

# Kory: Flight of the Kiwi

## About the Author



Paul Martin is an illustrator and graphic designer. Paul lives in Hamilton, New Zealand, where he is the owner of

Riverstone Design Studio. He is married with two wonderful sons and this is his debut graphic novel.

The inspiration for this book 'Flight of the Kiwi', was drawn from his place of residence at the time of writing, France. Paul played professional rugby for Waikato, the Chiefs and in France for many years, and has had many adventures of his own.

## What the author says:

Over 10 years ago I was living in France, surrounded by interesting buildings and lots of history. I was the Kiwi who went on an adventure overseas. I went to play rugby and while there I had quite a lot of time to think.

My two passions in life have always been rugby and art. Make that three, I love books too! I decided to make the most of the time I had overseas and began sketching, visiting libraries, gathering research and noting down ideas.

My idea grew into the realisation "I am going to write a book". I knew I wanted to create a New Zealand main character, a hero that New Zealand children could relate to and of course every good hero needs a sidekick.

I selected a name that would go with Kiwi. Kory is not a commonly spelt name and has European origins, reflecting our New Zealand heritage. I had already created Gilbert my first comic strip, Inspector Gilbert The Green Gecko (Bert for short), in the early 1990's while I was studying design and illustration, at Waikato Institute of Technology. Both Kiwi and the Gecko are very special animals in New Zealand, so too are Kory and Bert. I brought these two characters to life and gave them anthropomorphic qualities in my book.

Inspiration was bountiful. I was in France with my lovely wife and newborn son. I needed to make the most of my time. So I prepared a synopsis, rough layout and 3 page colour samples and sent them to publishers. In the early 2000's the Graphic Novel industry was seen as new and publishers were not ready to take this risk unfortunately, just when I was.

I decided to continue with this project regardless. Once back in New Zealand the drawings and development of the book continued. It became more of a side-line project, as this was when I was focusing my attention on creating a Design Company- Riverstone Design Studio. Many years later, I decided to make my dream a reality and invested time to complete the book and money to publish it myself. My experience in the design industry allowed me the confidence to know I can do this, print it, promote it and sell it.

My book has taken off – proving two things- Kiwi really can fly and if you put your mind to it-anything can happen.

## Synopsis

Meet New Zealand's new action hero... with feathers!

In the North Island of New Zealand, there is a place called Whale Bay. It is here, a little brown kiwi calls home. Kory and his friend Bert the green gecko, enjoy surfing and fishing. Adventure tracks these two characters and Kory often needs to use his 'Kiwi ingenuity' to get out of tricky situations.

Far away in the French mountains, on the Swiss border there is a hunter. A wolf named Gregor is looking for new game. He has heard of the rare brown kiwi from New Zealand and thinks the kiwi would be a great addition to his trophy wall. After arriving in New Zealand he captures Kory's family and takes them back to Europe.

It is a race against time, as Kory and Bert set off to Europe and trek their way through the French mountains. They find themselves face to face with danger on their way to rescue Kory's family. Can Kory outwit this dangerous wolf and get him and his family out of trouble?

One rescue. One escape. One flight that will ruffle your feathers!

## Classroom Activities

### Kory – Flight of the Kiwi

is a book all about a flightless bird who finds himself risking his life, and the life of his friend, to save his family. They were being hunted because Kiwis are a rare and treasured species.

1. List as many rare and endangered species that you can think of.
2. If rare and endangered species all disappear they become extinct. Name 3 species you know that no longer exist.
3. Kory has many wonderful characteristics. Circle the ones you think he is:

Clever	Kind	Thoughtful
Innovative	Patient	Brave
Mean	Polite	Funny
Disorganised	Forgetful	

4. List 5 words that describe you:
5. Why do you think the author chose to use a Kiwi as the main character?
6. Look at the illustrations and using the detail to help you, write down 3 words to describe these characters.  
Gregor the Grey Wolf -  
Gilbert -  
Kory's Sister -  
Patch the Ferret -
7. Redesign the cover of the book using your favourite images from the story.
8. List the different types of transportation are featured or included in the story (surfing counts!)

## Classroom Activities

### Family Tree

9. Kory's family means everything to him. Here is his family tree.

Draw your family tree, you may need to add more ovals if you have lots of brothers and sisters.

