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Esau the Paw was a very cool cat. No cat was fluffier, be sure of that ...

But what happens when long-haired cats' coats get too matted to brush? Yep, they get clipped, much to Esau's embarrassment – and disgust!

- Popular author Chris Gurney's dependable, funny, rhyming text won't disappoint fans
- Author has written 9 of the Kiwi Corker series, as well as numerous other picture books
- Lively illustrations by John Bennett will make you chuckle
- Based on the author's own cat – see photo below!

Chris Gurney is the author of thirteen Scholastic New Zealand picture books, a large number of them part of the popular Kiwi Corkers series, which retells well-known tales with a New Zealand flavour. Her stories are told with a faultless sense of rhyme and rhythm and show great humorous talent. *Esau the Paw* is based on Chris's own fluffy cat, Chevy! Chris lives in East Auckland with her family.

John Bennett is a former animator for the BBC, but he now works full time as a freelance cartoonist and illustrator. John lives in Hokianga.

Praise for The Elves and the Cloakmaker (Kiwi Corkers) also by Chris Gurney and John Bennett

'Chris writes with a faultless sense of rhyme and rhythm and shows great humorous talent.' — KidsbooksNZ

'This is another great book from the Kiwi Corkers series. The cloakmaker and his wife are very endearing (the affection between them is gorgeous), and the illustrations are superb ...'

—*Otago Daily Times*

The author's own cat, Chevy, the inspiration behind this hilarious story.



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