

Kidnap at MYSTERY Island

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A gripping futuristic, kidnap adventure story

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Tauranga author **Carol Garden** has been writing for a living as a journalist and communications manager for many years. In the 2020 Covid lockdown she wrote *Kidnap at Mystery Island*, her first children's novel. A keen sailor, Carol used the beautiful islands of the Mercury Bay area as the novel's setting.

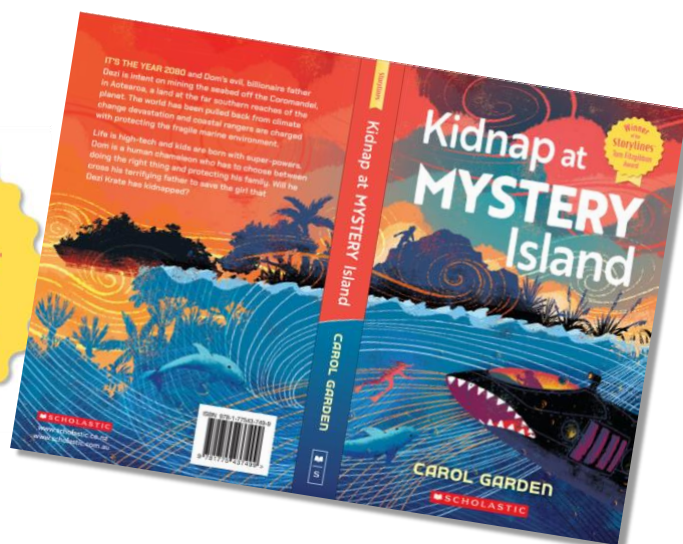
Kidnap at Mystery Island won the Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award In 2021 for best novel by an unpublished author. When Carol is not writing or sailing, she tutors students in NCEA English, writing and literacy.

Set in a time after the great global Environment Revolution of 2072, readers enter a high-tech world of eco criminals, artificial islands, global warming, rising seas and patrolling coastal rangers.

Like other kids of his generation, Dom has a special talent, chosen by his parents at conception. He is a human chameleon – he can blend into any surroundings and become almost invisible. Unfortunately his Anti-Ec dad, Dezi Krate, a mining billionaire set on ignoring the new planet-saving laws, kidnaps the young niece of some coastal rangers, Zoe – special talent mind-reading.

Together with her sisters, who also have remarkable talents, can Zoe and Dom and other key players in this dangerous, futuristic world outwit the ruthless Dezi?

- Winner of the 2021 Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award
- Debut author Carol Garden writes a compelling adventure story peopled with fascinating characters



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