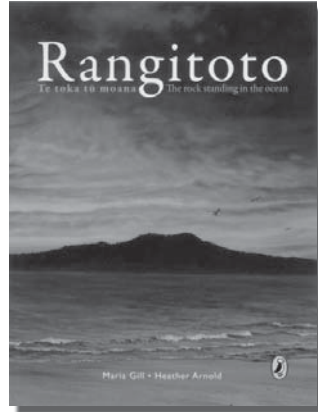




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## Rangitoto

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Target age 8+

*Rangitoto* tells the dramatic story of Auckland's most striking icon – its volcanic birth, the kaka's connection to Rangitoto, the imprint of humans on its fragile wildlife, and how the island's guardians are saving it today.



**Maria Gill** lives on a lifestyle farm in Matakana with her family and a menagerie of animals. Her first book for children *Bird's-eye View* was shortlisted for the LIANZA awards. It was also nominated by the Storylines Notable List as one of the top ten non-fiction books for 2006. Maria's books carry an environmental message and she says she tries to sneak in native birds somewhere.



**Heather Arnold** designed and illustrated five stamp issues for New Zealand Post and was the author, designer and illustrator for *Draw New Zealand Birds* – first published by Reed Publishing in 2007. It has since been reprinted under the imprint of Puffin (Penguin Group (NZ)). In 2008, it won a Storylines Notable Award for non-fiction and also the LIANZA Elsie Locke award for children's non-fiction.

## Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Rangitoto can be seen from many different parts of Auckland. Photograph or sketch Rangitoto from a particular perspective.  
Label the photograph "Rangitoto as seen from...."
2. Arrange a visit to Rangitoto.
3. Create a model of Rangitoto. Try to represent its shape accurately.
4. Research volcanic eruptions. What makes them erupt?
5. Make your own smouldering volcano.  
See the Suzy's World website for ideas: <http://www.suzy.co.nz/>.



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## Activity

Map the cones and volcanoes around Auckland City.

