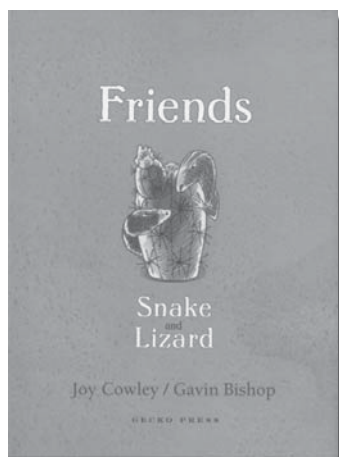




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Friends: Snake and Lizard

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Target age 6+

In *Friends: Snake and Lizard* the daily adventures of this lovable pair continue as they meet a frog without its croak, a nosy porcupine and many other creatures of the desert - even human beings. Although Snake and Lizard argue a lot, they remain the best of friends.



Joy Cowley's books are loved by children all around the world. Many of them have featured as finalists and winners in the Aim and New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards. Joy has been awarded the OBE for her services to children's writing and in 2004 was presented with the A W Reed Award for Contribution to New Zealand Literature.



Gavin Bishop is a children's writer of international as well as local reputation. As a picture book author and artist, he has published some 30 books that have been translated into eight languages and won numerous awards. His distinctive ink and watercolour illustrations are a feature of stories that are sometimes traditional, but always original.

Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Describe one or more human activities from the point of view of an animal (ie. preparing and cooking a meal).
2. Make a collage or webpage to describe your best friend.
3. Create a word find of animals you would find in the desert.
4. Create your very own imaginary desert creature. Draw it. What would it eat? Where would it live?
5. Create an adventure you and your best friend could go on. Design the map and activities along the way.



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Activity

Design a board game “Snakes and Lizards”...perhaps incorporating the other animals from the stories.