



ABEL TASMAN

MAPPING THE SOUTHERN LANDS

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Maria Gill has written over 40 children's books for the trade and educational markets. Her books have been awarded seven Storylines Notables and have been shortlisted for six LIANZA Elsie Locke Awards and two New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. In 2016 her book *Anzac Heroes* won the NZBACYA Margaret Mahy Book of the Year. Maria Gill taught intermediate and primary school students in Auckland for ten years. After having two children she had a sea-change in life and trained as a journalist. She now writes full time from her lifestyle property in Matakana.

Marco Ivančić is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer based in Wellington. He studied illustration at Massey University and has previously collaborated with Maria Gill on the *New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame* (a 2015 Storylines Notable Book and LIANZA Elsie Locke Non-Fiction finalist) and *Anzac Heroes*, the 2016 NZBACYA Margaret Mahy Book of the Year.

More than 300 years ago, a young Dutch sailor named Abel Tasman stood on the prow of a ship he and his crew had sailed across wild, uncharted waters.

In the distance, through a shroud of mist, the rugged outline of steep hills rose from the ocean waves. Could this be Terra Australis — the great southern land?

Abel Tasman and his crew were most likely the first Europeans the Aboriginal people of Australia and the Māori of New Zealand had ever seen. Join the journey and discover the legacy left behind.

- By the winners of last year's supreme children's book award – the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year.
- There is little available specifically for children on Abel Tasman – Maria Gill's book is a great addition
- Marco Ivančić's illustrations are simply superb, helping tell the story in a brilliant evocation of the era
- The story is told as historical fiction, but includes several pages of interesting facts at the end

[Praise for Gill and Ivančić's *Anzac Heroes*](#)

"A terrific resource for children." — *NZ Herald*

"*Anzac Heroes* is a perfect nonfiction book for children. It shows you how exciting nonfiction can be. Nothing online could beat this book! Rush out and get a copy for your home and your school now." — *My Best Friends Are Books*



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