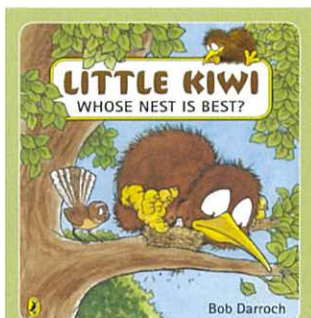




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BOOK TIP SHEET



### LITTLE KIWI

WHOSE NEST IS BEST?

by Bob Darroch

This is a lovely book about a little kiwi's search for a new home. Enjoy discovering the world of birds and their homes with your child.



Learning about our neighbouring countries and their cultures is a great way to develop your child's vocabulary and curiosity for new things. Encourage your child to develop their worldliness by reading different stories of other countries, looking at maps of where we are and how we would travel to another land, and learning about their food, sports, animals and culture.

#### BEFORE READING



- Read the title of the book to your child. Point out who Little Kiwi might be and the nest he is sitting in. Is it too big or too small for little kiwi? I wonder why he is in that small nest.
- Looking through the pages before reading, point out all the different birds you can see. Notice things about them that are different like colours, beaks and feet.

#### WHILE YOU ARE READING



- The illustrations in this story help to tell us more about why each home is not better for little kiwi. Help your child to notice the wrestling kaka birds, the cold damp waterfall and the teeny tiny nest of the fantail.
- As the little kiwi keeps looking for a new home ask your child 'I wonder where he might go?' Make suggestions as you read, 'maybe he should try somewhere quieter' or 'that would be very cosy, maybe he needs somewhere with more room'.

#### AFTER YOU FINISH READING



- The kiwi bird is native to New Zealand. On a map show your child where you live and where New Zealand is. You might talk about how you could travel there and any people you might know who are from New Zealand or have been there on holiday.
- You might like to take your child on a nature walk in your area and look for different birds. Try looking in the library for books on local birds like cockatoos, kookaburras or pelicans.