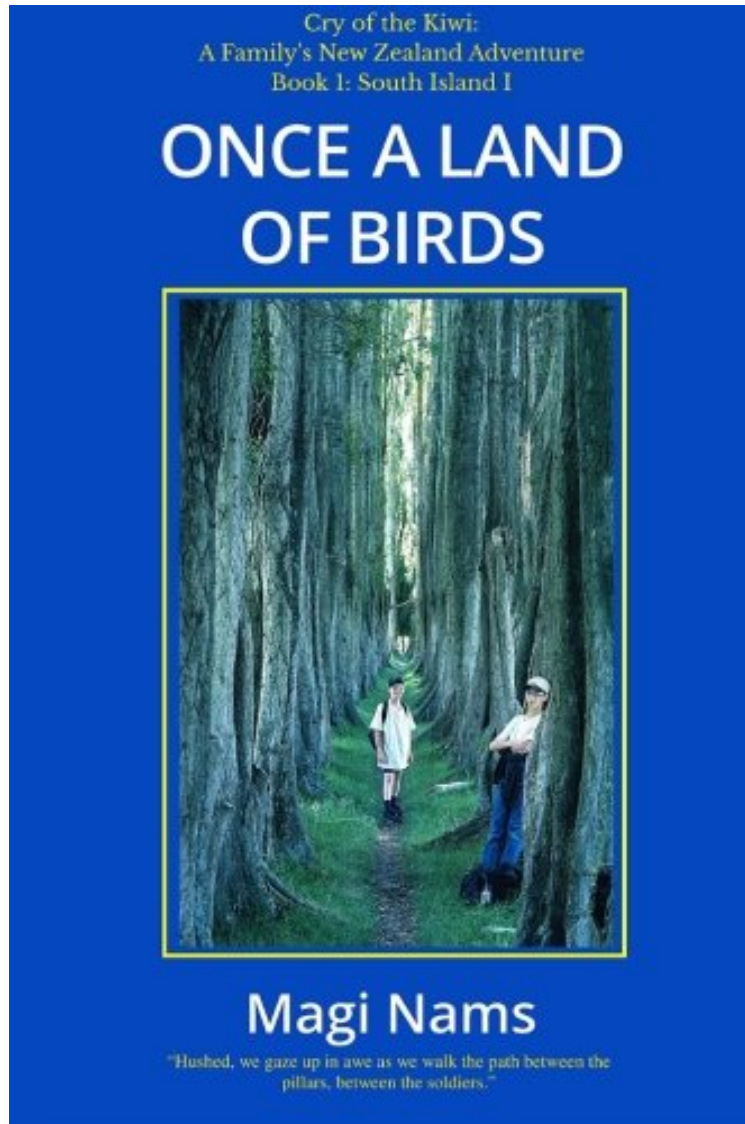


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of mind, body and spirit. A dream they dared to hope for. Magi's writing takes you from the space of disbelief to one of action. The immediacy of the family to be as involved in the community as possible is made known by sports and activities for the boys in the community along with varied hikes in the area. You are immersed in vegetation, facts on bird and animal life and the entire experience. The photos included are the icing on the cake. New Zealand is a wonderful place to be and Magi's writing re-aquainted me with places I only visited in the span of a quick 2 week bus tour. Her writing leaves nothing unturned and you experience the people, the life and the nature of this beautiful country. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Magi's Taste of New Zealand By Customer After reading Once A Land Of Birds, I came away with a yearning to visit the beautiful country of New Zealand. Magi's writing has such lyrical quality; I thought her prose could be put to music. Her extensive use of colourful adjectives painted a vivid picture of the land, the animals and particularly the birds that make this country their home. She also describes the amazing experience her whole family had during their stay in New Zealand from the many joys to some of the challenges of adjusting to this country and its culture so far away from their family home in Nova Scotia. I am looking forward to reading book II in the trilogy Cry of the Kiwi- This Dark Sheltering Forest. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A really good read! By Monica Graham In her book Once a Land of Birds, Magi Nams serves up a delicious taste of life in New Zealand, but it's not just a travel book. It also describes her family's adventures in their temporarily adopted country; and gives accurate and interesting descriptions of NZ geography, history and flora and fauna. AND Magi provides photos, a map or two, a glossary and reference notes. But it's not a dry scientific treatise either. Written as a diary, the book engages the reader in the Nams family dynamic as Magi, her husband and two young sons settle down to life, work and school in a land far from their home in Nova Scotia, Canada. Well-written, well-researched and well-documented, it's well worth the read. I'm looking forward to reading her next two books in this trilogy.

