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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2023 edition of Indie Books.

As 2023 draws to a close, I'd like to thank you all for your support over the year – it means a lot to our author community to have their titles in your stores and libraries, and have new readers discover their books.

In this issue you'll find a great mix of books, from poetry to cosy mysteries to gothic short stories! Our two featured authors are Denise Fitzpatrick and Rochelle Maroon – Denise, whose passion for mysteries led her to creating two series of gripping crime novels; and Rochelle – a former children's book editor and journalist, who has released her debut novel for young teen readers. We also welcome authors Keith Hill, Geoff Lawson, Bethany Rogers, Bing Turkby, and Rachel Weston 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.

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POETRY

Waikato

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Keith Hill works in Aotearoa-New Zealand's film and television industries. His writing explores the intersection of literature, culture, religion, history and spirituality. He is a three-time winner of NZ's Ashton Wylie Book Awards. His books include a novel, *Blue Kisses* (HarperCollinsNZ), historical non-fiction *The God Revolution*, and translations of some of the world's greatest mystical poetry.

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FICTION

Queenstown

B.G. Rogers

B.G. Rogers is a writer running (and swimming) wild in Queenstown. Primarily an author of short stories and poetry, her work has been published internationally and occasionally listed for prizes.

In 2021, Rogers was selected for the NZSA Mentor Programme and in 2022, she published *Kaleidoscopes in the Dark*.

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Denise Fitzpatrick

As a born and bred Kiwi growing up in the South Island, Denise developed a passion for reading mysteries.

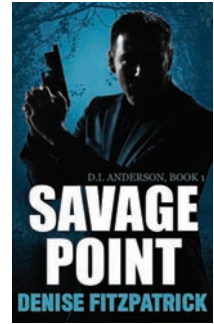
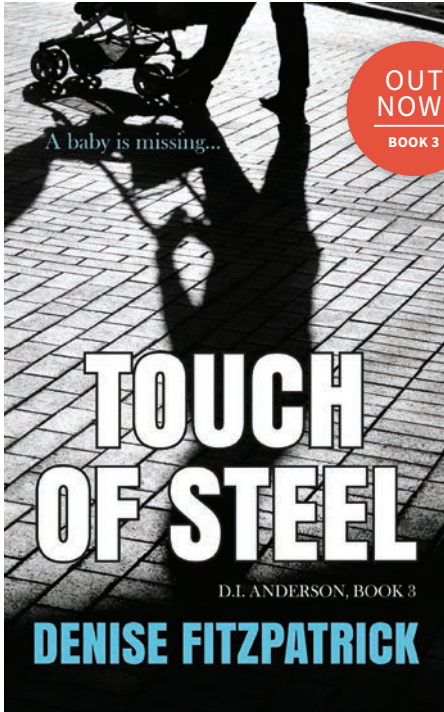
She devoured Enid Blyton's *Famous Five* books, before progressing to Agatha Christie's whodunits.



This obsession resulted in her writing mysteries from an early age. But it wasn't until she retired from full-time business writing; her passion for creative writing was reignited.

The birth of Denise's first novel was inspired by her travels around North America over many years. These adventures formed the basis for her *September* series. Books two and three feature the same main characters but are set in Tauranga, where murder and mayhem abound. Her detective, Ian Anderson, had a small part in these books, so when he asked for his own series, Denise immediately agreed. Her love for whodunits has come full circle in the *D.I. Anderson* series.

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If you enjoy gripping and emotional thrillers, Denise would love to hear from you. You can reach her at denisefitzpatrick47@gmail.com. Her books are available from Wheelers and can also be purchased through her website.

Denise presenting at the Local Authors Book Fair during Hamilton Book Month ▶

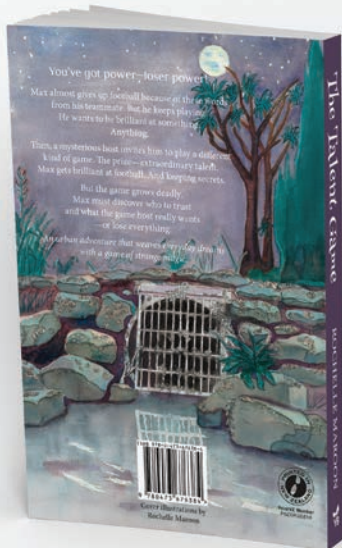


Denise's books are available to purchase through her website denisefitzpatrickwriter.com



Rochelle Maroon

Former children's book editor and journalist, Rochelle Maroon, has turned first-time novelist with her new urban adventure for middle readers *The Talent Game* – where NZ kids compete for ultimate talent.



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loves football, would only willingly read Harry Potter after he turned eleven, so when I was thinking of plots I thought, why not combine sports, mystery and magic in a way that’s fun?”

