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Brian Falkner began college intending to study computers, but along the way he decided to shift his focus to something more creative. After gaining a diploma of journalism, he worked as a reporter and advertising copywriter. Other jobs helped pay the bills and also expand the first-hand experiences that would enrich his fiction, among them stints as a motorcycle courier, radio announcer, graphic designer, and an Internet developer.

Brian's previous books with Scholastic NZ have been the widely acclaimed *Shooting Stars*, and his World War One novel, *1917 Machines of War*, part of the *Kiwis at War* series. *Katipo Joe: Blitzkrieg*, released in 2020, is the first book in the *Katipo Joe* series.

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- NZ author Falkner now lives on Australia's Gold Coast and has been published in 14 countries, including NZ, Australia and the USA. www.brianfalkner.co.nz

Praise for *Katipo Joe: Blitzkrieg* by Brian Falkner:

"If the follow up books are as good as this first, then this is a series that will be in demand. Brian Falkner knows how to create pace, slow things a little, up the tension again, ease the action by a fraction, then pour the pace on yet again. — *Bookrapt*

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