

Maria Gill

children's author - freelance writer



RESUME

Education

Master's in creative writing, AUT University

Graduate Diploma in Journalism Studies, Massey University

Bachelor of Education degree with Auckland University

Diploma of Teaching with Auckland College of Education

Work Experience

Primary Teacher at Intermediate and Primary levels

Editor of Kiwi Write4Kidz newsletter 2002 - 2013

Co-ordinator of Kiwi Write4Kidz workshops 2002 - 2013

Speaker at REALM Conference, Palmerston North 2013, 2017, 2020

Speaker at Wild Imaginings Conference, Dunedin 2019

Speaker at IBBY Conference, Auckland, 2016

Speaker at Auckland Writers Festival, Auckland, 2016

Panel Speaker at Golden Yarns Conference, Christchurch 2013

Speaker at Storylines Children's Writers Hui, Auckland 2017, Dunedin 2019

Panel Speaker at SCBWI conference, Sydney, 2012, 2016

Panel Speaker at Word Café, Raglan, 2017

Waikato Literacy Association Young Author Workshop presenter 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019

Writing workshops for adults: Ashton Wylie, Storylines, Kiwi Write4Kidz,

Writing workshops for children in schools 2006 onwards

Writer in school with Read NZ 2007 onwards

Writer in school with Speakers Ink (Brisbane, 2016, 2018)

Writer in school with Getting Kids into Books speaker agency, 2014 onwards

Duffy Books Role Model touring schools from 2015 onwards

Write Like an Author workshop facilitator from 2017 onwards in Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Queenstown, and Christchurch yearly

Young Authors Challenge judge for Barfoot & Thomson (2016, 2017, 2018)

Lecturer and tutor, 'Writing for Children' paper, Massey University, Summer Break 2013-2014

Writer for Commonwealth Education Trust Writing for Children online Moot

Writing Experience

Trade Books

- 'True Animal Stories' (working title) (Scholastic, June 2021)
- 'New Zealand Disasters: Our response, resilience and recovery' illustrated by Marco Ivancic (Scholastic, Feb 2021)
- 'Ice Breaker: An Epic Antarctic Adventure' illustrated by Alistair Hughes (New Holland, 2020)
- 'On the Brink' (New Holland, 2019)
- 'Kate Sheppard: Leading the Way for Women' (Scholastic, 2018)
- 'Earthquakes! Shaking New Zealand' (New Holland, 2018)
- 'Anzac Animals' illustrated by Marco Ivancic (Scholastic, 2018)
- 'Abel Tasman: Mapping the Southern Lands' illustrated by Marco Ivancic (Scholastic, 2017)
- 'Toroa's Journey' illustrated by Gavin Mouldey (Potton & Burton, 2017)
- 'Find Out! Volcanoes' (Dorling Kindersley, 2016)
- 'Anzac Heroes' illustrated by Marco Ivancic (Scholastic, 2016)
- 'New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame: 25 Kiwi Champions, illo Marco Ivancic (New Holland, 2014)
- 'The Last of Maui's Dolphins' picture book, illo Bruce Potter (New Holland, 2014)
- 'Running Our Country: A look inside New Zealand's Government' (New Holland, 2013)
- 'Eruption! Discovering New Zealand Volcanoes' (New Holland, 2012)
- 'The Call of the Kokako' illustrated by Heather Arnold (New Holland, 2011)
- 'New Zealand's Hall of Fame: 50 Remarkable Kiwis' illo Bruce Potter (New Holland, 2011)
- 'Rangitoto' illustrated by Heather Arnold (Penguin Books, 2009)
- 'Save Our Seas' Illustrated by Vivienne Lingard (New Holland, 2009)
- 'Eco-rangers: Save our Planet' (New Holland, 2009)
- 'Dogs on the Job' (Reed, 2008)
- 'Operation Nest Egg' (Reed, 2007)
- 'Bird's-eye View' (Penguin Books, 2006)
- 'Homework Powerpack' (Zenith Publishing, 2005)