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To order *The Talent Game* and find out more about the author visit rochellemaroon.com or email rochellemaroonbooks@gmail.com





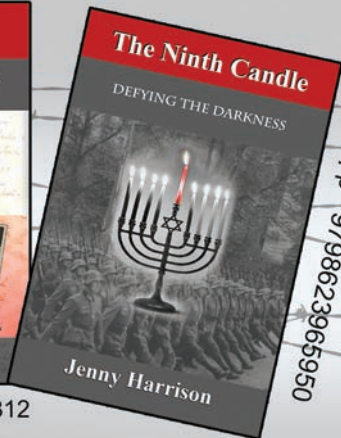
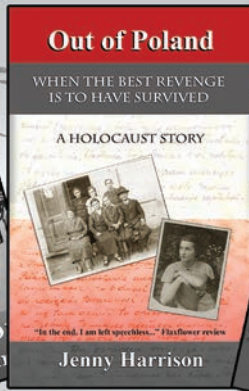
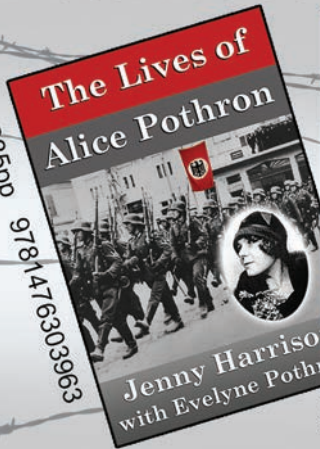
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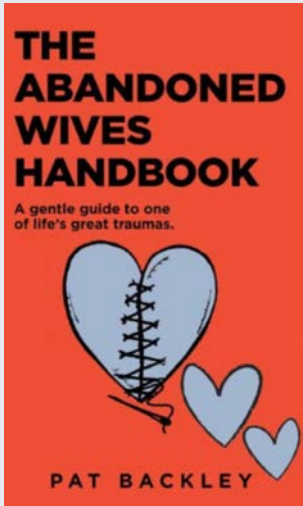
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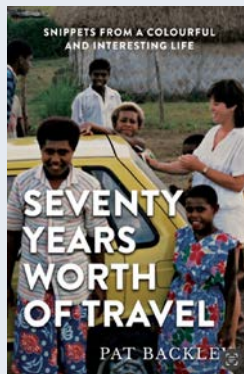
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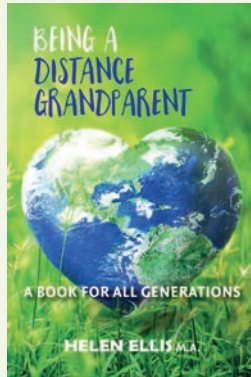
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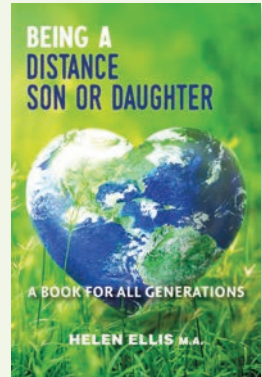
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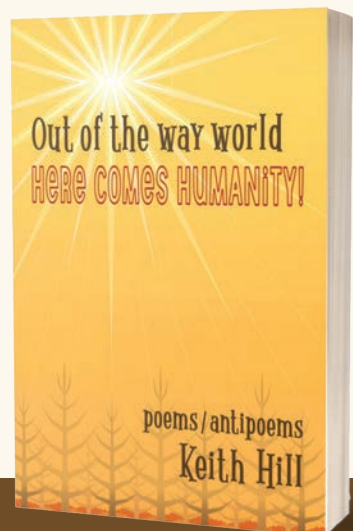
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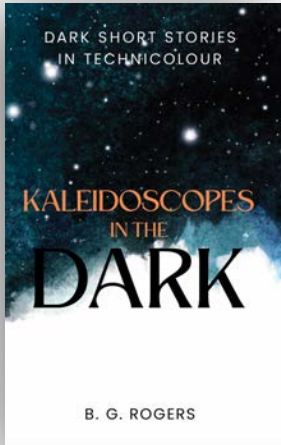


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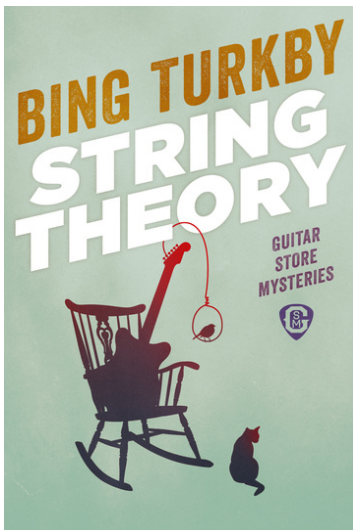
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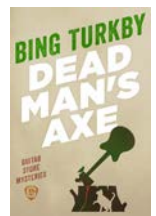
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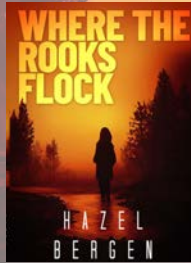


