



colour the stars taea ngā whetū

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Dawn McMillan lives in a small coastal village on the western side of the Coromandel Peninsula. She is the author of over 20 picture books and has also written for over 200 school readers. *Colour the Stars* emerged from a time she spent beside a tumbling bush stream, where it seemed that Isaac and Luke were with her.

Keinyo White is an honours graduate of the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. Considered an extremely versatile artist, he is best known for his unique and contemporary take on watercolour and portraiture and his commissioned works are sought after by collectors, galleries and public institutions both domestic and international.

How do you describe colour to someone who is blind?

Isaac and Luke are friends. Luke is blind and believes that he doesn't need colours in his life. Isaac can't imagine a world without colour and decides to teach his friend about them.

Because Luke is blind, Isaac must appeal to his other senses. Through his vivid descriptions and by encouraging Luke to smell, touch, taste and hear, Isaac tries to convey a sense of what colours are like.

- To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of this book, we have created a bilingual edition, combining *Colour the Stars* and *Taea ngā Whetū* texts into one volume
- This beautifully told story contains themes of friendship, kindness and appreciating others' differences
- Stunning illustrations by American illustrator Keinyo White burst from the page with vibrant colour
- A Storylines Notable Book

Praise for *Colour the Stars*

"What a beautiful book to explore the untapped power of all the senses. The descriptions of colours are so simple yet powerfully evocative. And the illustrations are absolutely beautiful: a true visual delight that perfectly accompanies the story."
— Goodreads

"I loved this story and loved even more that it gave a platform to build on for my girls in understanding that the loss of one of your senses can enhance your use of others [...] I would recommend this for every school and kindergarten library and this book is a fantastic educational tool for your child in learning a little about what it means to be blind."
— KIWIREVIEWS



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