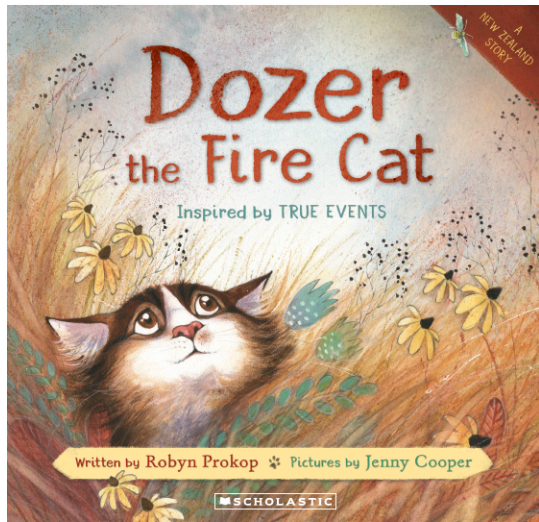


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TRUE STORY



# Dozer the Fire Cat

Written by Robyn Prokop 🐾  
🐾 Pictures by Jenny Cooper

Dozer overcomes his fear of the flames and the  
'blaze runner' finds his family

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**Robyn Prokop** In 2019, this former teacher & principal finally traded her passion for education for her passion to write full time.

With her husband Keith and her three daughters, she has lived in Brisbane, Singapore and Melbourne, but her heart is in New Zealand and the lifestyle block in Nelson that has been home for the past 15 years. Her inspiration comes from the stunning New Zealand environment, and characters she has met, both in her life and in the world of stories.

**Jenny Cooper** has been illustrating children's books for 20 years. Jenny lives in Amberley, near Christchurch. After gaining a qualification in graphic design, Jenny and her family moved to Samoa, where she taught art. Jenny has also tutored at Christchurch Polytechnic and participated in several exhibitions of New Zealand illustrators.

With many children's books to her name, Jenny is perhaps best known for her hilarious illustrations for the Topp Twins' sing-along books, as well as her war stories with Glyn Harper.

In February 2019, a tiny spark in a Pigeon Valley paddock became the largest fire in New Zealand since 1955. Up to 150 volunteer firefighters fought the blaze. Around 3,500 people were evacuated, including the whole town of Wakefield. Robyn Prokop has based her story on a real cat that survived the fires.

While his family is busy packing up to evacuate, Dozer is oblivious, busy doing what Dozer does . . . stalking, pouncing, washing . . . and sleeping. But when he wakes up, his family has gone and the world is a frightening place!

- Based on a true story about bravery and survival, the story of Dozer the Fire Cat will tug on the heartstrings ... but has a happy ending
- Beautifully illustrated by one of NZ's top children's illustrators, Jenny Cooper
- Includes backmatter with facts about the Pigeon Valley fires

## Praise for the illustrations of Jenny Cooper:

"Illustrator Jenny Cooper has put so much into every double page spread ... She has captured the heat and strength and might of the moment."— *Bookrapt*

"Facial expressions of both farmer and his animals are great. There is action aplenty in [Jenny Cooper's] depiction of the various farmyard animals." — *Bookrapt*



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