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***The Three Little Lambs* by Sher Foley illustrated by Deborah Hinde**

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Another New Zealand Yarn in the *Kiwi Corker* series, this a humorous take on the story of the three little pigs and the big bad wolf.

After their mother is taken away in a truck, the three little lambs fear for their own safety and decide to leave the farm.

The first builds a small house using silver fern but this is no challenge for 'the most **enormous** weasel in the land' who *'wheezed and he sneezed and he blew the house down.'*

The second builds a beautiful little house of paua shells, but with the same result.

The third builds a house with hangi stones, and here the weasel is faced with a major problem and the story continues with its New Zealand twist.

Familiar kiwi terms such as **wop-wops**, **okey-dokey** and **good as gold** enliven the text, Maori words fit naturally, and author Sher Foley is confident in her word choice.

Illustrations in full colour add subtle extras to this read-aloud story. The weasel panting his way up the hill to Mr Bhana's dairy, then fleeing in terror, are excellent examples of Deborah Hinde's skill.

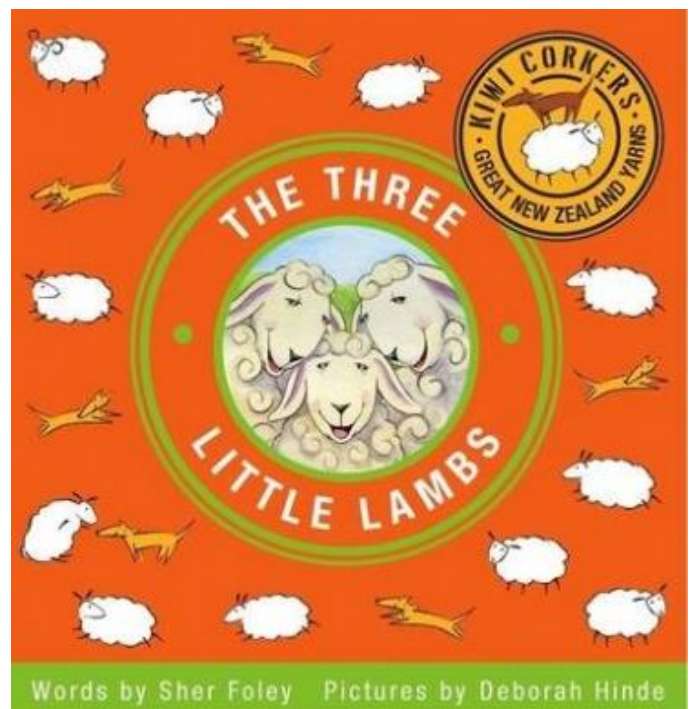
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