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## ***Māui - Sun Catcher* by Tim Tipene illustrated by Zak Waipara, translated by Rob Ruha**

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Bright, contemporary illustrations give a modern-day look to the well-known myth of Māui capturing the sun. Māui wears a trendy super-hero outfit, and his four brothers are dressed in work gear. Their stylish mother might just have arrived home from the office.

The rhyming verse flows like a rap beat and carries the story forward at a fast pace. When the brothers drive to the pit where the sun is resting, they ask Māui what he plans to do.

*Māui held up the flax ropes.  
'Then we will take these vines that wind and bind us.  
And together we will catch the Sun in our net.  
Our ropes are magic, but we must hold strong.  
Te Rā will fight to rise and set.'*

The bilingual text will appeal to families and teachers who value engaging stories in te reo. Māui's negotiations with the sun are a fine example of what good communication can achieve, while whanau working together for a common goal leads to a satisfying outcome. The humorous twist at the end shows that Māui has other tasks to complete.

This is an attractive hardback publication by the award-winning author, illustrator, and translator team.

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