

# Resume of Maria Gill

children's author & freelance writer

## Education:

Graduate Diploma in Journalism Studies  
Bachelor of Education degree with Auckland University  
Diploma of Teaching with Auckland College of Education

## Work Experience:

Primary Teacher at Intermediate and Primary levels  
Editor of Kiwi Write4Kidz newsletter  
Co-ordinator of Kiwi Write4Kidz workshops

## Trade Books

'Homework Powerpack' published by Zenith Publishing (2005)  
'Bird's-eye View' published by Penguin Books (2006)  
'Operation Nest Egg' published by Reed (2007)  
'Dogs on the Job' to be published by Reed (2008)  
'Rangitoto' published by Penguin (May 2009)  
'Save Our Seas' published by New Holland (June 2009)  
'Eco-agents mission: Save our Planet' published by New Holland (Aug 2009)  
'New Zealand's Hall of Fame: 50 Remarkable Kiwi' published by New Holland (May 2011)  
'The Call of the Kokako' published by New Holland (May 2011)

## Articles and Short Stories:

'Flight of the Albatross' short story in School Journal Part 3, #2 2009, published by Learning Media  
'No More Tea Parties' short story in School Journal Part 3, #1 2010, published by Learning Media  
'Cat Attack' and 'Dog Operation' short stories in 'Claws & Jaws' Anthology) Edited by Barbara Else, published by Random House (2004)  
Articles published by Kids Life Magazine, Matakana Matters, Organic New Zealand, DANZ Magazine, Magpie Magazine (2005/6)

## Educational Books

'Clever Camouflage' published by Red Rockets (2006) Worldwide  
'Making Pancakes' published by Red Rockets (2007) Worldwide  
'Volcanoes' published by South Pacific Press (2008) America  
'Earth's Core' published by South Pacific Press (2008) America  
'Water: An Amazing Substance' published by South Pacific Press (2008) America  
'Local Leaders: Pass It On' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'Digging Up a Story: Water Across the Land' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'The Shape of the Land: Saving the Salmon' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'Growing Up: Savannah' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'Science at Play: Try this at Home' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'Inventions: Inventions Take Time' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'Inventions: Science Meets Fiction' published by Learning Media (2010) America  
'What a Mess' published by South Pacific Press (2010)

<b>Competitions and Awards:</b>	<p>'Save Our Seas' Storylines Notable Book (2010)</p> <p>'Rangitoto' shortlisted in the Non-Fiction category for the (2010) New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards.</p> <p>Second in a national writing competition 'Rodney Writes' in the Premier (published authors') category</p> <p>'Bird's-eye View' Storylines Notable Book (2007)</p> <p>'Bird's-eye View' shortlisted Elsie Locke Award, LIANZA Children's Book Awards (2007)</p>
<b>Interests:</b>	<p>Conservation issues, animal welfare, literature, education, dance, organic gardening</p>
<b>Belong to these Organisations:</b>	<p>New Zealand Book Council 'Writers in Schools'</p> <p>NZSA - New Zealand Society of Authors</p> <p>Storylines - Children's Literature of New Zealand Foundation</p> <p>KW4K - Kiwi Write4Kidz</p> <p>SCWBI - Society of Children's Book Writers &amp; Illustrators</p> <p>Forest &amp; Bird New Zealand</p> <p>Greenpeace</p> <p>S.P.C.A. - Society of Protection of Cruelty to Animals</p> <p>Motuora Restoration Society</p> <p>TOSSI - Tauwharanui protection society</p> <p>Sponsored a World Vision child for twelve years</p>
<b>Volunteer:</b>	<p>Help co-ordinate kiwi releases at Motuora Island for DOC</p> <p>Plant trees at Tauwharanui</p> <p>Write the newsletter and co-ordinate Kiwi Write4Kidz activities</p> <p>I review children's books written by New Zealand authors - Kids BooksNZ with Lorraine Orman from Kiwi Write4Kidz</p> <p>I'm on the committee (with Melinda Szymanik, Heather Arnold from Kiwi Write4Kidz, and Tessa Duder, Christine Young and Frances Plumpton from Storylines) organising Spinning Tales a nationwide conference for children's writers and illustrators, 1-3 April 2011</p>