



NEW ZEALAND DISASTERS



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Inspiring stories of courage, resilience and determination in the face of disaster

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New Zealanders have endured phenomenal natural and human disasters throughout the ages. This inspiring book documents some of these key moments in our history and, more importantly, how we responded and grew stronger; what changes/improvements were made as a result.

Cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides, floods, volcanic eruptions, fires, aeroplane crashes, pandemics and other disasters are just some of the many themes covered in this comprehensive, vibrantly illustrated account. Includes: Outcomes, Safety Tips, and What to Do in an Emergency.

- From the winning team of the 2016 Margaret Mahy Book of the Year, *Anzac Heroes*.
- Gill's fascinating, accessible text is accompanied by stunning illustrations by Ivančić as well as photos.
- Each major disaster has one dramatic account as well as several smaller entries on other disasters of the same type.
- Perfect for studies of NZ disasters, survival and rescue.

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

"*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*

Maria Gill has written over 60 children's books for the trade and educational markets. Her books have been awarded 10 Storylines Notables and have been shortlisted for five LIANZA Elsie Locke Awards and two New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. In 2016 *Anzac Heroes* won the Margaret Mahy Children's Book of the Year supreme award.

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