



Welcome to the Museletter!

Second edition!

Hot off the press (or at least off my keyboard!)

A monthly newsletter where I'll update you on my creative endeavours, books that I've enjoyed (with links where relevant), and some musings on the creative process.

Time is precious and I don't want to waste yours, so...

- The topic on everyone's mind - Coronavirus / Covid-19.

It's affected the world like nothing in our living memory.

My heart goes out to those who've suffered or are still suffering because of this.

One thing we've seen is that humanity proves that we actually can be kind and considerate (even if the Aussies do want to set up boxing rings in the supermarkets).

One thing I do know, we will never be the same after this - how our world looks and interacts will be extremely interesting to see unfold.

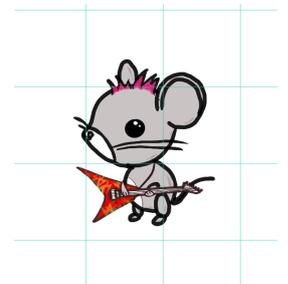
- My update: I've been watching tutorial videos for Adobe InDesign.

When I draw my picture books (on my iPad), they're saved as an RGB file - how we see it on the screen.

Printers need this to be converted to CMYK - a printable file, just as we see it on paper.

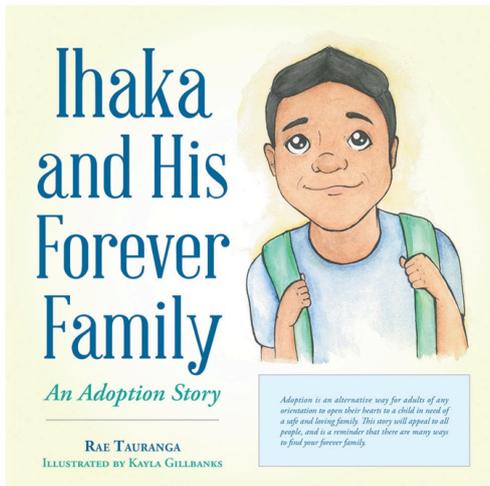
I haven't had the software, so my first two books were contracted out on Freelancer.

It wasn't cheap, and the contractor was very forgiving when I made a couple of mistakes, but I'd like to try to do this myself - so I can make any adjustments that I need, and to cut my costs.



- This month I'd like to recommend "**Ihaka and His Forever Family**" by Rae Tauranga.

It's a beautiful affirming book about Ihaka, a young boy and his adoption.



Told in rhyme it follows his birth, adoption, and his new family meeting him, and the promises and blessings they offer him.

It's a gentle, heartwarming story that simply tells of how a family chooses and accepts a child into their midst.

If you're looking for a way to help open the discussion about adoption, and let children develop an understanding of it, then this is a perfect place to start.

- if you have a book that you'd like to recommend, please drop me a line so I can include it!

- Photography.

Given that most of us have access to some form of digital camera, photography has never been easier.

Taking, tweaking, editing, framing, filtering, Instagramming and posting.

It seems everyone is sharing their love for cats, dogs, meals, meals, nature, meals, memes, and more meals. (I seriously don't understand why some people share so many photos of their lunch!)

Whatever your passion, you're sure to find something that will hold your attention - on Google, Instagram (type in a hashtag to search and follow a subject), and Pinterest.

In these uncertain days it can be soothing and reassuring to look at pictures of the things that inspire you.

- And just to make you groan:

They said masks and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket.

They lied - everyone else was wearing clothes!

Thanks for your time.

Max and I will 'see' you next month.

Mauri ora!

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