



# RED EDGE

Amateur investigator Cassi sometimes treads a bit too close to the edge in this action-packed romp of a read.

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Lexile	700L

**Des Hunt** lives at Matarangi on the Coromandel Peninsula. Some years ago he made the transition from writing textbooks for secondary students to novels for younger readers (shortlisted for NZ Post awards three times), while still maintaining his aims of fostering young peoples' natural interest in the science of their surroundings. Des has authored 14 books in this genre.

A widely respected figure in New Zealand educational circles, Des was a teacher for more than forty years before retiring from the classroom in 2006.

Also by Des Hunt:

- *To Trap a Thief*, 2019
- *Cool Nukes*, 2015
- *Project Huia*, 2013
- *The Last Tuatara*, 2009

Twelve-year-old Cassi Whelan and her dad have just moved into a repaired house on the edge of Christchurch's Red Zone. Although Cassi was only four when earthquakes decimated Christchurch, her memories still haunt her. An obsessive runner, she finds the wide-open spaces of the cleared Red Zone suit her perfectly. However, she becomes suspicious about strange comings and goings at the broken-down house next door.

A chance meeting with a boy who lives on the other side of the house, who is a tech geek, leads to them setting up a surveillance system to investigate what's happening ... and the adventure begins.

- Des Hunt peoples his books with believable characters, recognisable places and plenty of action and mystery, and this latest book doesn't disappoint.
- Compelling read, combining adventure, science and mystery.
- Includes themes of bullying, coping with adversity, exploitation, and trafficking of endangered species.

### Praise for Des Hunt's other titles

"Hunt does it again with another fast-paced action adventure set in Bulls and the top of the South Island. It cracks along, setting up mystery after mystery, the tension rising once the boys head out on their quests. This will go down a treat with age 11 + and will hold the attention of reluctant readers."  
— *Children's Bookshop - To Trap a Thief*

"Once again author Des Hunt has managed the perfect mix of characters, both good and bad, setting and plot. [...] This book deserves to be in all libraries, in classroom book boxes, and bought for the intelligent enquiring mind of 10-14 year olds."  
— *Reviewed by Chris Wright (Bookrapt) - Cool Nukes*