Research the history of your family by talking to your parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles to see how far back you can trace your family and how large you can make your family tree.

10. Do you have a favourite character?

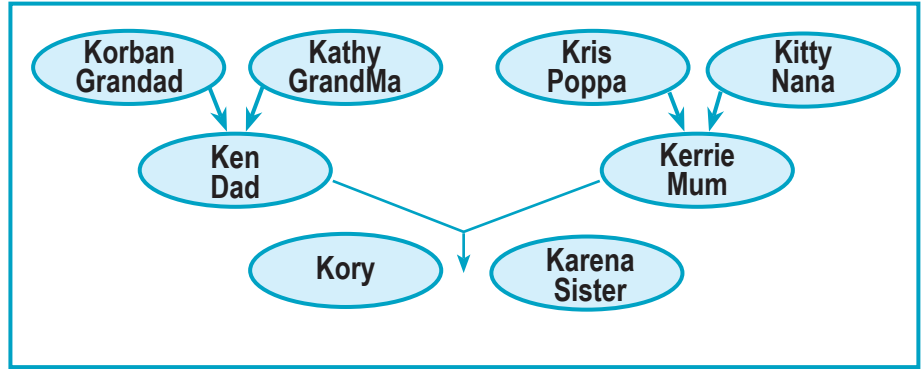
Which one is it? See if you can draw him / her here.

### Word Find

10. Help Kory find the missing words listed below. The words can be found vertically, horizontally and diagonally.

1. WOLF
2. HUNT
3. KIWI
4. GECKO
5. FISHING
6. SURFING
7. SNOW
8. RARE
9. KORY
10. BOAT

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My favourite character is:

T	A	W	S	U	U	W	U	S	N	O	W	U	U	T
U	U	W	W	S	U	I	Z	U	A	N	U	S	T	S
W	T	U	O	W	U	A	N	U	S	U	S	A	T	Y
O	W	W	O	L	A	N	S	S	I	A	A	U	N	S
W	O	A	A	O	F	S	N	M	A	F	W	W	H	R
O	O	U	F	P	R	I	A	H	N	I	N	N	U	T
S	U	R	F	I	N	G	R	O	N	S	A	E	N	D
S	A	B	Q	R	S	R	A	K	X	H	V	I	T	I
C	T	S	E	R	N	U	Y	D	C	I	G	J	H	L
N	O	O	A	R	A	U	S	N	R	N	N	C	E	K
K	U	R	A	B	A	R	Z	U	S	G	E	M	G	X
O	N	Z	U	R	I	S	E	Z	R	N	Z	E	E	S
R	C	S	S	A	I	S	B	N	O	O	N	C	C	B
Y	Z	T	S	I	B	O	A	T	S	H	E	T	K	S
T	S	T	K	I	W	I	U	S	E	E	R	I	O	Q
C	Z	S	N	G	H	J	K	L	D	E	Y	F	X	Z

More resources are available on my website:  
[www.korythekiwi.co.nz](http://www.korythekiwi.co.nz)

### WORD FIND ANSWERS.

T	S	Y	S	R	T	D	-	L	K	X	S	B	S	O	Z
U	T	T	N	H	U	N	T	H	E	G	E	C	K	O	X
U	S	A	U	W	N	E	-	J	C	M	E	C	T	I	F
W	U	S	A	W	N	A	V	G	N	E	Z	N	E	R	Y
O	N	D	A	F	S	H	I	N	G	N	O	H	E	R	E
N	A	S	I	A	N	Z	X	C	R	S	R	O	S	E	D
S	J	U	S	M	H	O	K	N	D	N	Z	N	S	L	
U	N	S	N	A	R	A	Y	S	N	E	B	A	J	K	
W	-	A	N	S	-	I	G	R	U	J	E	-	S	-	J
U	J	D	A	S	R	Z	N	S	N	A	I	B	W	H	
W	J	W	O	O	F	P	R	I	A	H	N	I	W	H	
S	W	O	O	A	F	F	Q	E	R	A	B	R	I	G	
W	J	W	A	U	R	B	O	R	Z	S	S	I	K	N	
A	U	T	W	O	O	J	A	T	O	U	N	C	T	S	N
T	J	W	O	W	O	S	-	S	C	N	K	O	R	Y	T