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# New Zealand Newsletter

NEW BOOKS FOR OR FROM NEW ZEALANDERS



## HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



### The Pandora Survey

Brian Byrne

The 1848-1856 Great Survey of New Zealand, carried out in two phases, unquestionably answered one of the most pressing and vital needs of the fledgling colony; namely, a comprehensive hydrographic survey of its coastline, estuaries, and rivers.

The story of the initial phase of that monumental undertaking was told some twenty-nine years ago in *The Cruise of the Acheron*; however, a full account of the second phase: its completion by Byron Drury in HMS Pandora, between 1851-1856, has remained unrecorded. To rectify this oversight, this book provides a detailed history of the Pandora Survey, together with its findings and the careers of her officers; in addition, it explores the origins of the Great Survey and looks into selected aspects of the Acheron Survey of 1848-1851.

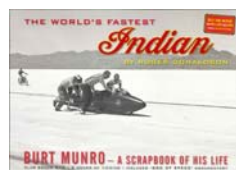
Published in 2007, stock of this limited edition print are almost sold out. Copies are signed and numbered.

( 2007, 304 pages. Brian Byrne )

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9780473124595

\$125.00



### The World's Fastest Indian: Burt Munro - A Scrapbook of His Life

Roger Donaldson

This book reveals the real Burt Munro - the man behind the movie.

Roger Donaldson has been studying Burt Munro for many years. He made a documentary on him back in 1971, called 'Offerings to the God of Speed', as well as the 2005 international hit 'The World's Fastest Indian'. During research for both films, he collected lots of material which has never been published, and Burt's son also released Munro family scrapbooks to Roger, allowing them to be published here for the first time.

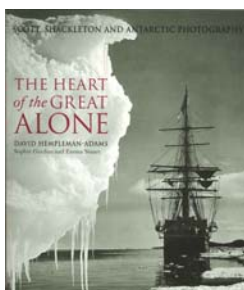
In preparation for the doco Roger interviewed Burt and also taped Burt chatting to several of his cronies and co-workers. These tapes have been transcribed for this book, presenting the real Burt Munro in his own words.

( 2009, 288 pages. Random House )

PB

9781869792077

\$55.00



### The Heart of the Great Alone: Scott, Shackleton and Antarctic Photography

David Hempleman-Adams

This lavish full-colour publication presents the ill-fated Antarctic explorations of Scott and Shackleton through the eyes of their official photographers. Published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Scott's expedition to the South Pole, this book brings together a selection of the astonishing photographs taken by Herbert Ponting travelling on board the Terra Nova with Scott, and by Frank Hurley on Endurance with Shackleton. David Hempleman-Adams, one of the world's most successful polar explorers, introduces Ponting and Hurley's evocative images, while further essays on the two camera artists and their processes are complemented by maps and chronologies of the expeditions, and biographies of members of their parties. The magnificent photographs themselves are the finest in existence. Some show unique tints applied to them by the photographers. They are presented alongside matchless archival material: the flag entrusted to Scott by Queen Alexandra upon his departure in 1910 and returned to her by Scott's widow after his death; and a copy of the "Aurora Australis", the first book ever to be printed in Antarctica.

( 2009, 256 pages. Royal Collection Publications )

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## MUSIC

### Dave Dobbyn: The Songbook

Dave Dobbyn

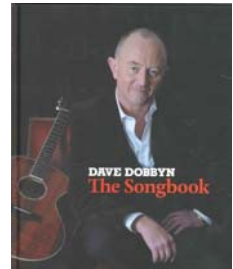
Be Mine Tonight, Outlook for Thursday, Loyal, Whaling, Slice of Heaven, Welcome Home - these are only some of the remarkable songs that have framed Dave Dobbyn's long career and made him one of New Zealand's most enduring and best-loved musicians. While generations of New Zealanders have grown up with his music, his songs have never been collected together and published in written form before. Produced to coincide with his new album of greatest hits (to be released in November by Sony Music), *Dave Dobbyn: The Songbook* will contain 40 of his most celebrated and loved songs. It will be a book of two halves; the first will contain writing about each song from Dobbyn, along with photographs and the lyrics (with guitar chords). The second half of the book will be the score for piano and guitar for every song. Dave Dobbyn: The Songbook is an innovative and substantial book, and in its dedication to the actual music, a significant tribute to one of New Zealand's national treasures.