ONE FAMILY TEN MONTHS LIVING A DREAM Cry of the Kiwi: A Family's New Zealand Adventure Explore New Zealand's spectacular landscapes with an award-winning nature writer. Escape into more than 80 outdoor adventures, including wildlife research aimed at aiding endangered kiwi. Learn intriguing ecological and historical facts about the final large landmass to be populated by humans. Delve into Kiwi culture as experienced by a quirky homeschooling family. Once a Land of Birds is Book 1 in the trilogy, Cry of the Kiwi: A Family's New Zealand Adventure. As a writer, naturalist, and homeschooling parent, Magi Nams had dreamed of travelling with her family to far-away countries to hike through landscapes inhabited by exotic animals and plants. In the summer of 2000, her dream came true when she, her scientist husband, Vilis, and two sons, Dainis and Janis, left their home in Canada to spend ten months in New Zealand. In Once a Land of Birds, the Nams plunge into their travel adventure of a lifetime in a land of volcanoes, giant trees, and endangered flightless birds. Keen for adventure and surrounded by South Island's spectacular landscapes, they scramble up dormant volcanoes on Banks Peninsula, hike through Buller District's rain-swept, mountain-crowded valleys, and nearly get run over by a thrill-seeking mountain biker in the foothills of the Southern Alps. They tramp over windswept pastures, watch penguins swim ashore at Oamaru, slide into a gully to find native palm trees in a rich coastal forest, and ride horses through glacier-carved Dart River Valley near Queenstown, the self-proclaimed Adventure Capital of the World. Amid violent rain storms, hail, and scorching heat, the Nams settle into small-town life in Lincoln. Vilis begins his stoat research aimed at helping to rid New Zealand of stoats, public enemy number one of New Zealand's birds. Magi and the boys learn that New Zealand was the last large landmass to be populated by humans and delve into the history of this "land of birds" and its settlement by Maori and Europeans. The boys immerse themselves in Cubs and Scouts, figure skating, and tennis. They share a magical moment with black swans and strive to overcome a danger inherent in homeschooling far from home. Along the way, Magi Nams portrays New Zealand's landscapes with vivid imagery and reflects on the impact of invasive species on the ecology of New Zealand's fragile native ecosystems, and the challenges inherent in living and homeschooling abroad. Readers' praise for Once a Land of Birds: "Magi Nams serves up a delicious taste of life in New Zealand... Well-written, well-researched and well-documented, it's well worth the read. I'm looking forward to reading her next two books in this trilogy." Monica Graham "Once a Land of Birds envelopes you into one family's decision to uproot for a period of time on an adventure. An adventure of mind, body and spirit. A dream they dared to hope for... Her writing leaves nothing unturned and you experience the people, the life and the nature of this beautiful country." Tara C. MacDonald "The author paints a brilliant picture of the landscape, their experiences and I learned alot about a place I've often fantasized about visiting, which is a bonus. It's non-fiction, and a very pleasant and yet compelling read. Highly recommended." Michelle Helliwell Other books by Magi Nams in the Cry of the Kiwi trilogy: This Dark Sheltering Forest Tang of the Tasman Sea New Zealand, family travel adventure, homeschooling abroad, New Zealand outdoor adventure, New Zealand history, New Zealand nature, travel writing Books Travel Specialty Travel Family Travel Books Travel Travel Writing Books Travel Reference Books Sports Outdoors Nature Travel Adventure Books Sports Outdoors Outdoor Recreation Hiking

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plant ecology. She is the author of the family travel adventure trilogy *Cry of the Kiwi: A Family's New Zealand Adventure*. She lives in Nova Scotia, Canada, with her husband, and enjoys birding, gardening, exploring the natural world, and travelling to faraway places with spectacular landscapes and fascinating wildlife.