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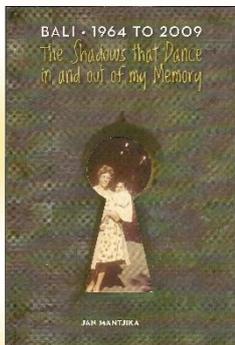
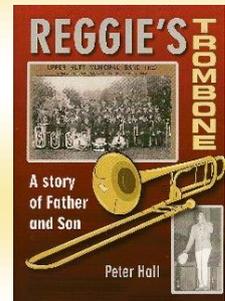
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New in the shop:

Reggies Trombone by Peter Hall

Reg Hall, who through 2 work related accidents in the late 1930's did damage to both his hands, depriving him of the ability to play his beloved violin. Many years later he was once again offered the opportunity to play a musical instrument, a trombone, through the New Zealand Brass Band movement. His music returned, bringing peace of mind, stimulation and happiness.

This story covers the decade from 1957 – 1967 in Upper Hutt, New Zealand.



Bali 1964 to 2009 by Jan Mantjika

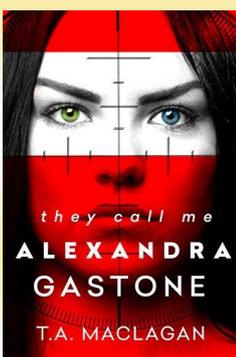
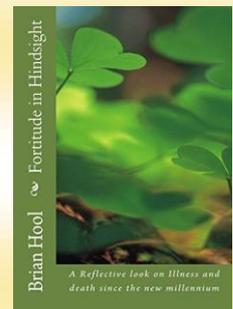
The Shadows that Dance in and out of my Memory.

Jan's personal story unlocks memories of turbulent times, mystifying black magic intrigues, and recalls days of pioneering tourism in Bali. From being a young New Zealander arriving in Indonesia in 1964 with her Balinese husband and 13-month old daughter to opening one of Bali's first Travel Agencies – Jan's journey is an insight into the development of a popular tourist destination.

Fortitude in Hindsight by Brian Hool

A reflective look on illness and death since the new millennium.

The purpose of this book is two-fold, one to explain the concept of your mortal death in spiritual terms. The other to give you stories of what it was like to die, from Spirits who are qualified, by their very presence in the Heavens.



They call me Alexandra Gastone by T.A. MacLagan

When your life is a lie, how do you know what's real?

Alexandra Gastone has a simple plan constructed when her name was Milena Rokva, back before the real Alexandra and her family were killed in a car crash. Between her cover as a high school girl—juggling school, a boyfriend and her mission in this high-stakes spy game, the boundaries of her two lives are beginning to blur. Will she stay true to the country she barely remembers, or has her loyalty shattered along with her identity?

JACK just an ordinary dog by Susan Tarr

I'm Jack. I'm a real pedigree dog, and I've got real papers to prove it. My parents have abandoned me into boarding kennels, while they travel the world. I'm not at all happy about that. Among these unruly and noisy mutts, I intend to remain aloof and guarded; and as for that black cat with the skinny tail and missing eye, there's no way she's getting anywhere near me. I'll keep a diary so when my parents return they can read how absolutely miserable I have been, yes, I shall keep a diary...



What's Happening around the country:

Going West Books + Writers' Festival 2016

The literary festival dedicated to celebrating New Zealand / Aotearoa authors, their writing and their worlds has been held annually in Titirangi and other venues in West Auckland, from August to September, since 1996.

Key Events

1. The Literary Weekend (9th-11th September 2016)
2. The Theatre Season
3. The Poetry Slam
4. Kōanga (Spring) Festival (three weeks over August-September)

Details found at <http://www.goingwestfest.co.nz/>

National Writers' Forum

17 – 18 September 2016

The National Writers' Forum is a conference for people who write books: fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, poetry, plays and digital media.

It is a two day intensive where writers will talk, learn and share information about the craft of writing and the business of getting published – traditional and indie, print and digital.

The forum will report on the current New Zealand writing and publishing environment and explore the prospects for writers in the new democracy of the digital world.

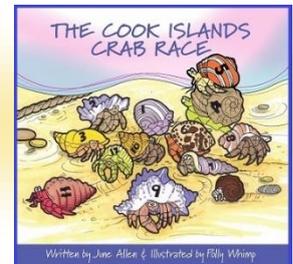
Details found at <http://www.nationalwritersforum.org.nz/>

Books for the younger readers:

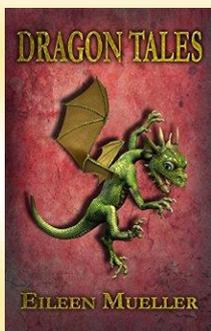
The Cook Islands Crab Race by June Allen

Illustrated by Polly Whimp

A story set in the Cook Islands. Children gather hermit crabs to race in a rope circle. A little white crab sneaks into the bucket with his bigger friends; he wants to race, too. There's number experience as each large crab has a number written on his shell.



Dragons and Wizards



Dragon Tales by Eileen Mueller

Whether you're looking for a nip, a nibble, or a chomp-sized story, wing your way to an adventure with Dragon Tales. Find a dragon in your desk, your toilet, under your bed or gift-wrapped under the Christmas tree. Meet a dirty dragon, one with short wings and another that is so fluffy, she's always laughed at. And travel with two sick friends by dragon-back for fun and adventure.

Upper Hutt Spring Carnival:

Saturday 10th September

Writer's Plot Readers Read

10% discount coupon

Discount applies to 1 book per person per visit.

Valid from September 5 - 17th 2016 (inclusive) off any book.
Online purchases put the code **SPRING16** in the order for the discount.



In shop specials this week –

Discount for 2 or more books in a series purchased at the same time.

What's On:

School Holiday Writing Courses

Two 5-day writing courses in the holidays – details on the website and facebook page
Years 6-9 in the first week of the holidays
Years 9-13 in the second week

Writing group – with Cat Connor

Meets at the bookshop every 3rd Saturday 11am - 12:30pm
Next meetings 10th Sept and 1st Oct. \$5pp

Daytime writing for individuals – writing desk, refreshments, internet access, inspiration from being surrounded by books. \$5 for half day; \$10 full day – discounts for continued use.

Poetry Evenings

We are looking at a new venue for this – information will be put on the website and posted on Facebook.

Writing Courses

There has been quite a bit of interest for more writing courses – if you are interested email us your contact details and we will contact you when we organize out next courses.

All events are held at the shop; further details on our website or contact us via email, phone or facebook message.

All details on the website and Facebook pages – and a reminder that all books can be purchased on line at our website –

<https://writersplotreadersread.wordpress.com/buy-now/>