

The Seven Kites of Matariki

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Illustrated by Dominique Ford

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Calico McClintock is a writer and designer based in Whangarei Heads with her husband. She has previously self-published her books *The Lamentations of TeWhara*, *Maori Willow* and *Kumara Mash Forever*. Her works reflect her love of Maori culture, and *The Seven Kites of Matariki* is no exception.

Dominique Ford is an artist and illustrator living in rural Tauranga with her husband and teenage children. Dominique started out in graphic design and has now illustrated numerous picture books, including *I Can't Imagine How that Happened* and *The Song of Kauri* (Scholastic NZ). As well as drawing, Dominique knits, crochets, sews, makes jewellery and collects cats.

A new myth telling how the stars came to form the Matariki cluster

It was deep mid-winter and all through the village preparations were being made to farewell the old year and greet the new. For the first time ever, the seventh little sister, Ururangi, was big enough to make her own celebration kite. But when the seven sisters take the finished kites to fly them, the east wind whips them all away into the sky ... where they now appear as the stars of Matariki to welcome the Maori new year.

- Carole Prentice has created an imaginative new myth to tell the Matariki story
- Written in a traditional style, this story will be a welcome addition to the limited Matariki resources
- Delightfully illustrated in swirling colour by Dominique Ford

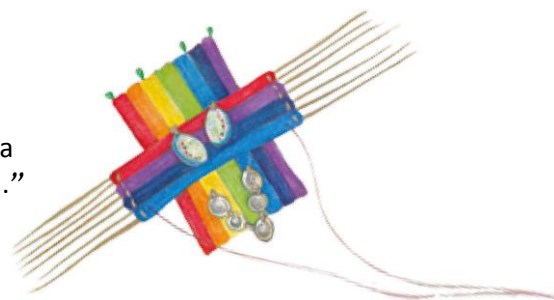
Praise for Dominique Ford's *The Song of Kauri*

"A beautiful book. For the illustrations alone this book is worth the extra cost of its hard cover. Dominique Ford has used a range of techniques to illustrate the text dramatically and with real feeling. Many readers would be happy to have these paintings framed on their walls."

— Bookrapt

"*The Song of Kauri* is a stunning picture book ... [Dominique] is a new star in the illustration world."

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