Digital Books

- 'Operation Nest Egg Chick' (Pixel Books, 2013)
- 'The Rock Standing in the Ocean' (Pixel Books, 2013)

Published under own imprint 'Long White Cloud Books'

- 'Rangitoto' 2014 (reprint)
- 'Operation Nest Egg Chick' 2014

Educational Books

- 'Jack the Rat Catcher' (Sunshine Books, 2021) worldwide
- 'The Ancient City of Ur' (Learning Media, 2014) America
- 'The Inventive Lewis Latimer' (Learning Media, 2014) America

'Changing Landscapes' (Learning Media, 2014) America
'A Microscopic World' (Learning Media, 2014) America
'The Power of a Team' (Learning Media, 2014) America
'Save this Space' (Learning Media, 2014) America
'Local Leaders: Pass It On' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'Digging Up a Story: Water Across the Land' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'The Shape of the Land: Saving the Salmon' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'Growing Up: Savannah' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'Science at Play: Try this at Home' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'Inventions: Inventions Take Time' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'Inventions: Science Meets Fiction' (Learning Media, 2010) America
'What a Mess' (South Pacific Press, 2010)
'Earth's Core' (South Pacific Press, 2008) America
'Water: An Amazing Substance' (South Pacific Press, 2008) America
'Making Pancakes' (Red Rockets, 2007) worldwide
'Volcanoes' (South Pacific Press, 2008) America
'Clever Camouflage' (Red Rockets, 2006) worldwide

Competitions and Awards

'Ice Breaker! An Epic Antarctic Adventure' shortlisted NZSA Heritage Book Awards (2020)
Margaret Mahy Medal for services to children's literature & literacy (2020)
'Anzac Animals' shortlisted for PANZ awards (2019)
'Anzac Animals' Storylines Notable (nonfiction) Book (2019)
'Abel Tasman' Storylines Notable (nonfiction) Book (2018)
'Toroa's Journey' Storylines Notable (nonfiction) Book (2018)
'Abel Tasman' shortlisted for the NZCYA Book Illustration award (2018)
'Anzac Heroes' won the NZ Book Awards Elsie Locke (Nonfiction) Award (2016)
'Anzac Heroes' won the NZ Book Awards Margaret Mahy Book of the Year Award (2016)
'Anzac Heroes' shortlisted for the NZ Children's Choice Award (2016)
'Anzac Heroes' Storylines Notable Book (2017)
'New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame' shortlisted Elsie Locke, Nonfiction award, LIANZA (2015)
'New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame' Storylines Notable Book (2015)
'Running the Country' Storylines Notable Book (2014)
'Eruption! Discovering New Zealand's volcanoes' shortlisted Elsie Locke, Nonfiction award, LIANZA Children's Book Awards (2013)
'Eruption! Discovering New Zealand's volcanoes' Storylines Notable Book (2013)

'The Call of the Kokako' shortlisted Elsie Locke - Nonfiction Award and Russell Clark - Illustration award, LIANZA Children's Book Awards (2012)

'New Zealand Hall of Fame' shortlisted Elsie Locke Award - Nonfiction, LIANZA Children's Book Awards (2012)

'New Zealand Hall of Fame' winner of Children's Choice, nonfiction category, New Zealand Post Children's Book awards (2012)

'The Call of the Kokako' Storylines Notable Book (2012)

'New Zealand Hall of Fame' Storylines Notable Book (2012)

'Save Our Seas' Storylines Notable Book (2010)

'Rangitoto' shortlisted Non-Fiction category, 2010 New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. Second in a national writing competition 'Rodney Writes' in the Premier category

'Bird's-eye View' Storylines Notable Book (2007)

'Bird's-eye View' shortlisted Elsie Locke Award, LIANZA Children's Book Awards (2007)

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