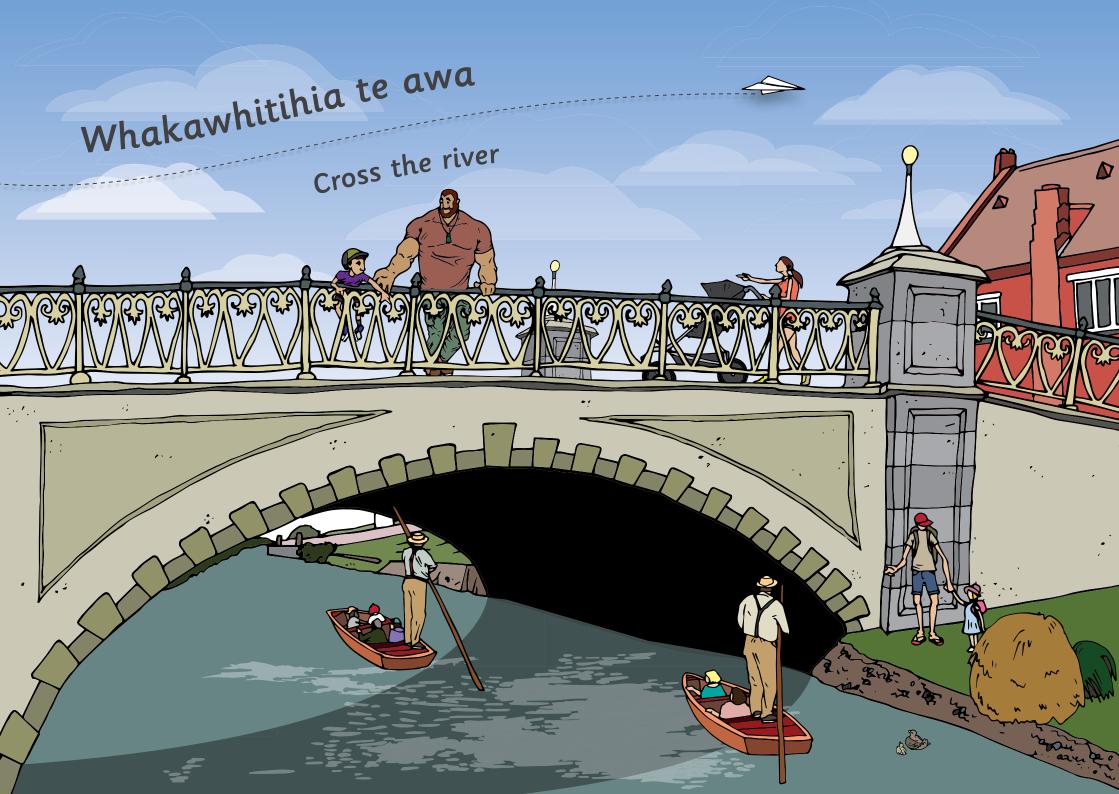
















A word from the illustrator and Writer



Jude "Kahotea" Young, Illustrator

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Kia ora and greetings to all. I am Jude, and I am also known by my Māori name, Kahotea (or Kaho for short). I grew up in a small town called Turangi but have spent just short of a decade making Ōtautahi/Christchurch my home.

In 2008 I learnt how to put dreams to paper with the study of graphic design. During the rusty confetti fall of Autumn '09, "Chch" became the birthplace of my son-who in future, became the muse for the illustrations of this title.

It was a pleasure to work on a project freely within the Christchurch City Libraries, among the very children who will receive this koha/gift.

To the smiley kids that greeted me with curiosity and took interest in my drawing and table-hogging skills. thank you. Your words and thoughts helped to design a kids' book that will rock the bookshelves of all children across the Canterbury plains!

To the little boy that pranced on in my mind from day one. Thanks for being the gift that you are to me. Thanks for being the muse for my crazy sketches that helped to develop this book. If it weren't for your inspiration to lively things up with fun and colour, perhaps I'd be quick out of commission. Arohanui kia koe, e tama. With love, from dad.



Kerrie-Anna Anderson, Writer

Kerrie-Anna Anderson Writer

Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa. Ko Kerrie-Anna Tana tōku ingoa, he uri ahau nō Te Ati Haunui a Paparangi, Te Whakatōhea me Ngāpuhi. Ko tōku hiahia kia rangona whānuitia ngā kōrero o tēnei pukapuka, ā, kia whakamōhio atu ki te marea he taonga te whare pukapuka.

My name is Kerrie-Anna Tana and I have tribal affiliations to Te Ati Haunui a Paparangi, Te Whakatōhea and Ngāpuhi. I hope this book is read by all children. I also hope it encourages all parents to read to their children & it emphasises the importance of libraries.



Ngā mihi!

