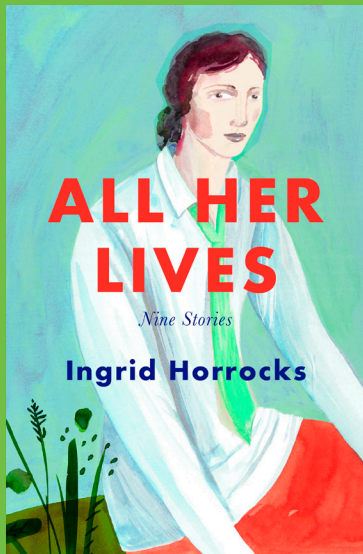


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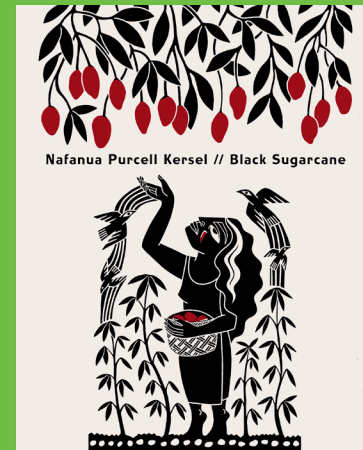
Ingrid Horrocks turns to fiction and crushes it. Across nine elegant, probing stories that range from the late eighteenth century to the unsettled present, *All Her Lives* explores the shifting expectations and constraints of womanhood. Emotionally intelligent and historically alert, it is an outrageously good addition to the top shelf of New Zealand fiction.

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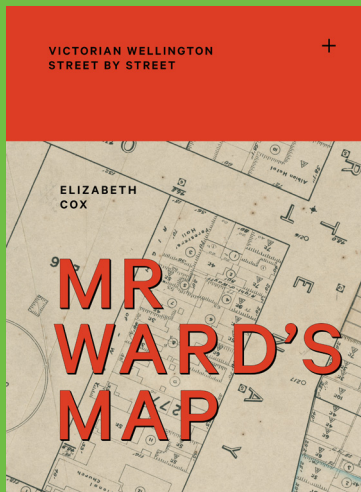


Black Sugarcane is a work of rare linguistic grace and emotional precision, a collection that transforms memory, land, and inheritance into something both intimate and expansive. With a voice that is at once grounded and lyrical, Nafanua Purcell Kersel navigates histories of labour, migration, and identity, distilling them into images that linger long after the page is turned.

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BookHub Award for Illustrated Non-Fiction 2026 Winner

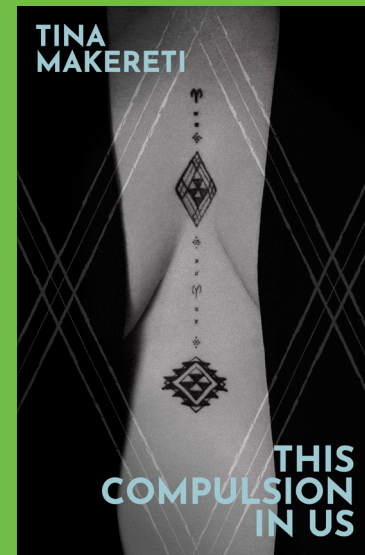


Mr Ward's Map is a celebration of research, storytelling, and archives. Elizabeth Cox deployed one historic cartographic document as the foundation for a superbly written publication that bridges multiple world views and time periods. Across 560 pages, Cox unpacks the 88 sheets of Mr Ward's Victorian map of Wellington, alongside carefully selected archival photography and illustrations.

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General Non-Fiction Award 2026 Winner

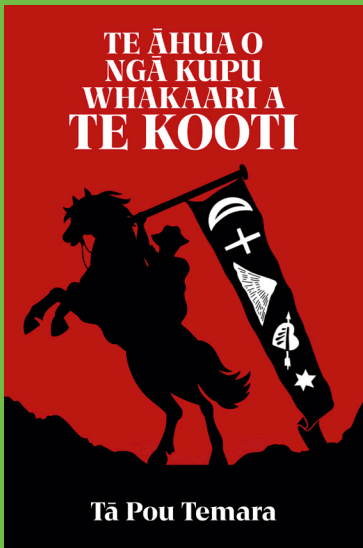


Tina Makereti uses her well-honed literary skills in this artfully curated collection of essays, adding up to an alternative memoir of one person's discoveries about her whakapapa, her place in national society and within Māori literature. *Complex yet universal, This Compulsion in Us* is a celebration of writing as a timeless way of experiencing and understanding the world and ourselves.

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Te Mūrau o te Tuhi Māori Language Award 2026 Recipient



Tā Pou Temara's *Te Āhua o Ngā Kupu Whakaari a Te Kooti* is a significant scholarly work that examines the depth, authority, and enduring power of kupu whakaari and whakataukī. Structured metaphorically as a whare tūpuna, it guides the reader from the foundations of the whare through to its heart, revealing the sacred nature of language.