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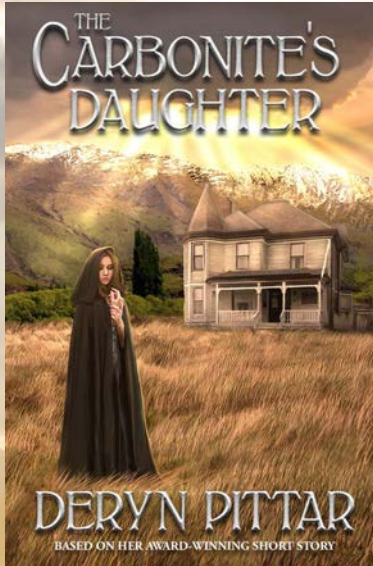
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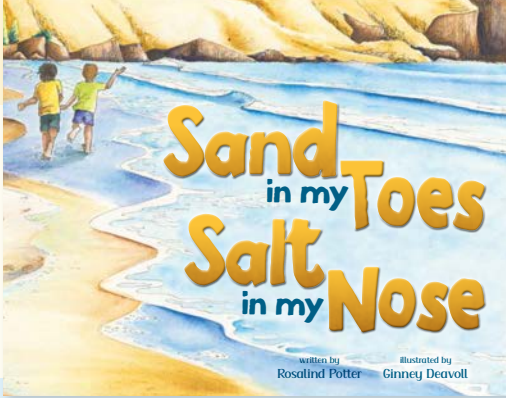
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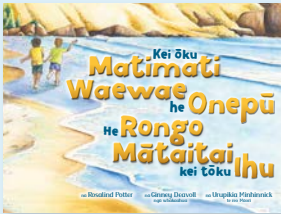
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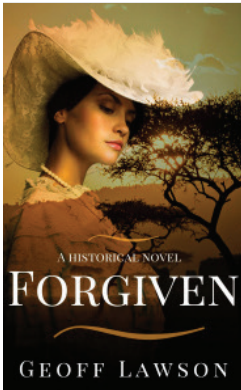
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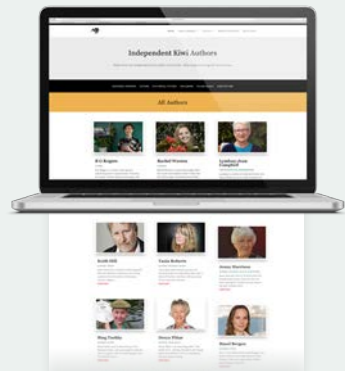
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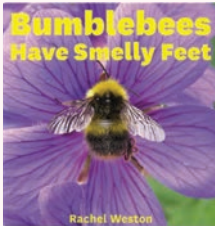
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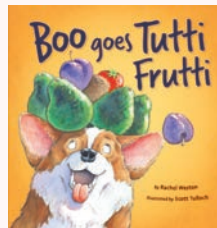


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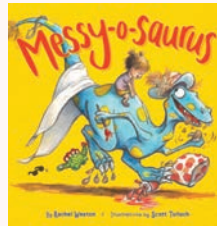


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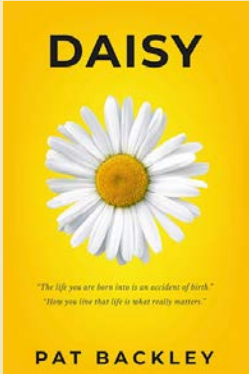
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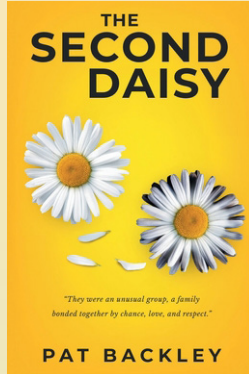
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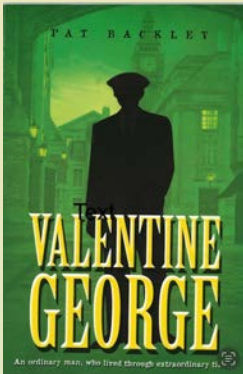
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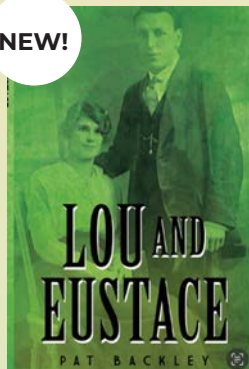
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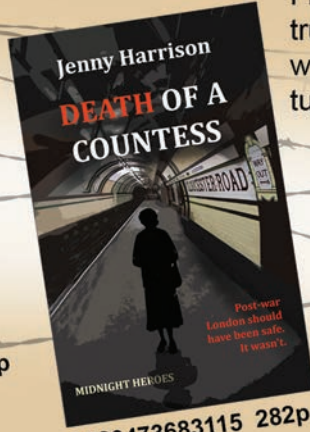
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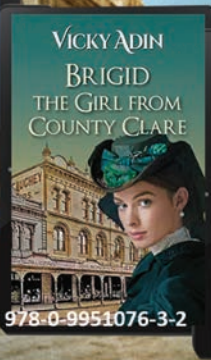
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