



CRICKET CRAZY

by Vivienne Bailey (Kāpiti Coast author)

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Selling points

- A novel for young readers (particularly keen cricketers) about NZ's favourite summer game.
- Will appeal to both boys and girls – the story involves cricket-crazy Tom and star all-rounder Izzy.
- A short novel that is a manageable length – perfect for not-so-confident readers.
- By the publishers of NZ Book Awards finalist *Time Machine* and other stories and Storylines Notable *Book Avis* and *the Promise of Dragons*.

About the author

Vivienne Bailey is a Kāpiti Coast writer with a public library background. Her journalism has appeared in magazines and newspapers, and her short stories have won and been shortlisted in national competitions and published in anthologies and online journals, including *Fresh Ink: A Collection of Voices from Aotearoa New Zealand 2019*. She is writing a collection of crime stories. *Cricket Crazy* is her first novel.

Tom Willard is a cricket-crazy eleven-year-old who lives in Wellington with solo dad, Dave, and Archie the dog.

He dreams of making the junior rep cricket squad and playing at the fabled Basin Reserve, but his prized cricket bat has disappeared and he's got to face Menace Mitchell, "the bowler from hell".

Just when Tom thinks things couldn't get any worse, his dad's dog-hating girlfriend moves in. But then he meets Izzy, a star all-rounder, and things start to look up – or do they?



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