

# **`The Whale Rider'**

## **Summary**

**`The Whale Rider' by Witi Ihimaera tells the story of Kahu, a young Māori girl in New Zealand who seeks to be worthy to become the leader of her tribe. Despite her grandfather belief that leadership should pass on to a male heir, Kahu's bond with the whales and the ocean reveals her true potential.**



## **Characters**

**The main characters of `The Whale Rider' are:**

**1. Kahu / Paikea : The protagonist of the story**



**2. Koro Apirana : Kahu's grandfather**



**3. Nanny Flowers : Kahu's grandmother**



**4. Porourangi : Kahu's father**



## **My opinion about the story**

**I like the story because, it challenges traditional gender roles. Kahu's determination to prove herself as a capable leader, being a girl, inspires me. It's empowering to see a female fighting for her place in a patriarchal society.**

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