Kameta, Tepora. (2009) *Ngā Kōrero o Nehe Noa – Ancient Myth and Legend*  
First Edition Publishers, Wellington NZ.

A comprehensive collection of Māori myth, legend and history has been combined in the one book by Tepora Kameta. Written partly in English and partly in Māori, the book covers everything from the creation of Māori to the present day. A range of classic myths are covered as well as an intensive look into the history of the Ngāti Pikiao. Māori grammatical terms are explained making for an indispensable resource in Māori mythology. This book is written in bilingual text.

Reed, A.W. (2006) *Legends of Rotorua*  
Reed Publishing, Auckland NZ.

Alexander Wyclif Reed (1908-1979) was educated at Mt Albert Grammar School. Reed wrote more than 200 book’s himself, with a range of reference works and popular accounts of Māori culture. The thermal region is indeed the home of many myths and legends; this book is a small sampling of those stories. Included are the popular tales however this includes some lesser known tales that are equally deserving of preservation. This book is written in English.

Stafford, Don (1999) *Pakiwaitara: Te Arawa Stories of Rotorua*  
Reed Publishing, Auckland NZ

Don Stafford has lived in Rotorua almost all his life. As a young boy, sitting by the stove in his father’s store, he would listen to the stories of the elderly people who came to shop there. Together, they represent an important record of Rotorua’s oral tradition. Many of the buildings and other landmarks featured in the stories can still be seen in Rotorua today, a reminder that history is with us in our daily life. This book is written in English.

Szekely, Chris (2013) *Swim*  
Huia Publishers, Wellington NZ.

Chris works for the National Library of New Zealand where he is the Chief Librarian of the Alexander Turnbull Library - the first Māori person in this position. In the legend, Hinemoa falls in love with Tutanekai, but Hinemoa’s father considers him unsuitable. Guided by the light of the moon and the sound of Tūtānekai’s flute, Hinemoa sets out to swim the lake so she can be united with Tutanekai. This is a very famous love legend from Rotorua; this book is available in both Māori and English.
Wiremu Maihi Te Rangikāheke (1815-1896) was a descendant of Ngati Rangiwehe people, an author, leader, historian and politician; his writings were some of the first accounts of Māori history and culture. The book is written in English and Māori, edited with translation and commentary by Agathe Thornton; this version of the book gives the Te Arawa account. This book is written in Māori and English.

Beatrice Piatarihi Tui Yates (1939 - ) Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Whakaue mother, teacher, aunty and children’s author was the first Itinerant teacher to introduce reo Māori books to the children of Rotorua. This book is about Ihenga peacemaker and an intrepid explorer naming most of the places around the Rotorua area, including the mountains, rivers and lakes. This book is bilingual in approach, has beautiful illustrations with diagrams of his journey, whakapapa diagram, a short biography and more book titles.

Some of these authors have written other books that focus on Te Arawa content also; these titles must be considered. Below is a short list of titles; for more information please use the search catalogue and/or ask a librarian.

Alpers, A – Māori Myths and Tribal Legends. 398.2z ALP
Cowan, James - Fairy folk tales of the Māori. 398.2z COW
Reed, A. W – Taniwha, Giants and Supernatural Creatures 398.2z REE
Simmons, David - Māori tales of love, war & mana 398.2z SIM
Stafford, Don – Te Arawa Land Marks Volumes 1 & 2 993.423
Te Rangikāheke, Wiremu Maihi – Te Rangikāheke Manuscripts DSR
Te Uremutu, Eruera. - Some Arawa legends. 398.2z TEU
White Fey Folk. – Legends of the Patupaiarehe. 398.2z LEG
Winitana, Chris. – Legends of Aotearoa. 398.2z WIN
Yates, Beatrice. - Tama Te Kapua. 398.2z YEA