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My New Zealand Colours Book: Learn colours with art and objects from Te Papa

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What a creative way to introduce youngsters to artworks in the Te Papa Museum collections!

Glorious photographs focus on a range of objects using different materials and media; sculpture, carving, painting, printing, and collage, to name just a few. Each photo relates to a colour in an entertaining and educational way.

Bold, bright backgrounds set off the text for the colours, named in both Maori and English. The playful rhyme alongside each illustration is a delight to read aloud. For example; red showcases a corian and paua shell hei tiki pendant by Rangī Kipa.

*red
whero
Can you see this tiki's tongue?
Can you poke out yours for fun?*

The colour blue displays exotic butterflies from Te Papa's entomology collections.

*blue
kikorangi
Could you see these butterflies
if they flew up into blue skies?*

Brief information about the artworks is given at the back of this sturdy board book, plus a helpful guide to the pronunciation of te reo and the Maori words used in the book.

Other titles in this superb series for pre-schoolers are: *My New Zealand 123 Book* and *My New Zealand ABC Book*. The complete set would make excellent gifts for young Kiwis.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett

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