

Wiremu Weka Treks the Alps

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This charming children's book follows the adventures of Wiremu the Weka (a native bird of New Zealand) as he traverses the South Island of New Zealand. Not only is there the tale of his travels but we also can learn from the informative boxes scattered through the pages ... these manage to teach us about aspects introduced in the story (e.g Kunekune pigs and various scenic reserves). The South Island photographs and those of other animals and birds along the way are well chosen and the consistent background to the story is engaging. Kinsa Hays love of the environment and wish to bring attention to endangered birds along with her ability to write an engaging children's story shines through in this book. This would be a great gift which would also make a good addition to any children's library.

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