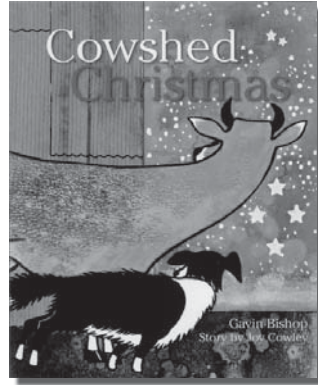




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Cowshed Christmas

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Target age 3+

All the farmyard animals come mooing, baaing, clucking, barking, quacking and meowing and they all come bearing true kiwi gifts such as a rugby ball, a pavlova, jandals, and a pull-along kiwi.

The classic Christmas story is given a New Zealand twist in this warm and evocative retelling.



Gavin Bishop is a renowned children's book author and illustrator. Many of Gavin's books have been shortlisted and won awards at the New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards, including the 2003 NZ Post Book of the Year for *Weaving Earth & Sky*. In 2008 Gavin established the Storylines Gavin Bishop Award for Picture Book Illustration.



Joy Cowley is one of New Zealand's most prolific and successful writers of children's books. Love, humour and a little twist at the end are key components of Joy's writing and she loves to meet children and hear what they think - about her stories and life in general.

Great Activity and Event Ideas

1. Find and name all the special kiwi objects/gifts that the animals bring to the cowshed door.
2. Organise a dress up parade of kiwi icons, eg. rugby balls, jandals, paua shells, kiwi fruit, a pavlova.
3. Design and make your own kiwi Christmas cards using some of the kiwi objects from the story.
4. Add to the story. What else do you think could happen? Who else might come to the cowshed door?
5. Read the original Christmas story of Jesus being born. What is different about the *Cowshed Christmas* version?



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Activity

Add another page to the story. Who is the extra visitor and what gift is he or she bringing to the cowshed door?