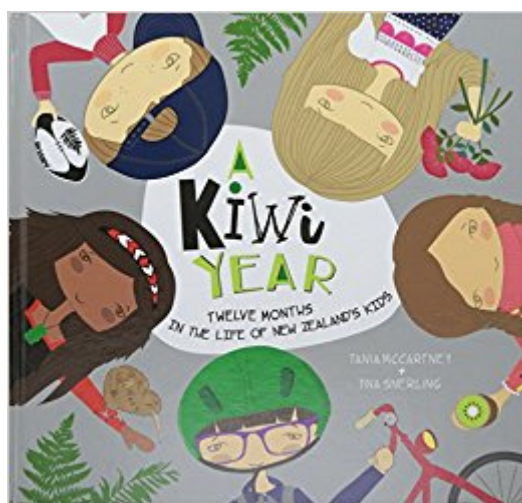


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# A Kiwi Year: Twelve Months In The Life Of New Zealand's Kids (A Kids' Year)



## Synopsis

Meet Charlie, Ruby, Oliver, Mason and Kaia - Kiwi kids representing a multicultural blend of culture and race that typifies our amazing country. They'll take you through a year in the life of New Zealand's kids, from celebrations, traditions and events, to our everyday way of life and the little things that make childhood so memorable. A Kiwi Year is a picture book bursting with national pride. It's a snapshot of who we are as New Zealanders, blending our modern-day culture and lifestyle with past traditions and native heritage. Its pages feature meandering text, dates and gorgeous illustrations showcasing our five Kiwi kids at play, at school, at home, and enjoying the sights and sites of our great nation. From the Bay of Islands to our hot springs and soaring mountains, vibrant cities and quaint country towns, this is our New Zealand childhood.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

“A wonderful miscellany of multi-ethnic Kiwi-centric pastimes, traditions and festivities seen through the eye of a child. Warm and whimsical illustrations add to the fun in this visual calendar of each of the 12 months of a year in a Kiwi child's life.” - The Children's Bookshop  
Tania and Tina have ferreted out those things that make this country and its people unique and bring them to life through the eyes of the children, celebrating them in such a special way that this book will be handed on to my grandchildren (whose dad is also a Kiwi) so they can understand where they come from.” - The Bottom Shelf  
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wonder? What an absolutely marvellous way for us to spread the joy of inclusivity, promote cross-cultural understandings and foster peaceful relations with others. - Just So Books"... with entertaining facts and funky illustrations, these books are fun, engaging and informative. - Kids' Book Review"... help to generate an attitude of tolerance and inclusiveness. These books would be important resources in any school or classroom library. - Reading TimeIt is a great way to explain culture and identity to young children. I enjoy the way that we are now comfortable in our own place and able to adapt such seasonal festivities as Christmas and Easter to our Southern climate and Kiwi ways. - Booksellers, The ReaderAll the books in this splendid series offer so much more than any geography text for children ever could. The teacher in me wants to race off to a classroom to share this book as a basis for a whole unit of work on Canada - Literacy, Families and LearningA Canadian Year and A Kiwi Year by Tania McCartney & Tina Snerling (EK Books). Two new books in this popular series which takes children through a year in the life of children in different countries. Lots of fascinating and informative facts and colourful, detailed illustrations. Great books to read before travelling or just to know how other children live. - Pinerolo"a unique and highly recommended addition to family, daycare center, preschool, elementary school, and community library picture book collections" - Mid West Book Review

Tania McCartney is an award-winning author of both children's and adult books, with a particular passion for picture books. An experienced editor, illustrator, speaker and publisher, she has written more than thousand articles and reviews, both in print and online. She is also the founder of Kids' Book Review, one of the foremost children's literacy websites and the Facebook phenomenon, the 52-Week Illustration Challenge. An ACT Ambassador for the National Year of Reading (2012), Tania is passionate about literacy and has spent many years presenting and speaking on reading, books and writing. The writing talent behind the internationally successful Kid's Year series, Tania has lived in France, England and China, but now lives in Australia with her family. Tina Snerling is an illustrator, graphic designer, creator, mother and Art Director at Spencil, a children's stationary company since 2013. Tania has illustrated the award winning Kid's Year series and is privileged to spend the most part of her days daydreaming out her sun drenched window, creating worlds that allow her to travel anywhere without leaving her studio.

This book is from the A Kids' Year Series and is so far my favorite. It follows 5 Kiwi kids across a year in New Zealand. It is full of fascinating information about the cultural traditions, holidays, and

daily life of kids in New Zealand. Kids will be intrigued by the differences and enjoy the many similarities across cultures. My kids loved learning different words like "Gumboots and Brolly" for boots and umbrellas. My main complaint about this series, in general, is the relaxed layout of the books. The pages offer a lot of information without much structure making it difficult to read aloud. We also had to frequently reach for the computer to search out more information on difference things which made this an excellent prompt for further learning about New Zealand, but again make it difficult to just sit and read. On the other hand, it led to some interesting conversations. For instance, we talked for a long time about seasons being different in the Southern hemisphere as opposed to the Northern. We all thought Christmas on the beach sounded like a great idea. Overall, I like the cheerful illustrations. We found the information about New Zealand, a country we knew little about, well gathered and interesting. I think this is a fun introduction to a different country and its' culture, just be prepared to answer a lot questions as you go.

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