



## ***Grandpa Ngata and the Seagull* - Dave Gunson**

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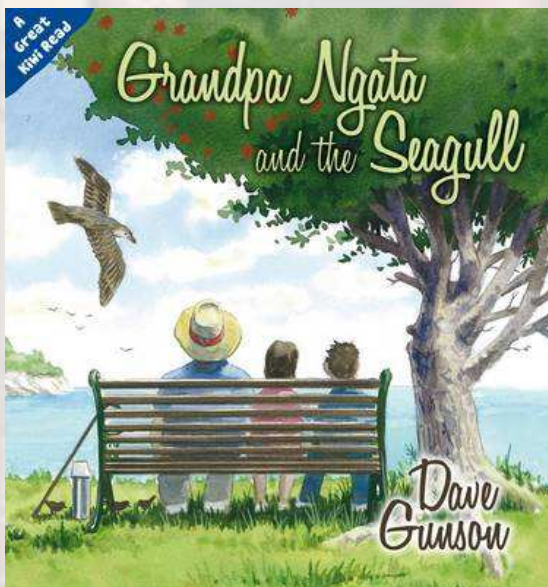
This delightful story from prolific New Zealand writer and illustrator Dave Gunson will engage young children curious to learn more about New Zealand birds. Mr Ngata and his grandchildren regularly feed the birds at the beach. On this particular visit they witness a dog attacking a seagull. They rescue the bird, who has a broken leg, and take it to be cared for by a retired vet. The children visit the bird every day while he recovers.

The story introduces a number of different New Zealand birds, and has more information about each species in the back of the book. There is also an excellent guide on how to care for an injured bird should you find one, giving step by step rescue instructions, and contact details of who to call for help.

A small glossary explains some of the terms that international readers may not understand, such as pohutukawa and mokopuna.

Dave Gunson is the writer and illustrator of the highly successful colour-illustrated *All About* series - which includes *Birds*, *Insects*, *Plants*, *Seashore*, *Sea Life*, *Wildlife of the Past*, and *Freshwater Wildlife*, with more titles to come. He has also produced two best selling colouring books based on the successful natural history series - *New Zealand Birds to Read*, *Colour and Keep*, and *New Zealand Wildlife to Read*, *Colour and Keep*.

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