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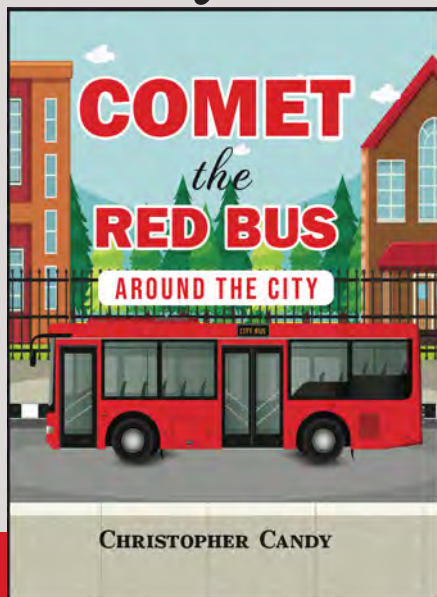
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Christopher works as a Manager for Tranzit Coachlines. He has many years of bus-related experience that brings the characters to life.

Christopher is based in the Tararua region and enjoys spending time with his partner, farm animals and pet dog, Tupance.



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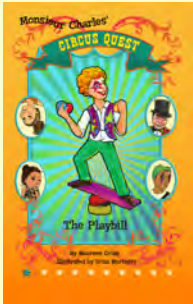
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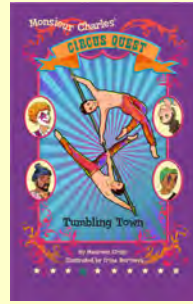
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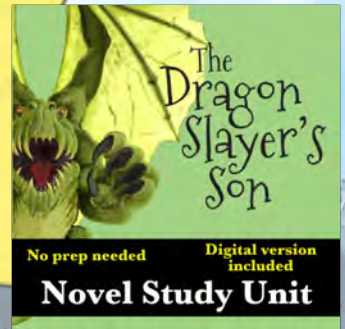
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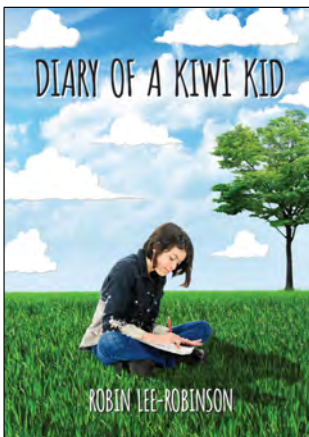
Robin Lee Robinson

shares her time between family, friends and writing colleagues in Tauranga, and a commitment to creative projects in her bach in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

She is presently concentrating on monologues performed on stage and transferring as stories for her next publication.

A long term member of Tauranga Writers, Robin contributes to their literary magazine 'Byline', and has written many presentations, talks, and performance skits.

