



# des hunt COOL NUKES

A riveting, science-based adventure read

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**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.

The Professor has always been weird, but an explosion in his backyard laboratory seems to have sent him over the edge. Then he disappears – in bizarre circumstances. Three of his young protégés, Max, Jian Xin and Cleo, start receiving cryptic messages, which look like plans for a nuclear device – one which could solve all of mankind's energy problems.

The children decide to make the device for the upcoming ExpoFest science fair ... but if it works, the technology will be worth a fortune. And certain people aren't about to let three kids get the credit ...

- Exciting new read from masterful science novelist, Des Hunt
- Cleverly intertwines cutting-edge science with gripping adventure
- Des Hunt fans will not be disappointed!

## Praise for Project Huia

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"As in all his books, Des Hunt combines his passion for science with his wonderful story telling skills. I feel this would read aloud well but it may be more a book for an individual reader to gobble up at a sitting and not have to wait for the next reading 'session'!" — *Around the Bookshops*

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