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Welcome to the Autumn 2023 edition of Indie Books.

This month brings a slightly new format to Indie Books catalogue - we are moving to a quarterly publication, and look forward to introducing our authors alongside our usual showcase of books for your store, library or school.

Our authors bring you a range of wonderful books not published by the traditional houses. They are just as professional, captivating and marketable. Most have a very Kiwi flavour to appeal to your readers.

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Meet a few of our authors



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NON-FICTION

Auckland

Pat Backley

Pat Backley is an author, born in England, but now happily settled in Auckland.

Passionate about people and travel, she has lived a colourful and interesting life and her books reflect these passions.

She published her first book just before her 70th birthday and now intends to write till she dies!

www.patbackley.com



FICTION

Auckland

Stephen Johnson

Stephen Johnson's debut crime fiction novel was created in a seven-metre motorhome on a 33,000-kilometre European tour through a dozen countries. He ran away to escape work, now he's hooked on writing. The body count on the battered laptop in the Auckland attic is climbing; the fourth novel will be published mid year.

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NON-FICTION
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Nicky Perry

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Josephine Carson-Barr

Jo started her author journey 20 years ago after moving to the beach town of Waikouaiti, following an incredibly busy work life.

Jo collaborates with her son to produce a range of children's picture books. Currently living on the road, she travels New Zealand selling her books to schools and early childhood centres. 50% work and 50% play!

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Tom O'Connor

Tom O'Connor is a semi-retired, “reasonably” bi-lingual journalist, historian and political commentator who has specialised in New Zealand affairs, military history and pre-European New Zealand history for more than forty years.

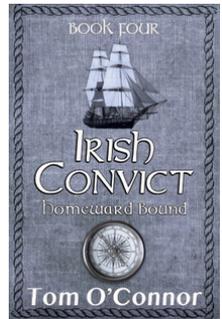
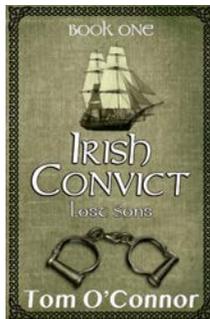


Tom's first book was *Death of Cruise Ship* which told the story behind the sinking of the Russian passenger liner Mikhail Lermontov in the Marlborough Sounds in 1986.

He has since written a trilogy of historical fiction novels on the life of Te Rauparaha from the perspective of a slave born into Ngati Toarangitira. These novels are historically accurate and give an insight into pre-European Maori tribal and social life through to the end of the Musket Wars era.

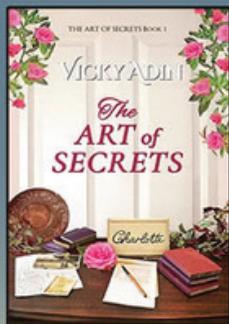
He has also written two biographies of significant Second World War soldiers, *Bunty Preece* and *The Ferret*. Tom authored another non-fiction book *Our Darkest Day* – a detailed account of the Christchurch Mosque massacre of 2019.

His biggest work is *Irish Convict* which tells the true stories of several convicts sent to New South Wales in the 1830s. Similar to the Te Rauparaha novels, he has created a fictional character, based on one of his ancestors, to tell the very personal story of many English and Irish people sentenced to transportation. Some escaped to New Zealand before wide spread colonisation and the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi. This novel is to be re-published as series due to be released this year.



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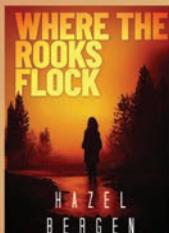
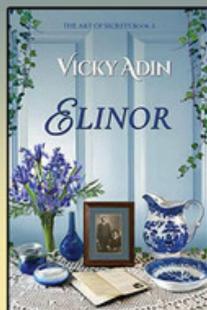
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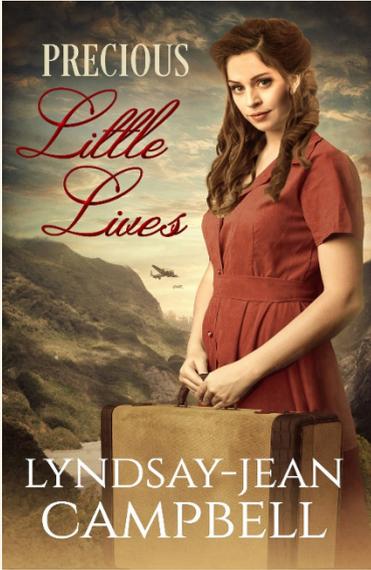


