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# Under the Mountain

## MAURICE GEE

First published in 1979, this children's classic by award-winning Maurice Gee is now a major motion picture event: In cinemas from 10 December, starring Sam Neill.

To celebrate Penguin Group (NZ) will release a special film-tie in edition.

*Beneath the extinct volcanoes surrounding the city, giant creatures are waking from a spellbound sleep that has lasted thousands of years. Their goal is the destruction of the world.*

*Rachel and Theo Matheson are twins. Apart from having red hair, there is nothing remarkable about them – or so they think. They are horrified to discover that they have a strange and awesome destiny. Only the Matheson twins can save the world from the terror of what is under the mountain.*

**Maurice Gee** is one of New Zealand's best known writers, for both adults and children. He has won a number of literary awards, including the Wattie Award, the Deutz Medal for Fiction and the New Zealand Fiction Award. He has also won the New Zealand Children's Book of the Year Award. In 2003 he received an inaugural New Zealand Icon Award and in 2004 he received a Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement.

Maurice lives in Nelson with his wife Margareta, and has two daughters and a son.

### BY MAURICE GEE

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*Access Road*  
*The Big Season*  
*A Special Flower*  
*In My Father's Den*  
*Games of Choice*  
*Plumb*  
*Meg*  
*Sole Survivor*  
*Prowlers*  
*The Burning Boy*  
*Going West*  
*Crime Story*  
*Loving Ways*  
*Live Bodies*

*Ellie and the Shadow Man*  
*The Scornful Moon*  
*Blindsight*  
*Access Road*

#### STORIES

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*Comrade*  
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*Under the Mountain*  
*The World Around the*  
*Corner*  
*The Halfmen of O*  
*The Priests of Ferris*  
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*The Chamption*  
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*The Fat Man*  
*Hostel Girl*  
*Salt*  
*Gool*

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