



Sun Shower

By Melinda Szymanik

Illustrated by Isobel Joy Te Aho-White

What would happen if Sun and Rain became friends...?

The Clouds think Sun and Rain would get along well, but Rain thinks Sun doesn't want to know her as Sun always vanishes when she turns up. Likewise, Sun feels that Rain stays away when Sun's around. The Clouds think they'd be a good match, however, and scheme a meeting, resulting in the most beautiful union ... a rainbow!

- A delightful modern myth of how rainbows happen.
- Melinda Szymanik's lyrical text is a pleasure to read aloud, and listen to.
- Children will love Isobel Joy Te Aho-White beautiful watercolour-style illustrations that are bursting with detail for them to pore over in the land below.
- Also available in te reo Māori, *He Tārū Kahika*.

Praise for *BatKiwi* by Melinda Szymanik & Isobel Joy Te Aho-White

"Melinda Szymanik's story is filled with gorgeous language and lots of repeated phrases that will encourage children to join in. Each time a hero is needed, Kiwi runs ... "as fast as his sturdy legs could carry him. He was pretty fast ... but he wasn't fast enough."

— My Best Friends are Books

"It is never easy to illustrate a story where nearly every scene is in darkness but Te Aho-White has succeeded. Her cartoon creatures are witty creations, with Kiwi wearing a moko, while Kunekune pig has the hairstyle of a sporting hero. Careful design ensures that all the text passages are easily legible." — Trevor Agnew, *The Source*

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Melinda Szymanik is the author of a number of Scholastic picture books, including *BatKiwi* and *There are No Moa, e Hoa; Sharing with Wolf; The Song of Kauri* (2015 Storylines Notable Book); *Fuzzy Doodle* (international White Ravens selection) and *The Were-Nana* (2009 Children's Choice winner). She has also written junior novels, including *A Winter's Day in 1939* which won the LIANZA Librarian's Choice award. Melinda lives with her family in Auckland.

Isobel (Izzy) Joy Te Aho-White (Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa) is a freelance graphic artist and illustrator with a passion for the natural world and te ao Māori. She specialises in symbolism and metaphor, and her work is influenced by mythology and folk tales, botanical illustration and life experience. This is the fourth book Izzy has illustrated for Scholastic, following the first and second *BatKiwi* stories, and the beautiful, best-selling *Matariki Around the World*. Izzy currently lives and works in Pōneke/Wellington.

