

NEW ZEALAND POPULAR PENGUINS

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Came a Hot Friday

Ronald Hugh Morrieson

Arson, murder, sex and hair-raising midnight adventures at a town called Tainua Junction. It's Friday when the silver-tongued Wes Pennington and his sidekick Cyril Kidman come to town with a trick to play on the local bookmaker. But there's already other skullduggery afoot ...not to speak of the Te Whakinga Kid, a Zorro nut and the wildest comic ever to ride the ranges.

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Going West

Maurice Gee

For all the promise of his name, Jack Skeat cannot be a poet. His friend Rex Petley – eel-catcher, girl-chaser, motorbike rider – takes that prize. Is he also a murderer? And why, forty years later, does he drown out on the Gulf? Jack has to find out, and is drawn to examine their lives. *Going West* has long been regarded as one of the most autobiographical of Maurice Gee's novels.

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The Grandiflora Tree

Shonagh Koea

When Bernadette Crichton finds her husband dead, under the beautiful grandiflora tree, she assumes a widowhood that is unconventional and strange. Exiled inside her large house, Bernadette refuses to 'see or be seen' by platitude-bearing visitors. Letters of condolence are divided into three piles: to be answered, not to be answered, not understood. But it is the discovery of Charlie's diary that forces her to address the unpleasant truth: Charlie and their marriage were not what they seemed.

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Man Alone

John Mulgan

'That's Auckland, mate – the Queen of the North.'

'The what?'

'The Queen of the North. That's what they call it – in Auckland. This is God's own, this country.'

Man Alone is a literary landmark that has haunted our writing for decades. John Mulgan's vision of New Zealand society as detached and unsentimental, with the power to reject and alienate, enriches our understanding of who, and what, we are.

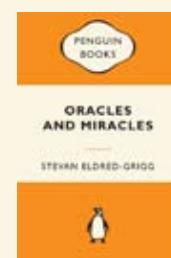
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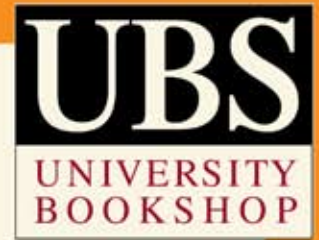
Oracles and Miracles

Stevan Eldred-Grigg

Oracles and Miracles is Stevan Eldred-Grigg's best-selling debut novel about Ginnie and Fag, twin sisters growing up in poverty in Christchurch in the thirties and forties and living in a world of dreams. It's a city of 'peeling paint, flaking iron, cracked linoleum, dusty yards, lean-tos, and asphalts, dunnies and textile mills'. The novel is a heart-warming story of the girls' close relationship as they grow into women and attempt to escape their impoverished background.

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Plumb

Maurice Gee

Long regarded as one of the finest novels ever written by a New Zealander, Maurice Gee's *Plumb* introduces us to the intolerant, irascible clergyman George Plumb, one of the most memorable characters in New Zealand literature – half saint, half monster, superhuman in his spiritual strength and destructive in his utter self-absorption. What personal price is this man prepared to pay in the pursuit of his conscience, no matter what the consequences are for those he loves?

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Potiki

Patricia Grace

In a small coastal community threatened by developers it is a time of fear and confusion – and growing anger as the people begin to respond. The prophet child Tokowaru-i-te-Marama shares his people's struggles against bulldozers and fast money talk. When dramatic events menace the marae, his grief and rage threaten to burst beyond the confines of his twisted body. His all-seeing eye looks forward to a strange and terrible new dawn.

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The Skinny Louie Book

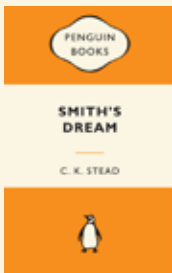
Fiona Farrell

Skinny Louie, daughter of Shanghai Lil, has a baby in the Begonia House on the day of the royal visit. Maura finds the baby and takes it home. Tia grows up with magical powers into the brave new world of the twenty-first century. Fiona Farrell's *The Skinny Louie Book* – always moving, often hilarious – is a breathtakingly accomplished debut. It presents a head-on confrontation with a New Zealand psyche rarely found in history books.

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Smith's Dream

C. K. Stead

When Smith is left by his wife and goes to hide away in the bush in the Coromandel he never imagines he will become the most wanted man in the country. In a right-wing coup one man, Volkner, has seized power in New Zealand and is using army and special police to maintain his government. *Smith's Dream* forces us to imagine such a situation and to ask ourselves: Where would you stand? How far would you go?

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The Whale Rider

Witi Ihimaera

Eight-year-old Kahu craves her great-grandfather's love and attention. But he's focused on his duties as leader of a tribe that claims descent from the legendary 'whale rider'. In every generation since the whale rider, a male has inherited the title of chief. But now there is no male heir – only Kahu. Her great-grandfather is blinded by tradition and sees no use for a girl. But Kahu will not be ignored. In her struggle she has a unique ally: the whale rider himself.

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