



## ***Hush, A Kiwi Lullaby* by Joy Cowley and Andrew Burdan**

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As author Joy Cowley explains, “I had no idea a few words could turn into such a beautiful book.”

She pays tribute to illustrator Andrew Burdan, who took her words and created double page spreads that lift each rhyming couplet to a new level, and add atmosphere and poignancy to what will become a much-loved Kiwi lullaby.

*Hush little baby, and go to sleep  
Mama's going to give you a woolly sheep*

is backed with soft lilacs, while the following couplet is backed with soft through to intense blues, such appropriate night time colours:

*And if that woolly sheep won't baa,  
Mama's going to give you a wishing star.*

Translated into Te reo Māori by Ngaere Roberts, these pages each have a dominant colour, together with symbols of Aotearoa such as tui, kowhai, and silver fern to surround each illustration.

Sung by June Pitman-Hayes, the CD in English and Maori will become a favourite. This book should be gifted to all new parents who will enjoy the soothing lyrics as much as the baby will. Rest time at Kōhanga reo or playcentre will be changed forever!

In this book targeting newborns to three year olds, Joy Cowley has adapted a traditional lullaby to fit New Zealand, its taonga, and its icons. Scholastic are on to a winner with the talents they have linked to one of New Zealand's foremost writers.

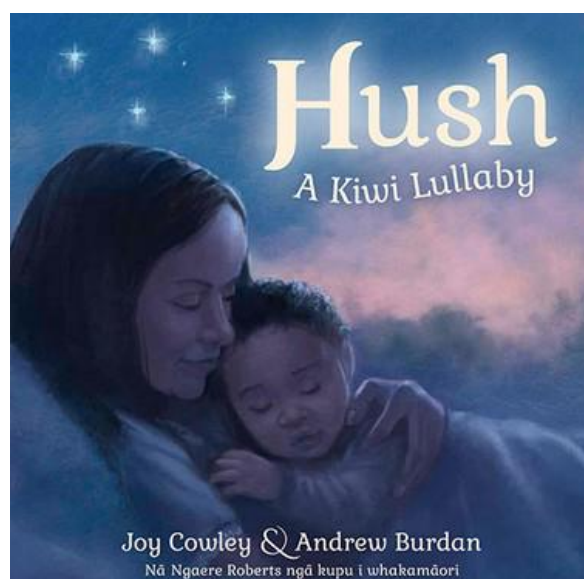
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