

**T is for tuatara - Amazing animals from A to Z**

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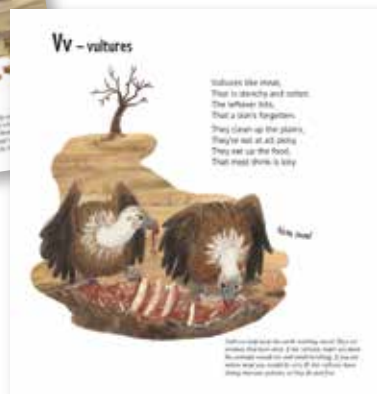
**Crazy critters with feathers or scales  
Some with claws, and many with tails  
Some make you smile  
Some fill you with dread  
Beginning with A and ending with Z**

*Tuatara Tia has a birthday in a week,  
She's turning ninety-seven,  
so her friends have planned a feast ...*

*T is for Tuatara: Amazing animals from A to Z* is an alphabet book unlike any other. From the author of the popular *Doggy Ditties from A to Z* (Scholastic NZ). Inspiration for this new set of delightful silly ditties comes from weird and wonderful creatures from all over the globe. Beginning with aardvark and ending in zebu, with a selection of crazy birds, reptiles, mammals and fish in between the rhymes and limericks are bound to make kids giggle.

Did you know dugongs only eat sea grass?  
And that yellow-eyed penguins are the rarest of the 18 species of penguin?

*T is for Tuatara: Amazing animals from A to Z* can be used to teach the alphabet, teach poetry techniques and animal facts, in a fun way.



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**T is for tuatara and the New Zealand curriculum**

- thinking - some of the poems make subjective statements about the creatures.
- using language, symbols and texts - the text is full of descriptive writing, poetic devices and colourful verse, encouraging the reader to use interesting words in their writing.
- managing self - this book is an excellent resource for independent research.
- relating to others - many of the creatures are quite unusual looking and confrontational.
- participating and contributing - this book is ideal to use in small groups where children can share poems and facts with each other, or as a class activity.