

COLLOQUY

JEFF GRANT writes:

In ‘Mirror Palindromes’ in the latest *Word Ways*, Darryl Francis expands Dmitri Borgmann’s concept of ‘mirror palindromes’ (*Language on Vacation*, 1965) with new long examples such as AMYOTAXIA (9), THYOMATA (9), THAMMATTAMA (11) and THAUMATOMYIA (12). Darryl challenges readers to find a 13-letter example, or longer. Here are some extreme ‘mirror palindromes’, two of which are localities in New Zealand.

WAIWHATAWHATA (13) the name of several streams in the North Island, New Zealand
(geonames.org)

MOUTH-TO-MOUTH (14 characters) designating a method of artificial respiration (*Chambers
Dictionary*) Darryl found this one.

TAUMATAWHAUWHAU (15) a mountain in Northland, New Zealand (geonames.org)

ANIL announces a new book entitled *Silly Animal Rhymes and Stories A to Z* for which he received a Purple Dragonfly Award for Excellence in Children’s Literature in the humor category. The book is for ages 2-102 (not suitable for truly old people) and illustrated by Halpart.

Dave Morice lends the following strong endorsement:

Anil’s new book is a gem? Fun and funny text and fun and funny artwork. Really creative. The structure of the book is so clever and Mary Jo and I laughed out loud. It’s a nonsense masterpiece, right up there in the bookshelf next to Edward Lear’s “Owl and the Pussy-cat” and Dr. Seuss’s “on Beyond Zebra.” I love it.