

It's nearly August and Hamilton Book Month is about to get underway! We'd love to have you along. See <http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018> for details on all 20 events (15 are free) including our life writing and fiction panels, a play, travel writing and fiction writing workshops, a seminar, storytelling, poetry open mic, a comedian, illustration and design panel plus more!

There are three public events during our first week.

### ***Literary Pub Quiz***

The Londoner, 596 Victoria Street, Hamilton

Thursday 2 August, 6-9pm. Door sales \$10 per person, cash only

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/literary-pub-quiz>



Like a bit of friendly competition? Think your book group is pretty well read? Auteur House are running a special literary themed pub quiz with eight rounds of ten questions each, plus an additional list round and numerous spot prizes. Come prepared as a team or join one on the night. Teams or individuals can register via the Auteur House Facebook page, email or phone Auteur House on (07) 8342485.

## ***NZ Children's and YA Book Awards reviewed***

Berkley Normal Middle School Library, 26 Berkley Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton

Thursday 2 August, 6.30-9pm, Free event.

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/nz-children-s-and-ya-book-awards-ev>

The Waikato Children's Literature Association will once again have a *NZ Children's and YA Book Awards* review night and suggest winners. Students from Berkley Normal Middle School will talk about the Junior Fiction category and WCLA members will review the Picture Book, Non-Fiction, Young Adult, Illustration and New Book categories. Have a look at the list of finalists and come along to hear them discussed.



## ***Rocket Storytime***

Chartwell Library, Lynden Court, Hamilton

Saturday 4 August, 11am-12pm. Free event.

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/rocket-storytime>

3.2.1. BLAST OFF... ! Join us for storytime featuring children's books by New Zealand authors during Hamilton Book Month. Come and enjoy a hot coffee or hot chocolate on us. Illustrator Deborah Hinde will be reading a story and talking about her typical work day. Join her in a drawing activity using thumb prints.

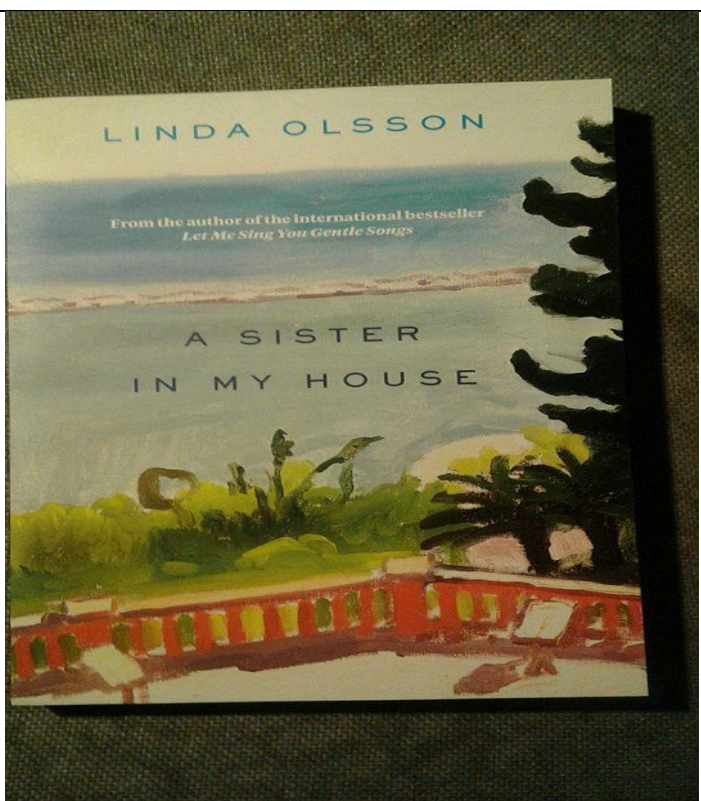
Deborah Hinde has illustrated over 70 books, fiction and nonfiction. Her first picture book, *A Kiwi Night Before Christmas* (Scholastic NZ, 2003), is a New Zealand classic with a companion title scheduled for release later this year. She has illustrated another 34 books including the award-winning *Te Reo Singalong* series and more recently the best-selling children's book for 2017, *Moo and Moo and the Little Calf Too* (Allen & Unwin, 2017). In 2018 Deborah received a Storylines Notable Book Award for illustrating *The Spaghetti Giraffe* (Flat Bed Press, 2017).



## Competition

We have a copy of Linda Olsson's latest book *A Sister in my House* to give away. This is a moving and heart-warming story of two sisters negotiating personal tragedies, past alienation and their own failings to try to come together in understanding and love.

To enter the competition, email [hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com) with your answer to the question "What is another book that Linda Olsson has written?" The winner must be able to collect the book from one of our Hamilton Book Month events.



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