



Twenty unforgettable animal friends from World War One and Two

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Maria Gill has written over 40 children's books for the trade and educational markets. Her books have been awarded seven Storylines Notables and have been shortlisted for six LIANZA Elsie Locke Awards and two New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. In 2016 *Anzac Heroes* (also with Marco Ivančić) won the NZBACYA Margaret Mahy Book of the Year. Maria taught intermediate and primary school students in Auckland for ten years, and after having two children she had a sea-change in life and trained as a journalist. She now writes full time from her lifestyle property in Matakana.

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Who knew our soldiers had such a variety of animal companions in the two world wars? Apart from the 'beasts of burden' that one might expect, such as horses, mules, donkeys and camels, many battalions had mascots as well: kangaroos, monkeys, dogs, chickens, tortoises, cats ... all of whom provided comfort, companionship and a welcome distraction from the war.

- Fascinating true tales of the mascots and working animals of WWI and WWII
- From the winning team of the 2016 Margaret Mahy Book of the Year, *Anzac Heroes*
- Includes stunning illustrations by Ivančić, as well as historical wartime photos
- Detailed maps, timelines and charts add further depth

Praise for *Anzac Heroes*, Margaret Mahy Book of the Year

"A terrific resource for children." — *NZ Herald*

"*Anzac Heroes* is a perfect nonfiction book for children. It shows you how exciting nonfiction can be. Nothing online could beat this book! Rush out and get a copy for your home and your school now." — *My Best Friends Are Books*