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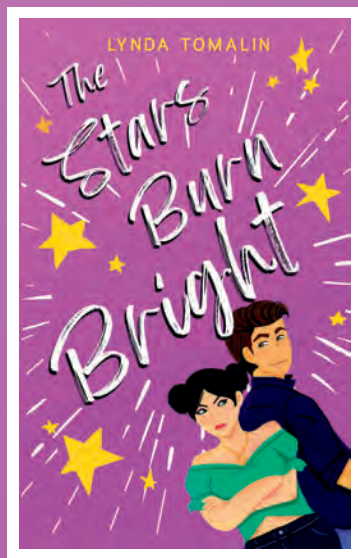
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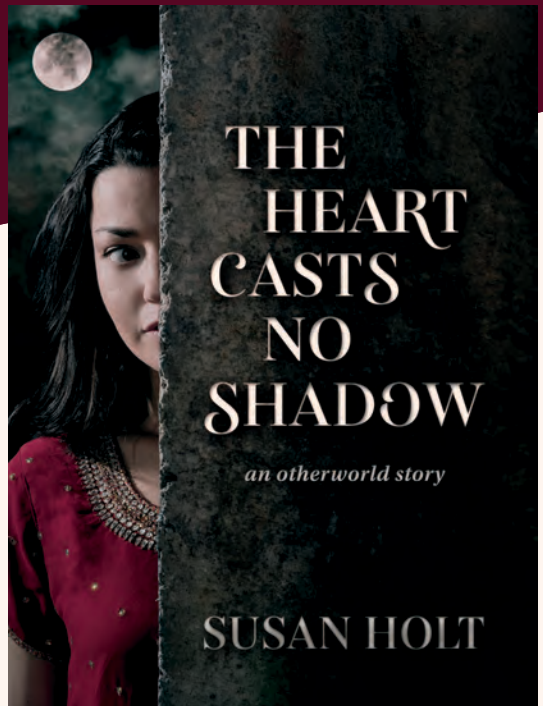
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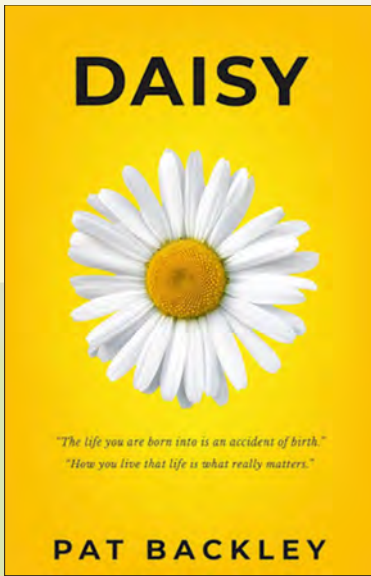
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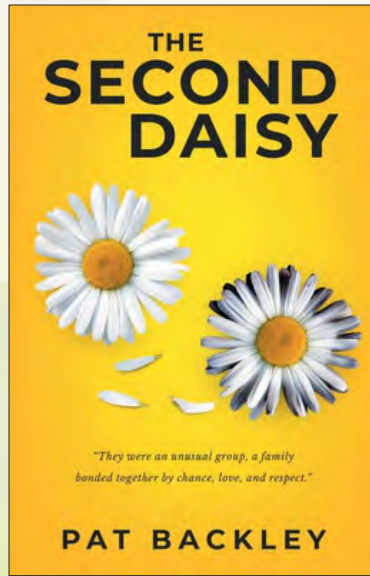
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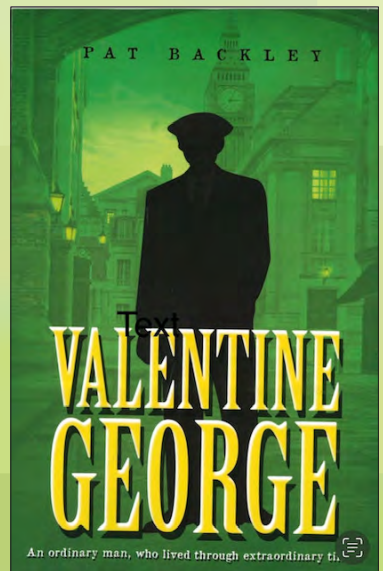
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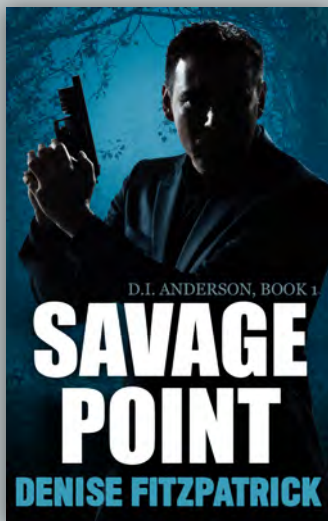
Denise Fitzpatrick

A bride's wedding ends in tragedy when her matron of honour is brutally murdered. Detective Inspector Ian Anderson leads the investigation. He will need all his skills to find the killer whose identity and trademarks are as mysterious as the motive behind the crime.

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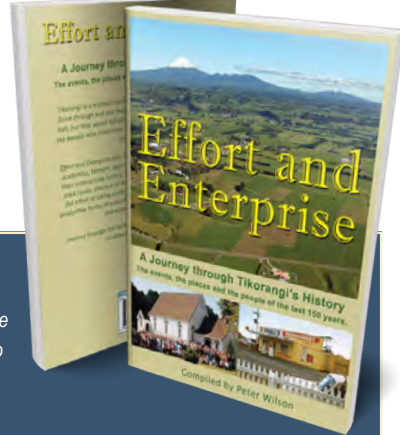
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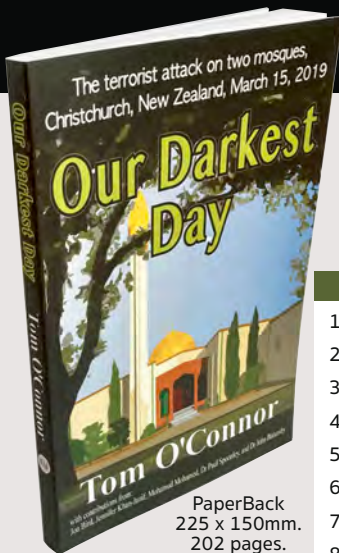
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"I am very pleased to recommend this highly informative account of the history of the Tikorangi District. This book will invoke memories of the events, pastimes, work events, schooling and most importantly the people who enriched a thriving rural community. Generations have contributed to a strong community spirit and I foresee this book being a favourite on many family bookshelves throughout Taranaki and beyond.

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