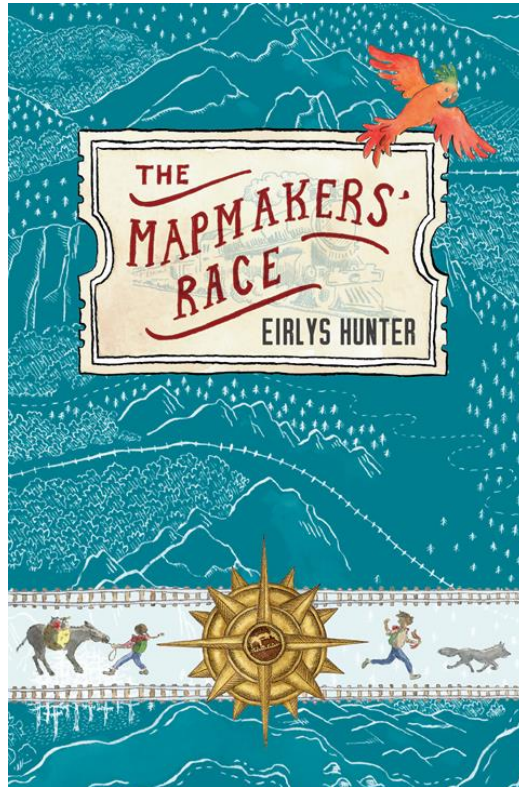


The Mapmakers' Race

Eirlys Hunter - Illus. Kirsten Slade

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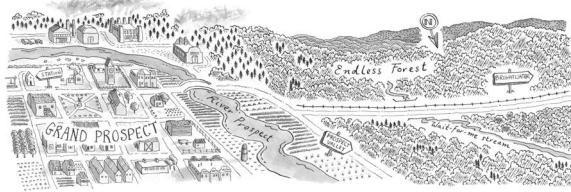
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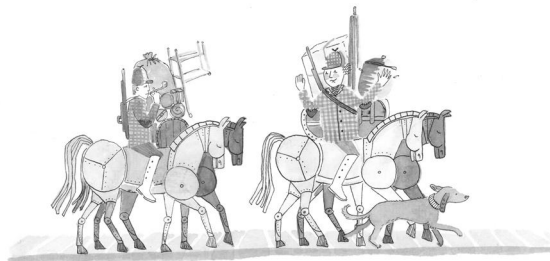


They have twenty-eight days to find and map the best route. There'll be bears, bees, bats, river crossings, cliff falls, impossible weather—but worst of all, they're racing five teams of adults who don't play by the rules.

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Author **James Russell** said he *loved it so much he couldn't wait for the release to review it for [lesse Mulligan on Radio NZ...](#)*


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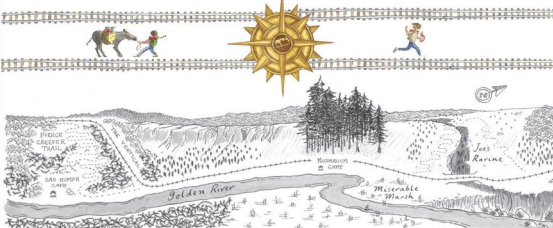
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Eirlys Hunter shares her favourite children's books: "The list includes books I loved as a child, books that I read to my children, books that I have made my students read, a book by an ex-student and one of my three-year-old grandson's favourites. Caveat: this is today's list. Next week's list will be different." **List available [here](#).**

Portrait by Kirsten Slade

For more information about *The Mapmakers' Race* click [here](#) and for any enquiries please email us at office@geckopress.com



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