**Graphic Novels, Pakiwaituhi,**
*Sophisticated Picture Books*

**Bashful Bob and doleful Dorinda**
*Margaret Atwood, ill. Dušan Petričić*
The alliterative adventures of two sad abandoned orphans who find each other … and some measure of happiness. Includes a CD.
*Picture Book ATW*

**Zoom and Re-zoom**
*Istvan Banyai*
Wordless picture books presenting a series of scenes, each one from further away, showing, for example, a girl playing with toys which is actually a picture on a magazine cover, which is part of a sign on a bus and so on.
*Picture Book BAN*

**The house that Jack built**
*Gavin Bishop*
Uses the cumulative nursery rhyme, about the chain of events that started when Jack built a house, as a metaphor to illustrate the arrival and settlement of the European settlers in New Zealand during the early 19th century. Includes references to Maori folklore.
*Classroom Collection 398.8 BIS*
Also *Koinei te whare nā Haki i hanga*, Maori classroom collection 398.8 BIS

**The heading dog who split in half: legends and tall tales from New Zealand**
*Michael Brown, artwork by Mat Tait*
Tales of a NZ not found in the history books, which exists as a country of the imagination, half-familiar, half-dream. Includes the poignant legend of Dunedin’s Tunnel Beach, tales of Lake Tarawera’s ghostly waka, musterer’s yarns from the Canterbury high country, and more.
*Classroom Collection 398.20993 BRO*
Taku hei pounamu
Riwia Brown, Ngāringi Walker, ill. Shane McGrath
The adventures of four teenage girls at Waikohu boarding school, who must support each other to overcome a near fatal disaster. Secrets are unravelled that bring the girls closer together as friends and relatives.
Maori classroom collection 741.5 BRO

Through the magic mirror
Anthony Browne
A young boy steps through his mirror into a world which looks the same but is slightly different. This author has written/illustrated many other quality sophisticated picture books, including Zoo, Voices in the Park and the Willy series.
Picture Book BRO

Dreamwalker
Isobel Carmody, ill. Steven Woolman
A graphic novel about Ken, an insomniac, who spends many hours alone, and who also has vivid and frightening dreams. Ken uses his artistic skills to shape his graphic stories around his dream world and his real world as he learns to deal with his own identity and the ways in which he relates to others.
Young Adult Fiction CAR

Year of the Jungle
Suzanne Collins, ill. James Proimos
Suzy spends a year waiting for her father, who is serving in Vietnam, and when the postcards stop coming she worries that he will never make it home.
Picture Book COL

In the wake of the Mary Celeste
Gary Crew, ill. Robert Ingpen
A new look at an unexplained mystery.
Classroom Collection 910.452 CRE
Billy: a Lolly Leopold story
Kate de Goldi, ill. Jacqui Colley
Billy Button can’t keep his mouth shut or his temper under control. It makes preparation for the annual Pet & Produce Day a nightmare. Lolly relates her version of events and Billy’s struggle to express himself under the creative guidance of the inimitable Ms Love. Billy’s imagination runs riot, and so do the events of Pet & Produce Day, just the way Ms Love likes things to go: not with a whimper, but a bang!
Picture Book DE

Alphabeasts
Wallace Edwards
Open the door and step into a magical place where fantasy and reality merge. From alligator to zebra, the animal inhabitants of this remarkable residence take you on a most unusual tour of the alphabet.
Classroom Collection 428.13 EDW

Duck, Death and the tulip
Wolf Erlbruch
In a strangely heart-warming story, a duck strikes up an unlikely friendship with Death. Simple, unusual, warm and witty … This book deals with a difficult subject in a way that is elegant, straightforward and thought-provoking.
Picture Book ERL

Weslandia
Paul Fleischman, ill. Kevin Hawkes
Wesley’s garden produces a crop of huge, strange plants which provide him with clothing, shelter, food and drink, thus helping him create his own civilization and changing his life.
Picture Book FLE

The wolves in the walls
Neil Gaiman, ill. Dave McKean
Lucy is sure there are wolves living in the walls of her house, although others in her family disagree, and when the wolves come out, the adventure begins.
Picture Book GAI
The tragical comedy or comical tragedy of Mr Punch
Neil Gaiman, ill. Dave McKean
In his grandfather's failing seaside arcade, a young boy encounters a mysterious Punch and Judy man with a dark past, and a woman who makes her living playing a mermaid. As their lives intertwine and their stories unfold, the boy is forced to confront family secrets, strange puppets and a nightmarish world of violence and betrayal. Young Adult Fiction GAI

The three fishing brothers Gruff
Ben Galbraith
This story uses the framework of the three billy goats gruff to present a story about over-fishing and pollution of the sea. Picture Book GAL

Little Mouse’s big book of fears
Emily Gravett
Little Mouse describes all his fears including teratophobia (fear of monsters), ligyrophobia (fear of loud noises) and whereamiophobia (fear of getting lost). Picture Book GRA

The island
Armin Greder
“One morning the people of the island found a man on the beach, where fate and ocean currents had washed his raft ashore. When he saw them coming he stood up. He wasn’t like them.” Carries a powerful message about the de-humanising effects of fear that turns into paranoia. Picture Book GRE

