



The Hug Blanket

Chris Gurney

Illustrated by Lael Chisholm

Heartfelt exploration of the unconditional love between a child and their grandparent.

One day, Dad told me that Nana had died suddenly. I didn't know what to do. Everything felt wrong. People said she had gone to a better place. I wondered how she could go to a place that was better than here with me.

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Lexile	Read aloud

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. Chris lives in North Auckland with her family.

Lael Chisholm has loved drawing ever since she was old enough to hold a pencil. After years of scribbling and doodling at school, home and any other place where a pen and paper was handy, she decided to call her scrawls art, and to share them with the world. Nowadays she spends her free time drawing at her home in Palmerston North.

- A book to help children understand grief
- Chris Gurney's sensitively written prose shows children it's okay to feel sad, and that we can find comfort in simple things
- Beautifully illustrated by Gavin Bishop Award-winning illustrator Lael Chisholm
- For fans of *Rasmus* by Elizabeth Pulford and Jenny Cooper

Praise for Lael's illustrations for *Granny McFlitter*

"Lael Chisholm's illustrations saturate each page of this country tale. Much like the story, they are bold and vibrant and children will be drawn in by the colours, curves and curls. The detail on Granny's knitted creations is gorgeous and some of the cakes look good enough to eat!" — *The Sapling*

