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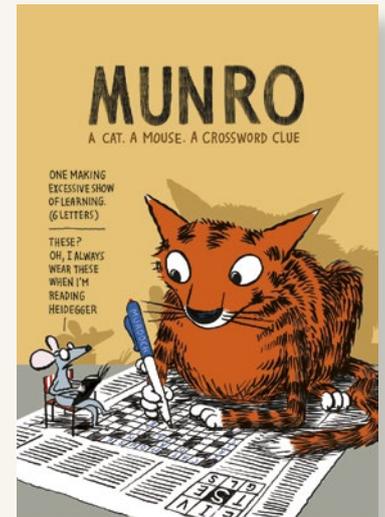
SHARON MURDOCH

Every morning, in a quiet corner of the kitchen, the puzzle page from the newspaper mysteriously appears beneath Munro the cat's food bowl. Munro and Mouse ponder the clues. But they don't always come up with the right answers.

Munro is a collection of this crossword cat's cartoons from Sharon Murdoch, New Zealand's Cartoonist of the Year for the last three years.

As author Elizabeth Knox says in her introduction, 'Munro is a recognisable cat who does things familiar to cat owners: the fastidious washing between his toes, the determined sleeping in a tight ball, the turned-back and ears set at an irritable horizontal, upside down paper-shredding, and bristling displeasure. ... The fact the cat reads, takes mice for rides, goes ice-skating, and that birds have bicycles, is the buoyant part of the art. The peculiar joy of it all!'

This delightful treasure of a book is a must for anyone who likes cartoons, cats, puzzles, animals or little worlds.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

SHARON MURDOCH has worked as a "pooper-scooper" at dog shows; spent seasons hay-baling, steam-cleaning railway wagons, and did one memorable stint in a bottling factory where she got herself stuck in a conveyor belt. Trained as a graphic designer, she began cartooning in her 50s, and is now a political cartoonist for Stuff newspapers and stuff.co.nz, and draws the Munro cartoon three days a week for Stuff's daily papers. Sharon won Canon Media Awards Cartoonist of the Year in 2016 and 2017, Voyager Media Awards Cartoonist of the Year in 2018, and is the first woman to regularly draw political cartoons for a daily newspaper in New Zealand. In 2017 Murdoch was inducted into the Massey University College of Creative Arts Hall of Fame.

In 2016 Potton & Burton published a collection of Murdoch's political cartoons titled *Murdoch: The Political Cartoons of Sharon Murdoch with Commentary by Melinda Johnston*. Cartoonist Dylan Horrocks has described her as a 'national treasure'.

SHARON MURDOCH IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW / EXTRACTS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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