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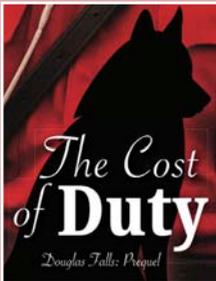
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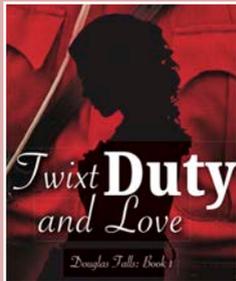
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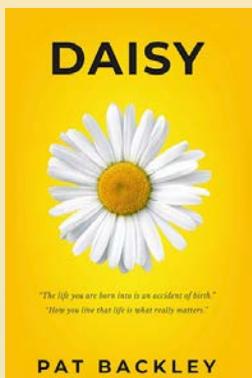
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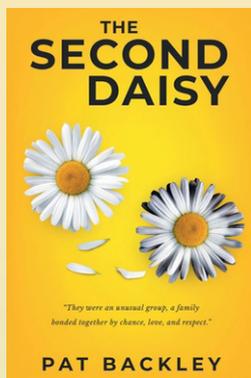
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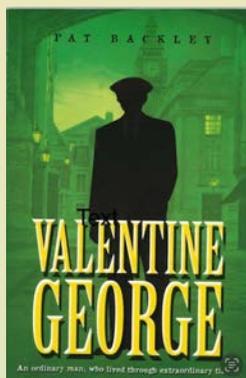
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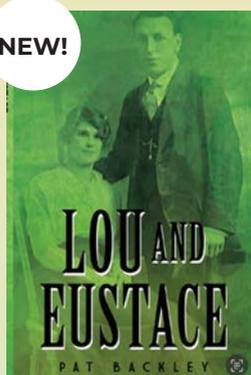


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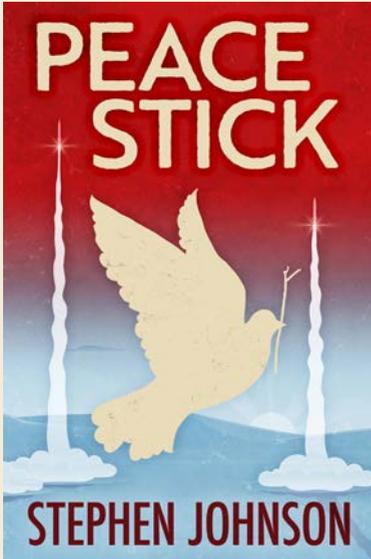
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Stephen Johnson is a journalist and television producer who writes crime and historical fiction. His debut novel, *Tugger's Mob*, was inspired by three seasons as a tour guide in Europe during the 1980s.

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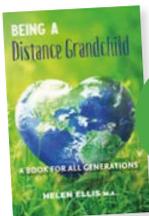
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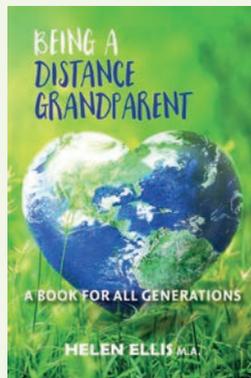
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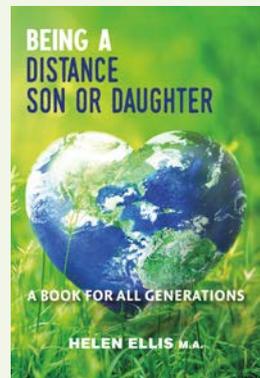
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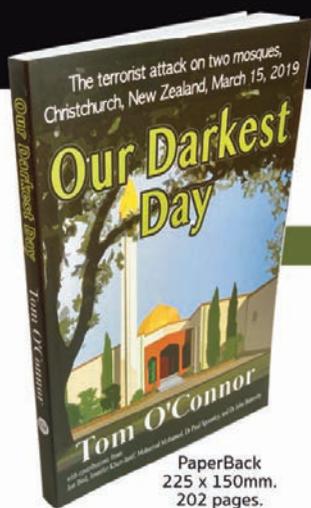


