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My New Zealand ABC Book: Learn the alphabet with art and objects from Te Papa

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Perfectly-sized for young hands, this beautiful board book features objects and art from New Zealand's Te Papa Museum collections. Young children will enjoy learning the alphabet with this interesting book.

Clear, colourful photographs are combined with rhyming text that is fun to read aloud. For instance; the letter C accompanies an image of Jeff Thomson's corrugated iron construction, *HQ Holden*.

*C is for car
all rusty and crinkly.
Too long in the bath
has made it go wrinkly.*

A traditional-style Maori kite, *Kimihia te manu kahu*, made by Papahuaia Flax Papers Artist Collective sets the imagination flying:

*K is for kite,
like a person with wings.
If I were a kite,
I'd soon snap my wings!*

The illustrations open up many opportunities for discussion about the items. Thumbnail images at the back of the book give brief details about each of the artworks.

My New Zealand ABC Book is part of a series of three quality publications for little ones. *My New Zealand Colours Book* and *My New Zealand 123 Book* are equally exceptional books.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett

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