



under the radar

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SELLING POINTS

- Sequel to the bestselling, children's book awards finalist *Slice of Heaven* (Mākarō Press, 2018)
- Set in a South Auckland high school with authentic characters and their families: Sāmoan, Tongan, Vietnamese, Indian, Fijian.
- By the publishers of NZ Book Awards finalist *Time Machine* and other stories.

Des O'Leary started life in Greymouth and has taught at high schools in Fiji, Whakatāne and Kerikeri, and at Aorere College in South Auckland, which inspired *A Slice of Heaven* and the sequel, *Under the Radar*.

Des lives in Tauranga with his wife, Hazel.

Praise for *Slice of Heaven*

"Firmly and proudly located in South Auckland where I grew up ... boy, I really enjoyed Slice of Heaven."

— CHRIS SZEKELY

"read aloud funny" — TREVOR AGNEW

It's another year at da MEHS for Sione and his mates, and so far Manawahe East High is living up to its other name of 'heart attack high school'. For a start there are the girls like Lani and Wiki and the way they make things so complicated, and the mysterious new girl who's somehow Sione's responsibility. As if that wasn't enough, some of his old softball team have become wannabe gangstas and are putting pressure on him to join their crew. Outside the schoolyard, real gangs are circling, and a giant guy called Turtle has Sione in his sights. It seems that Sione's plan to stay under the radar this year is harder than he thought.

With the same laugh-out-loud humour and street-wise storytelling, *Under the Radar* is the sequel to 2019 Children's Book Awards finalist *Slice of Heaven*.



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