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Wonderful books by independent Kiwi authors

Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of Indie Books.

Thank you for all the great feedback on the Autumn issue new look and format! We have had lots of visitors to the new Indie Books website, where we have a digital flip-book of this catalogue, and a brand new author directory which we will be adding to over the coming months.

Our Winter featured author is Vicky Adin, who shares her passion for family history. We also welcome authors Amanda Giorgis, Jodie Shelley, Kellie Dawson, Karen McCrindle, Elizabeth Kirkby-McLeod and teen author Rutendo Shadaya to Indie Books.

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.

These independent Kiwi authors write across many genres: from children's books to adult fiction and non-fiction, and go to considerable lengths to publish their titles with the assistances of great editors, illustrators, and printers.

Indie Books offers you the opportunity to stock titles not readily available elsewhere. Check each listing to source these titles either direct from the author, or from distributors such as Wheelers or All Books.

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Auckland

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Helen Ellis, M.A. is a researcher, author, anthropologist, veteran of Distance Parenting/Grandparenting and the Founder of DistanceFamilies.com. Through her book series she helps ALL generations of Distance Families understand 'how it is' for the other. This creates empathy which is a good thing for Distance Families.

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CRIME FICTION

Tauranga

**Denise
Fitzpatrick**

Denise Fitzpatrick is a New Zealand author based in Tauranga. Her travel experiences around North America inspired her 'September' series of books. Her popular new crime fiction series are set in her hometown and feature Detective Inspector Ian Anderson. 'Savage Point' was released in 2021, 'Primed for Evil' in 2022, and 'Touch of Steel' will be released this year.

www.denisefitzpatrickwriter.com



YOUNG ADULT

South Waikato

**Lynda
Tomalin**

Lynda Tomalin is an author of contemporary Young Adult novels with sweet romances, an emphasis on strong friendships and empowering mental health representation.

She lives in a small town in New Zealand, where she writes sweet, swoony books about teenagers finding their place in the world.

www.lyndatomalinauthor.com



FICTION

Auckland

**Jodie
Shelley**

Jodie Shelley is a debut author, based in Auckland, New Zealand. She writes novels set in NZ, which are easy to read and fun, but which explore grittier themes such as problem gambling and family harm. Her first novel, *The Tūi has Landed* was released by Bank Street Publishing in February 2023. Jodie's second and third novels are in development.

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Vicky Adin

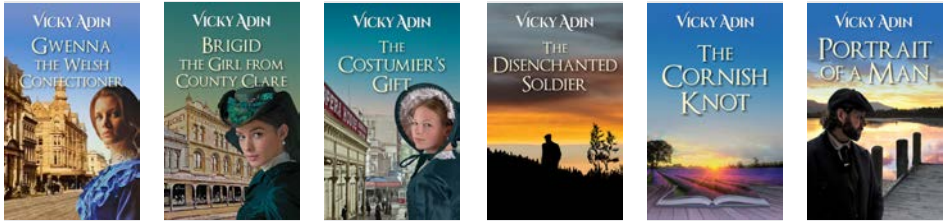
As a Welsh-born, Cornish raised immigrant who married a fourth-generation Kiwi bloke with Irish, Scottish and English ancestors, Vicky developed a passion for family history – and a love of old photos, antiques, and treasures from the past.



The further she dug into the past the more she wanted to record the lives of the people who were the foundations of her new country. Not just her ancestors but all those who braved the oceans and became pioneers in a raw new land.

Vicky combined her skills to write sometimes heart-warming, sometimes tragic novels about early immigrants to New Zealand. Although the history remains true to the times, she fictionalised the characters to better explore themes of family, loyalty, home and belonging, while weaving mysteries, both past and present, into family life with love, laughter, and tears.

Through these stories, readers can choose to journey alongside those immigrants as they created a new life in *The New Zealand*



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Her latest release is *Lucy*: a compelling tale of a suffragist and the courageous women who fought for their right to vote (Book 3 in *The Art of Secrets* series).

Emma’s curiosity is piqued by a gutsy young climate change campaigner with an antique trinket box full of women’s rights badges. She tenaciously pursues her passion for



revealing secrets trying to unravels Paige’s intriguing past, but is she putting her loyalty to her family and friends to the test?

Vicky holds a MA(Hons) in English, is a lover of art, antiques, gardens, good food and red wine. She and her husband travel throughout New Zealand in their caravan and travel the world when they can. She hopes readers enjoy learning about the past through her stories as much as she had in writing them.



