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## **New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame: 25 Kiwi Champions by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic**

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Award-winning author Maria Gill has compiled another quality, non-fiction publication packed with information and fascinating facts about well-known sporting heroes.

There's a good mix of male and female champions who have earned their place in this sports Hall of Fame covering a variety of disciplines. For instance, Olympic kayaker Lisa Carrington, cricketer Sir Richard Hadlee, hockey player Kayla Whitelock, All Blacks captain Richie McCaw, equestrian Andrew Nicholson, and 20 more athletic stars.

The layout is eye-catching with concise information about each athlete given in 'trophy box' and 'passport' text boxes. Personal background details, timelines and training regimes offer an insight into the years of dedication that has developed the skills of the champions. Inspiring quotes will encourage young athletes to persevere with their own sporting journey.

Cartoon-style illustrations show the smiling high achievers wearing their sporting gear. Their larger-than-life portraits indicate the esteem they have gained through their hard-working careers. Good use of colour enhances the appeal of the book.

Additional pages have suggestions for readers' personal sports goals and training programmes, web links to sporting organisations, information about top competitions, plus a useful glossary and index.

*Sports Hall of Fame* is an excellent resource book for students, teachers, and aspiring athletes.

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

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