

Writers let loose in Te Papa - awesome

THE CURIOSEUM: COLLECTED STORIES OF THE ODD AND MARVELLOUS

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THE national museum, Te Papa Tongarewa: The Museum of New Zealand is an awesome place – but there are a couple of problems.

For one thing, it is in Wellington, which can seem like an awesomely long way away.

For another, even the clever people at Te Papa can't possibly display all of their awesome stuff at one time.

The answer, thought the team at in-house publisher Te Papa Press, is obvious: Get together a bunch of awesome writers and let them loose in the back-rooms of the national museum.

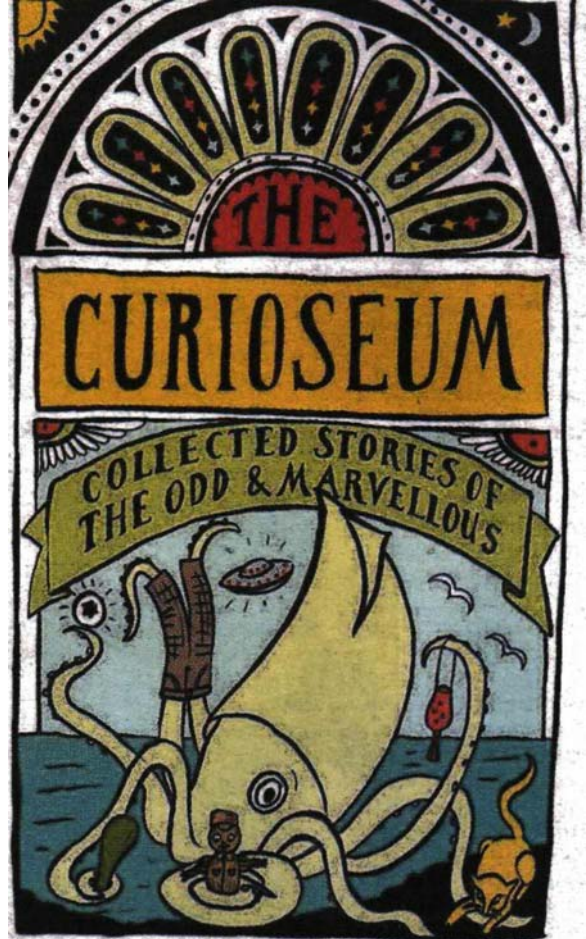
Te Papa snuck 22 of New Zealand's best children's authors into its collection spaces and invited them to choose one trinket or treasure as a starting point for an awesomely imaginative journey.

The result is *The Curioseum: Collected Stories of the Odd and Marvellous*, a light little book — awesomely illustrated by Sarah Laing — made up of stories and poems for 8-to-12 year olds, each inspired by the artefact of the writer's choice.

Maori mythology and man-made wars.

A funny cat and a fold-up boy. Disaster, a dunderhead and a dog-skin cloak. They're all there in their imaginative glory.

Wild, weird and wonderful . . . *The Curioseum* is, well, awesome. Go get curious. — KDW



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