“The Art of Secrets” series

Vicky’s books are available to purchase through her website vickyadin.co.nz

Denise Fitzpatrick

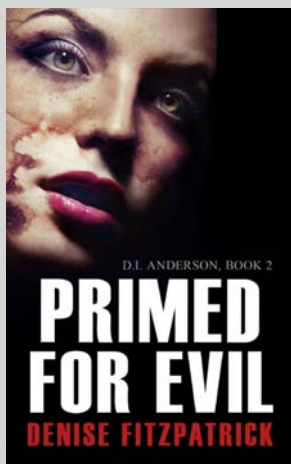
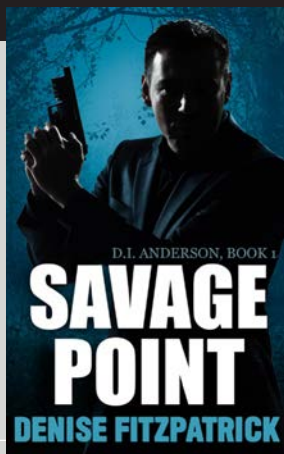
SAVAGE POINT

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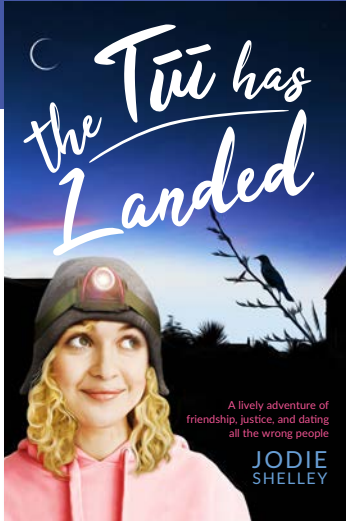
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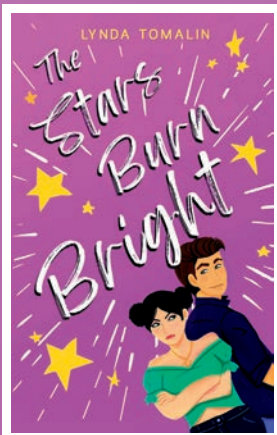
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Stephen Johnson is a journalist and television producer who writes crime and historical fiction. His debut novel, *Tugga's Mob*, was inspired by three seasons as a tour guide in Europe during the 1980s.

It was a finalist in the 2020 Ngaio Marsh Awards.

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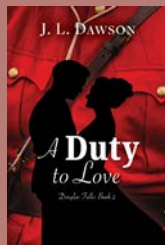
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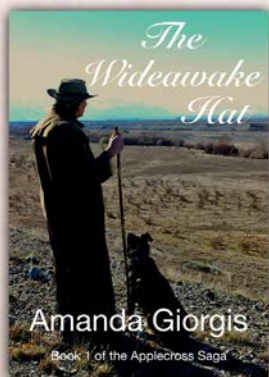
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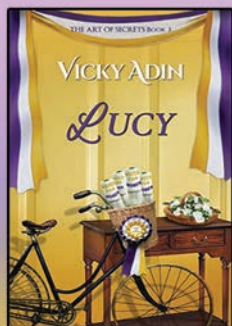
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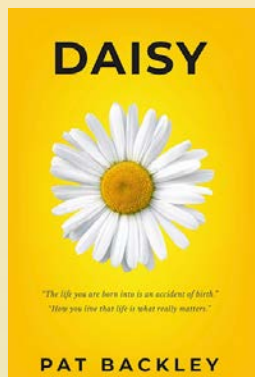


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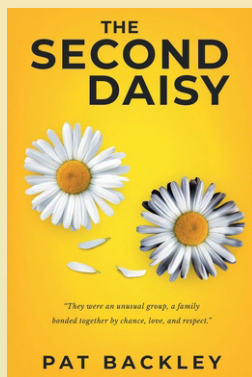


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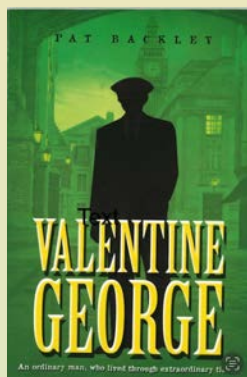
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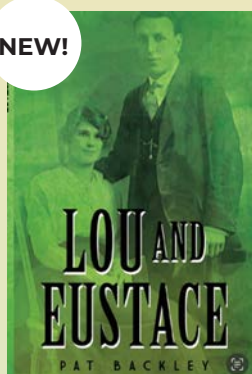


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North
Canterbury

Amanda Giorgis

Amanda emigrated from England to the beautiful Mackenzie Basin 15 years ago. Here, where the scenery inspires and legends abound, *The Applecross Saga* was born, with six books in the series so far, and more to come! Now living on a lifestyle block Amanda continues to create characters and stories based around true historical facts of 19th century New Zealand.

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CHILDREN

Waikato

Elizabeth Kirkby- McLeod

If Elizabeth could travel in time she would go back to when Aotearoa New Zealand still had moa and giant eagles! Along with the *Eugene's Island* book series, she is the author of children's book *World Folk Tales*, poetry collection, *Family Instructions Upon Release*, and editor of the collection of New Zealand short stories *Lit: stories from home*.

