

Indigenous Authors Challenge (Australia & New Zealand)



CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

The Māori are the Indigenous People of Aotearoa (New Zealand.) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first peoples of Australia with many different groups, cultures, languages, beliefs, and practices. Celebrate the voices of Indigenous authors with book recommendations and activities. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long.

CHALLENGE STRUCTURE

- 1 Registration Badge**
- 1 Completion Badge**
- 10 Logging Badges (Minutes)**
- 5 Activity Badges**

ACTIVITY BADGES

Activity Badge Title:

Book Recommendations

Badge Description

Below are recommended books by Indigenous authors of Australia and New Zealand.

Activities

- Select a book to read and tell us about it! Which book did you read and what is something you learned? (text box)

0-6 years old

An Aussie Year: Twelve Months in the Life of Australian Kids by Tania McCartney (2019)

Banjo and Ruby Red by Libby Gleeson (2016)

Manu the Kiwi of Kindness by Rosie Chenault (2018)

The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland (2014)

I Made You A Cuddle by Ami Muir (2020)

Bad Dog Flash by Ruth Paul (2014)

Kissed by the Moon by Alison Lester (2013)

7-12 years old

The Grandest Bookshop in the World by Amelia Mellor (2020)

What Goes Up by Wen Jane Baragrey (2018)

The Inkberg Enigma by Jonathan King (2020)

Across the Risen Sea by Bren MacDibble (2020)

The Tunnel of Dreams by Bernard Beckett (2020)

Paws by Kate Foster (2021)

13-18 years old

Dear Vincent by Mandy Hager (2013)

Once by Morris Gleitzman (2013)

Legacy by Whiti Hereaka (2018)

Catch Me When You Fall by Eileen Merriman (2018)

Displaced by Cristina Sanders (2021)

The Prison Healer by Lynette Noni (2021)

18+ years old

The Rules of Backyard Cricket by Jock Serong (2016)

Preservation by Jock Serong (2018)

Witness: An Investigation Into the Brutal Cost of Seeking Justice by Louise Milligan (2020)
There Was Still Love by Favel Parrett (2019)
On The Java Ridge by Jock Serong (2017)
The True Colour of the Sea by Robert Drewe (2018)
Transference by B.T. Keaton (2020)

Activity Badge Title:

Make Music

Badge Description

Taonga Puoro (Māori musical instruments) were originally used in many ways, including communicating with Māori gods, sounding the dawn of a new day, and warning of danger.

Activities

- See, hear, and read all about them at Te Papa Tongarewa (Museum of New Zealand).
Which taonga puoro would you like to play? (text box)
 - [Read, Watch, Play | Māori Musical Instruments](#)

Activity Badge Title:

Dance

Badge Description

The haka Te Taiao is a ceremonial Māori dance, usually performed in a group to show a tribe's strength and unity. Traditionally, the haka was used to prepare warriors for battle, as well as during peaceful gatherings. It acknowledges that we are all kaitiaki (guardians) of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and that we help protect te taiao (nature.)

Activities

- Learn more about and watch the haka performed at Te Papa Tongarewa (Museum of New Zealand).
 - [Read, Watch, Play | Haka Te Taiao](#)

Activity Badge Title:

Speak

Badge Description

Australia is home to more than 250 languages, including 800 dialects! Language connects people to their homeland, culture, and ancestors. It's important to pass language on to future generations through stories, history, and ritual.

Activities

- Learn more about Australian Indigenous languages below.
 - [Living Languages](#)

Activity Badge Title:

Represent

Badge Description

Flags are symbols that celebrate and acknowledge a country or group of people. It is important that all people feel represented and seen. Harold Thomas, a Luritja artist from central Australia, designed the Aboriginal flag in 1970.

Activities

- Learn more about the Aboriginal flag's design, history, and significance here.
 - [The Aboriginal Flag](#)