Way home
Libby Hathorn, ill. Gregory Rogers
Shane finds a no-name stray cat and takes it through the dangers of the city to his home, a corner of an alley. A classic sophisticated picture book. Picture Book HAT
Matatuhi
Robyn Kahukiwa
Mata was adopted into a pakeha family and knows very little about her Maori heritage. But then one day Mata’s class visits the museum. What she discovers there will change her life forever.
Picture Book  KAH

Supa heroes: Te Wera
Robyn Kahukiwa
Twins, stolen from their parents and then abandoned, are brought up by Rehua, the god of kindness and his family. Then they are sent back to their people with special gifts to help them in their fight against injustice, ignorance and powerlessness.
Picture Book  KAH

Rainstorm
Barbara Lehman
In this wordless picture book, a boy finds a mysterious key which leads him on an adventure one rainy day.
Picture Book  LEH

The empty city
David Megarrity, ill. Jonathon Oxlade
Collage style illustrations present a boring shopping trip that turns into an extraordinary adventure when you find yourself alone in an empty city.
Picture Book  MEG

The bubble
Josie Montano, ill. Matt Ottley
Bubbles take a young girl on an enchanted journey from sadness and despair to a renewed awakening.
Picture Book  MON

To the harbour
Stanley Palmer
A story of a family summer at a beach on the Manukau Harbour in the late 1940s, based on the artist's childhood.
Junior Fiction  PAL
Meariki : te rapunga i te pono
Helen Pearse-Otene, ill. Andrew Burdan
Meariki is a slave to the people of Ngāi Kūwai and must look after the chief’s only daughter, Hineamuru. When Hineamuru is abducted by a warlock, Meariki and Pēhi, a young warrior and Hineamuru’s lover, go on a hazardous journey to rescue her. Pēhi is brave but arrogant, while Meariki is clever and resourceful, and the success of the journey rests on her.
Maori Classroom Collection 741.5993 PEA
Also in English Meariki : the quest for truth
Classroom Collection 741.5993 PEA

The boy, the bear, the baron, the bard
Gregory Rogers
A boy loses a soccer ball in a theatre, only to find himself travelling through time, onto the stage of the Globe Theatre and into the world of Shakespeare’s London. A comic romp through the streets of London follows featuring the boy, a grumpy bard, a captive bear and a baron whose head is bound for the chopping block.
Picture Book ROG

Shaolin Burning
Ant Sang
When the Shaolin temple is destroyed by the Emperor’s army, 5 elders escape and continue spreading the secret of kung fu. But a sixth, Monk Who Doubts, turns his back on the Buddhist path and instead pursues bloody revenge. His path intersects with that of Deadly Plum Blossom, a girl trained in a new fighting style by a Shaolin nun.
Young Adult Fiction SAN

This is a poem that heals fish
Jean-Pierre Simeon, ill. Oliver Tallec
After his mother, hurrying to her tuba lesson, tells him that a poem will cure his pet fish’s boredom, a little boy tries to find out what a poem is by asking friends, neighbours and other members of his family.
Picture Book SIM
Maus: a survivor’s tale
Art Spiegelman
Describes the Holocaust experiences of the author’s father, Vladek Spiegelman.
Young Adult Fiction SPI

The arrival
Shaun Tan
Beautiful wordless graphic novel that tells the story of a migrant family’s journey and new life in a strange land.
Junior Fiction TAN

Legends of Maui
Jason Te Puia
Two legends retold in graphic novel format - Maui slows the sun and Maui attacks Tuna Roa.
Classroom Collection 398.2 TE

Norman and Brenda
Colin Thompson
Some people are beautiful, they face the world with confidence and are successful, they have big houses and gorgeous children. Norman and Brenda are nothing like this. Companion volume to The short and incredibly happy life of Riley, which compares the life of a contented rat, Riley, with that of humans who always seem disgruntled with their lot.
Picture Book THO

The big little book of happy sadness
Colin Thompson
One Friday on his way home from school, George visits the animal shelter. There, in the very last cage, is Jeremy, a sad dog who looks as lost and lonely as George feels. When Jeremy comes home to live with George and his granny, their whole lives change and they learn that when it comes to love, it’s quality not quantity that counts.
Picture Book THO
Flotsam
David Wiesner
A pictorial discovery of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam.
Picture Book  WIE

Woolvs in the sitee
Margaret Wild, ill. Anne Spudvilas
Ben lives alone in a basement flat, looking at a world gone mad. The city is almost abandoned. The few people that remain live in fear of the “woolvs” that prowl the alleyways. Ben’s only contact with the outside world is Missus Radinski, the old woman who lives upstairs. They look after one another and care for each other. When Missus Radinski disappears, Ben decides it is time to leave his safe flat and go find the old woman. He will no longer be cowed; he will face whatever lives in the shadows.
Picture Book  WIL

Show way
Jacqueline Woodson, ill. Hudson Talbott
Soonie’s family makes “show ways”, quilts with secret meanings that are maps to freedom. Each generation passes on to the next the belief that there is a road to a better place.
Junior Fiction WOO