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## **Ten Plucky Penguins** sung by Pio Terei, illustrated by Deborah Hinde, Maori Lyrics by Ngaere Roberts

**Publisher: Scholastic NZ**

**RRP \$21.00**

What a delightful crew/flock of penguins these are, thanks to the bold and colourful illustrations by Deborah Hinde. And what fun the Scholastic staff must have had writing these catchy lyrics. Pre-schoolers and kindy kids will love singing along with Pio Terei in English and Te Reo, thanks to Ngaere Roberts' writing of the Maori lyrics.

To the tune of *Ten Green Bottles*, this story/song is not repetitive like the original. These ten plucky penguins do so much more than sit on a wall. They cruise on a boat, dive off the side, go fishing, paddling, surfing, and generally have a great time. Along the way first one, then another, falls by the wayside, perhaps because one doesn't feel in the mood for that activity, or doesn't like fish and chips for tea.

Just like the child being read or sung to, these ten plucky penguins finish their day snuggled up in bed:

*and if all those  
plucky penguins hear a bedtime story read ...  
there'll be ten plucky penguins fast asleep in  
bed.*

What's not to like about that!

This is a great read aloud book for families with young children, play centres, kindergartens, and Te Kōhanga Reo, and the CD adds an extra dimension of fun.

**Illustrator's website:**

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