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Wacko Kakapo – Yvonne Morrison, illustrated by Donovan Bixley

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An addition to the *Kiwi Corkers – Great NZ Yarns* series.

Wacko Kakapo is a picture book but one that makes few allowances for age. It challenges its young readers with its vocabulary, for example colossal, morale, waddled, strutted, ambled and scuttled.

Wacko Kakapo is frightened that the sky is falling. As he runs to Tane Mahuta, he is joined by Peewee Kiwi, None Truer Tuatara, Go-Getter Weta, Never Fear Kea and other friends. But Gotta-Gloat Stoat tricks them, traps them and plans to eat them.

Co-operation wins the day and they escape using the different skills each of the friends can contribute to this real team effort.

Full page and full colour illustrations with lines which almost frame the words add to both the fun and the tension of the storyline.

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