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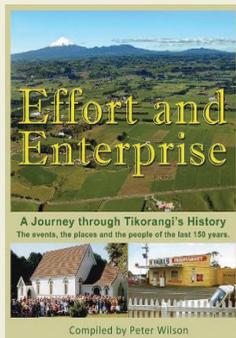
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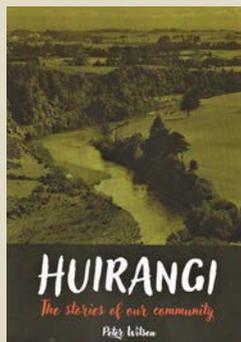
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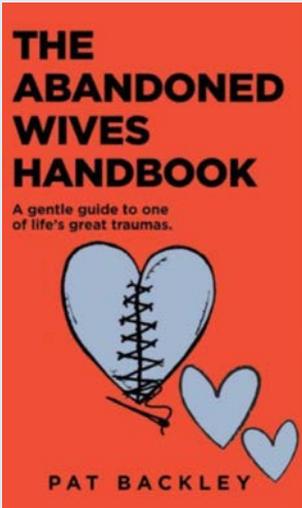
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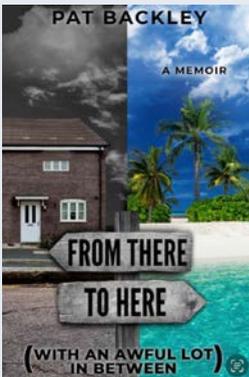
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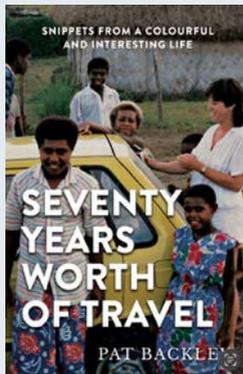
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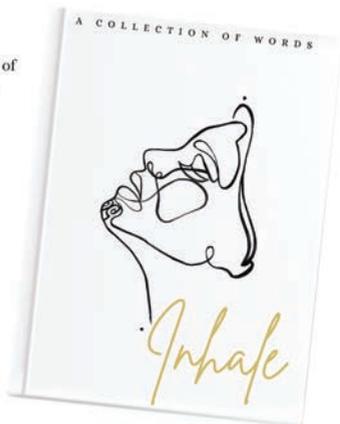
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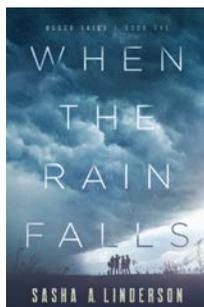


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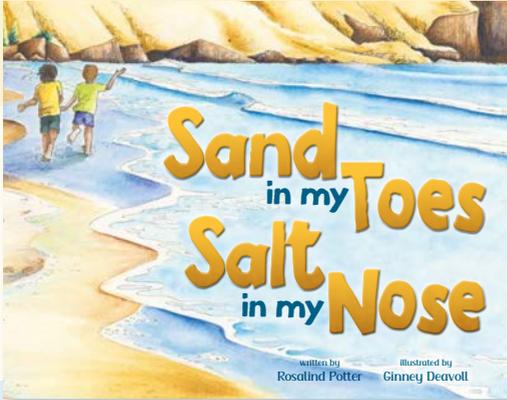
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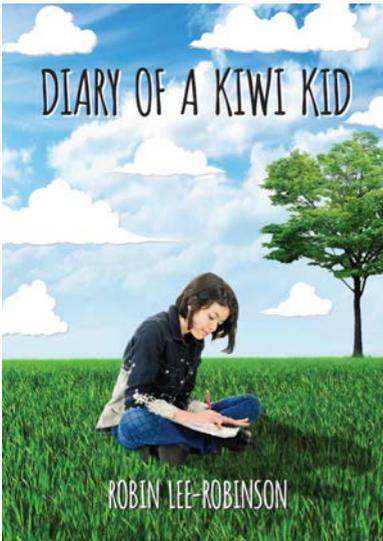
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