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Format	250 x 240 mm (P)
Extent	32 pp
Age	3-7 years
Rights	World

Melanie Koster Born on the wild West Coast of the South Island, Melanie was brought up in a book-loving, story-telling family. She lives in Christchurch with her whānau of artists, inventors and tinkerers.

Melanie is the author of two picture books, *The Reluctant Little Flower Girl* and *Milly Maloo and the Miracle Glue*, and has been shortlisted six times for the Joy Cowley Award, finally winning the award in 2022 with *Tama and the Taniwha*. Melanie works as a teacher aide at a local primary school, where she enjoys helping young writers hone their craft.

Monica Koster has loved drawing since kindergarten and hasn't stopped since. She is now studying a Fine Arts degree at the University of Canterbury.

Monica's paintings have been exhibited in Christchurch and Ashburton, as part of the Creator's Room and ZONTA Female Art Awards exhibitions.

When she's not painting, she's either running or making music. She plays the piano, alto saxophone, guitar and bass. Monica lives in Ōtautahi, Christchurch.

Is that a taniwha in the water or is Tama's imagination getting the better of him?

"Don't put your waewae in the water," sang Tama's big sisters, "or the taniwha might get you!"

Tama is down at the lake with his sisters and grandparents. When his sisters tease him about a taniwha being in the water, he takes a deep breath and dives in anyway. What is that wonderful, swirling, sparkling apparition? Is it a taniwha ... or is it something else altogether?

- Winner of the 2022 Joy Cowley Award
- Koster's endearing story about sibling teasing and family fun at the lake will resonate with everyone.
- The language is interspersed naturally with a few Māori words and phrases that kids will soon pick up
- Illustrated in bold, beautiful colour by the author's own daughter, illustrator Monica Koster
- Also available in a te reo Māori edition, *Ko Tama me te Taniwha*.

Praise for Melanie and Monica Koster

"... a story of friendship in a fun and quirky tale, brought together by super glue. Melanie Koster's words are a delight to read and flow from your tongue without fault." — *Bug in a Book's Children's Book Reviews* on *Milly Maloo and the Miracle Glue*

"Monica Koster's illustrations catch the characters perfectly. A must-read, gripping novel." — *Poetry Box* on *Journey Through the Cat Door*