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## **Howzat! by Mike Lefroy, illustrated by Liz Anelli**

**Publisher: Walker Books**

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Cricket fans will appreciate this picture book with its entertaining overview of the game as it is played around the world.

The journey starts at the end papers with a map of the world and an invitation to follow a cricket ball as it bounces from a little English village to cross the globe. National flags help identify the countries in the following pages.

Lively rhyme moves the game forward with energy:

“The googly bites and bamboozles the bat.  
The bails are knocked off ... the cry is  
Howzat!”

Brightly-coloured illustrations showcase the landscape and cultural aspects of each country. For instance, the New Zealand scene has silver ferns in various places, kiwifruit symbols dotted about, tui in trees, and Maori designs on fabrics. The busy illustrations reward close inspection of the action taking place both on the pitch and in the background.

The final double page spread shows nations coming together to cross cultural borders and enjoy the spirit of the game. A quality hardback book that is a pleasure to share with others.

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett**

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