

README.md

Kiwi Caravan Chronicles – GPT Project Starter Pack

This folder is a starter instruction set for a GPT Project focused on a **kids / young adult mystery-adventure novel series** about a family travelling around **New Zealand in a caravan** and stumbling into strange, magical, funny, and emotional adventures.

Core concept

A family holiday series with:

- **episodic adventures** in different NZ locations
- a **larger ongoing mystery** that slowly unfolds across the whole book or series
- a tone that blends:
 - weird wonder
 - family warmth
 - humour
 - heartfelt character moments
 - light spooky mystery

Main inspiration targets

Use the **energy**, not the exact formula, of:

- *Gravity Falls* – hidden clues, recurring mysteries, odd local legends
- *Adventure Time* – whimsy, emotion, surreal logic, memorable side characters
- *The Amazing Digital Circus* – strangeness, heightened reality, unsettling-but-playful atmosphere

Suggested age range

- **Primary target:** 8–14
- Works best if written so adults can also enjoy it

How to use this folder in a GPT Project

Load these markdown files into the Project so the GPT can use them as a shared “series bible.”

Recommended order of importance:

1. `00_PROJECT_SYSTEM_PROMPT.md`
2. `01_SERIES_BIBLE.md`
3. `03_FAMILY_CHARACTER_BIBLE.md`
4. `07_OVERARCHING_MYSTERY_ARC.md`
5. `08_CHAPTER_FRAMEWORK.md`
6. the rest as needed

File guide

- `00_PROJECT_SYSTEM_PROMPT.md` – master rules for the GPT
- `01_SERIES_BIBLE.md` – premise, pillars, age/tone rules, what the story is trying to be
- `02_TONE_AND_STYLE_GUIDE.md` – voice, humour, pacing, emotional balance
- `03_FAMILY_CHARACTER_BIBLE.md` – core family characters
- `04_SUPPORTING_CAST_AND_NPCs.md` – relatives, recurring NPCs, side-character rules
- `05_MAGICAL_CREATURES.md` – good, bad, weird, and morally grey magical beings
- `06_LOCATIONS_AND_HOLIDAY_ADVENTURES.md` – NZ adventure hooks and episode-style story seeds
- `07_OVERARCHING_MYSTERY_ARC.md` – the big mystery threading through the whole novel/series
- `08_CHAPTER_FRAMEWORK.md` – chapter templates, structure, and progression
- `09_IMAGE_PROMPT_GUIDE.md` – consistent prompts for cover art, scenes, creatures, and maps
- `10_CONTINUITY_TRACKER_TEMPLATE.md` – story memory and continuity logging
- `11_WORKFLOWS_AND_USEFUL_PROMPTS.md` – practical prompts for using the GPT project

Suggested series title ideas

Some options:

- **The Caravan at the Edge of Everywhere**
- **The Kiwi Caravan Chronicles**
- **The Secret Roads of Aotearoa**
- **The Holiday of Impossible Things**
- **The Map Beneath the Motorhome**
- **The Lantern Roads**

Best recommended default title

The Kiwi Caravan Chronicles

It is direct, readable, and gives the project a clean umbrella name even if the first book gets its own subtitle.

Strong first-book subtitle ideas

- **Book 1: The Road That Wasn't on Any Map**

- **Book 1: The Town Beneath the Campground**
- **Book 1: The Fog at Tūi Bay**
- **Book 1: The Carnival in the Pines**
- **Book 1: The Moonlit Detour**

Best recommended first-book setup

For the strongest “episodic but connected” structure, start with:

Series name: *The Kiwi Caravan Chronicles*

Book 1 title: *The Road That Wasn't on Any Map*

That gives you:

- a travel setup
- a mystery hook
- room for magical detours
- a strong through-line across chapters

Practical recommendation

Use this folder as the **brain** of the project.

Then, for actual drafting, make a second folder later for:

- outlines
- chapter drafts
- rewritten scenes
- image outputs
- continuity snapshots

A novel without a continuity bible is basically a caravan with one loose wheel. It might still move, but not in the direction you wanted.

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