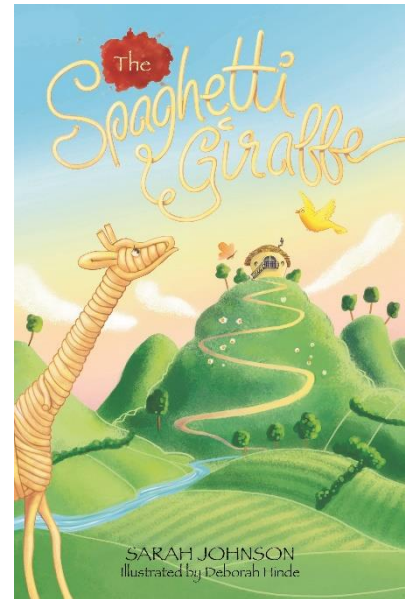


The Spaghetti Giraffe, by Sarah Johnson

**Exploding cakes, flying plates and somersaulting pots.
Welcome to Mina Cucina's wondrous kitchen – but get
ready to duck!**

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The story

When fumble-handed cook Mina Cucina drops the spaghetti pot, a new animal is born. As the Spaghetti Giraffe soon learns, he is not the only kitchen animal formed from Mina Cucina's culinary disasters.

The Spaghetti Giraffe tells the delightful story of the Spaghetti Giraffe and his quirky friends in their quest to help Mina Cucina enter the Great Bonbon Confectionation – the biggest baking competition the valley's ever seen. All she needs is a cake. A cake that doesn't erupt, take flight or explode.

The Spaghetti Giraffe is the first book in a planned trilogy.

The author

Sarah Johnson lives with her family at Whaingaroa Raglan in the North Island of New Zealand. *The Spaghetti Giraffe* is her fourth trade book for children to be published in New Zealand.

Sarah's previous book *The Bold Ship Phenomenal* (Flat Bed Press, 2015) was shortlisted for the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young People 2016 in the junior fiction category, won a Storylines Notable Book Award in 2016, and was shortlisted for the 2013 Kobo/NZ Authors E-publishing Prize.

Sarah won the Joy Cowley Award 2011 for her picture book, *Wooden Arms* (Scholastic NZ, 2012), which is also available in te reo Māori as *Poupou Tauawhi* (Scholastic NZ, 2012). Her previous chapter book, *Ella and Ob* (Scholastic NZ, 2008), was shortlisted for the 2006 Tom Fitzgibbon Award.



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