( 2009, 301 pages. Craig Potton Publishing )

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9781877517136

\$59.99



### The Rough Guide to World Music: Europe, Asia & Pacific 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

Simon Broughton, Mark Ellingham & John Lusk

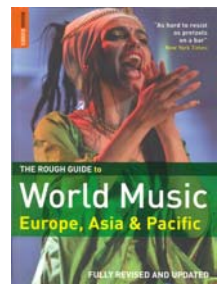
*The Rough Guide to World Music* is the unchallenged work on sounds from around the globe. This third edition is even more comprehensive than ever - updated and expanded including playlists for all countries and new chapters on Bangladesh, Burma, Corsica, French chanson, Malta, Slovenia and New Zealand. "Volume 2: Europe, Asia and the Pacific" has full coverage of genres from Balkan brass to Bollywood song and from fado and flamenco to Filipino fusion. The guide includes articles on more than 60 countries from Albania to Wales and Afghanistan to Vietnam written by expert contributors, focusing on popular and roots music. You'll find discographies for each article, with biographical notes on thousands of musicians and reviews of their best CDs. *The Rough Guide to World Music* is packed with playlists of the greatest tracks from each country for your iPod and MP3 player.

( 2009, 824 pages. Rough Guides )

PB

9781843538660

\$55.00



## HISTORY

### Hell-Bent for Life

Dr. John Valentine

This book records the first 30 years of John Valentine's life; a period which includes his early medical training, overseas travel and practise.

The story is not only one of physical travel, but of a journey of personal and spiritual growth as well.

The title refers to the spiritual journey; it begins with his early indoctrination into Catholicism and the negative effect bullying in a Catholic college had on him.

The other journey is a physical one; whether John is wandering around the atomic bomb-loaded bays on Tinian Island, traversing frozen roads in the Yukon, visiting a Geisha house, a Mexican bull fight or working with the lepers on various Micronesian islands, the story reflects his fascination and enjoyment of different cultures.

( 2009, 360 pages. Sel-published )

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9780473146658

\$45.00 nett





## LEARNING SAMOAN

### Gagana Samoa: A Samoan Language Coursebook Revised Edition

Galumalemana Afeleti Hunkin

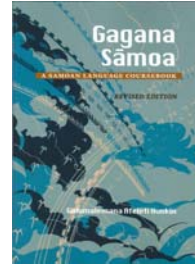
*Gagana Samoa* is a modern Samoan language resource. Designed for both classroom and personal use, it features a methodical approach suitable for all ages; an emphasis on patterns of speech and communication through practice and examples; 10 practical dialogues covering everyday social situations; an introduction to the wider culture of fa'asamoa through photographs; more than 950 exercises to reinforce comprehension; a glossary of all Samoan words used in the coursebook; and oral skills supplemented by downloadable audio files.

( 2009, 179 pages. University of Hawaii Press )

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\$85.99



## BIOGRAPHY

### Backroads: Charting a Poet's Life

Sam Hunt

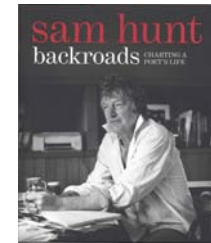
Sam Hunt's life as a poet and performer has always strayed far off the straight and narrow, more akin to following a series of winding backroads that have led to places and people away from the mainstream. As a child, Hunt was surrounded by 'a lot of words, a lot of poems,' and from the age of eight he knew he wanted to live the life of a poet. His parents and grandparents were his earliest influences, and later it was the likes of W. B. Yeats, Pablo Neruda and Dylan Thomas; while within New Zealand, Alistair Campbell, James K. Baxter and Denis Glover, among others, inspired and nurtured him. *Backroads* is a memoir, a series of reflections by Sam Hunt on his life as a poet. He talks about inspiration and its unwelcome antagonist, drying up; the importance of performing, of 'saying poems out loud'; his good friends, like artist Robin White and his faithful canine companion Minstrel; his early publishing ventures and his experiences with maverick publisher Alister Taylor; and his touring and collaborations with musicians such as Mammal, The Warratahs and David Kilgour. The narrative is enriched by many of Hunt's poems, as well as work from other poets who have been important to him. The book is heavily illustrated with many photographs, and a range of important ephemera and other illustrations - some of his earliest broadsheet poems, paintings and even the original copy of 'Letter to Sam Hunt' sent to Sam by James K. Baxter. Sam Hunt is one of New Zealand's favourite literary sons, a unique and singular character, and *Backroads* offers a fascinating insight into his remarkable life.

( 2009, 138 pages. Craig Potton Publishing )

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9781877517051

\$49.99



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

### Noa's Calf

Rhondda Greig

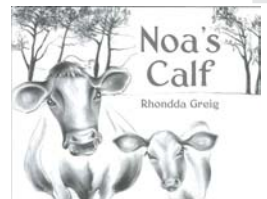
This is a simple story about a boy, a cow and a journey of discovery. *Noa's Calf*, by New Zealand artist Rhondda Greig, is told entirely in sumptuous illustrations. It is a beautiful and original picture book. The book was inspired when a child from the city visited Rhondda at her home in the Wairarapa: 'As we were driving down the road behind a herd of cows going to milking, one of the city children asked me what the swinging udder was. When told it contained the milk we could drink, the child burst out with the comment that milk only came from milk bottles. I realised even then that New Zealand was changing into an urban society where many children had no comprehension of the rhythm of country life.'

( 2009. Mallinson Rendel )

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9781877423192

\$27.50





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