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Professor Fred Hollows (Aussie Heroes) by Hazel Edwards, illustrated by Pat Reynolds (New Frontier Publishing)

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Fred Hollows is a worthy addition to New Frontier Publishing's excellent Aussie Heroes series. This series brings to children those Australians who have excelled in their field and made a difference not only to Australia but to the world.

This is exactly what Hollows did. Born in New Zealand, he qualified as an ophthalmologist before moving to Australia and embarking on visits to remote and Indigenous communities. This work expanded world-wide. Through his efforts, Fred Hollows gave sight to more than a million of the poorest people around the world and his legacy continues today.

Throughout this book, Edwards details the inspiration behind Hollows' work and how he came to put his dream to restore sight, and therefore personal independence, to the world's poor into action. She does this in an easy-to-read manner and the layout of the book with its large text and colour illustrations throughout would entice young readers.

The book also includes an easy reference Fred Hollows Time Line and a list of his posthumous honours and awards. My hope is that the lives of people such as Fred Hollows will encourage children to dream big and achieve big.

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