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***A Kiwi Night Before Christmas* by Yvonne Morrison Illustrated by Deborah Hinde**

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Already much-loved for over a decade, this oh-so-Kiwi story has been reprinted by Scholastic in a hardback Limited Edition for Christmas 2016.

Post it overseas to friends and family with young children, or if you are flying out in the hope of a White Christmas, take a copy with you to share with relatives. There are so many contrasts to be explained between our summery Christmas and a northern hemisphere Christmas.

This book provides a humorous take on the subject with author Yvonne Morrison's use of language, our Kiwi colloquialisms, plus Deborah Hinde's fun-filled illustrations making the most of the comparisons.

A pie and a beer for Santa? The only thing Christmassy about his outfit is his Christmas hat, but this shorts-and-singlet wearing Santa is instantly recognisable as being one of us.

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