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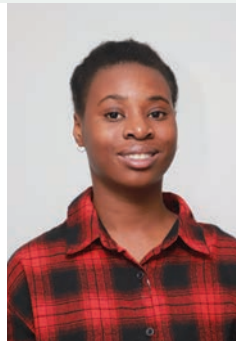
CHILDREN

Auckland

Kellie Dawson

Kellie Dawson is a New Zealand human rights lawyer and mother of two, whose worries over her own son's anxiety led her to create a resource specifically aimed at helping her son, Xavier, to understand that his feelings of anxiety were normal. The book was brought to life when young Xavier asked if his story could be turned into a real book that could be shared with others.

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FANTASY
CHILDREN

Waikato

Rutendo Shadaya

Rutendo Shadaya is a teenage kiwi author. She is the author of *Rachel and The Enchanted Forest* and *Rachel and The Chevene Pirates*.

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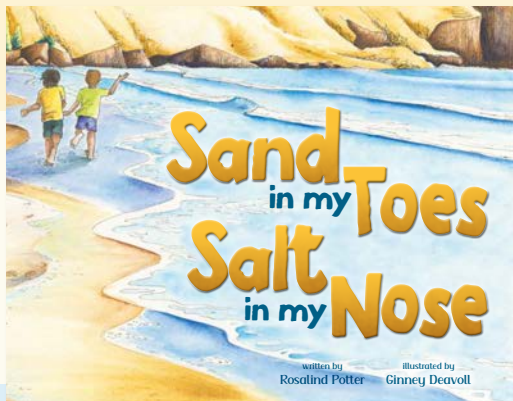
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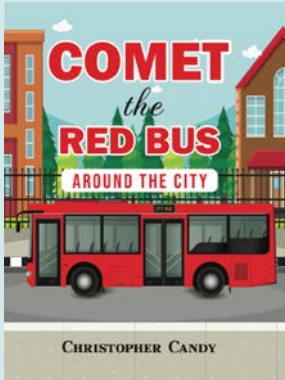


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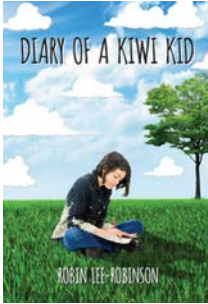
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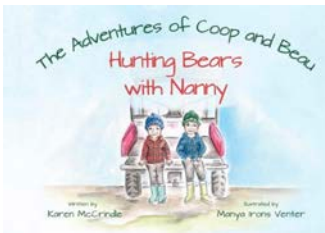
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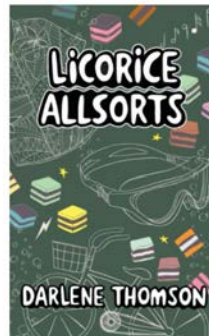
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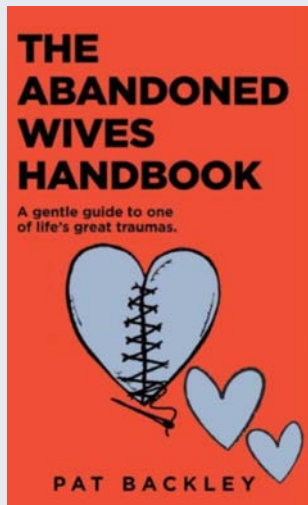
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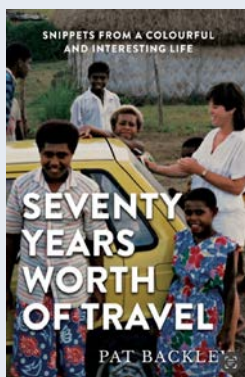
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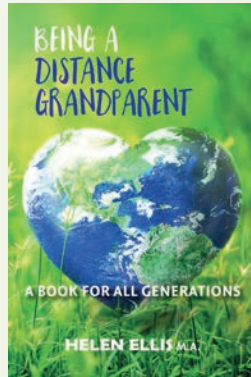
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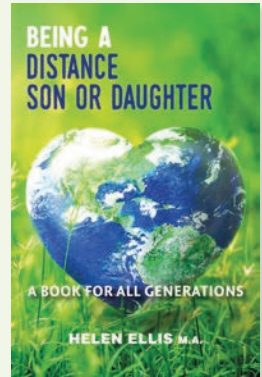
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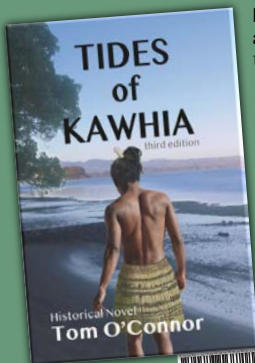
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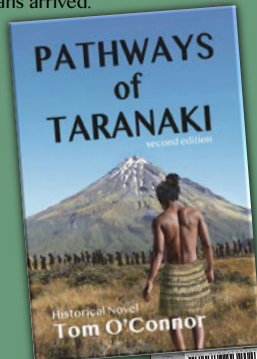
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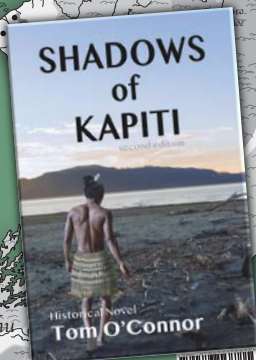
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