



# news & reviews

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## Value for money

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‘during these tough economic times, people are turning to libraries’

If you want to read, to watch a movie, to search the Internet, to learn a new skill or to find health information there is no need to spend a lot of money. For a nominal cost of two dollars for a membership card you can take advantage of the incredible array of resources at the library. Books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines and on-line databases are all available free or for a small charge.

If you are looking for work the library is a relaxed and comfortable place to browse through the job advertisements in the newspapers. Many companies now ask for on-line job applications but if you do not have access to a computer the library can help. You will also find information about compiling a CV, writing a letter of application and preparing for a job interview.

The library is a great place for a family outing. Spend time with your kids reading and exploring the library – it doesn't cost a cent and you will be giving your children skills that will be a priceless asset for life. All bookinopolis branches have noticed a big increase in the numbers of parents and children attending our Stories and More and SKOOB sessions. If you would like to know more about these ask at your local library.

In good times and bad, public libraries across New Zealand provide a broad range of services and resources for people of all ages and backgrounds and they are always great value for money.

There is strong evidence from the United States that during these tough economic times people are turning to libraries in increasing numbers. The same appears to be happening here. Usage of bookinopolis libraries continues to increase with over 300 new members joining each month and over 100,000 items being issued in the first two months of this year.

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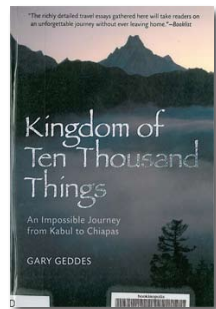
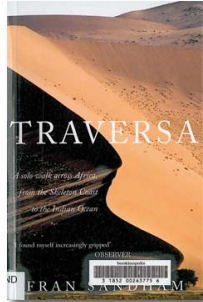
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## travellers' tales

Winter is coming; a good time to plan your escape to warmer places. If, in these times of economic belt tightening an overseas trip is out of the question console yourself with these amazing stories of other people's adventures.

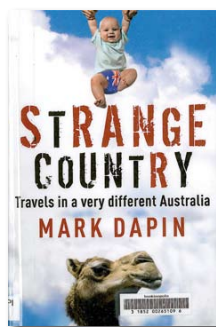
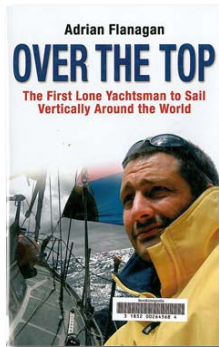
*Traversa* by Fran Sandham is a funny and engaging story of his epic 3,000-mile solo walk across Africa from Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar.



Gary Geddes' journey from Kabul to Chiapas is described in *Kingdom of ten thousand things*. He was retracing the path of Huishen, a fifth century Buddhist monk. Huishen, originally from Kabul, Afghanistan, reportedly sailed from China to Vancouver Island, continuing southward to Mexico. Geddes finds himself not only struggling to cross the ancient barriers of the Himalayas, the Taklamakan Desert, the Pacific Ocean and

the jungles of Central America, but also gingerly picking his way through Taliban landmines and Chinese and Zapatista politics.

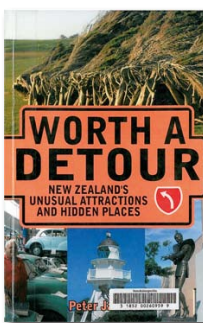
Adrian Flanagan set sail from the south coast of England to voyage vertically around the earth by the most difficult route imaginable, via Cape Horn and the icebound waters of the Russian Arctic and lived to tell the tale in his book *Over the top*.



*In Strange Country*, Mark Dapin takes us on a journey through a very different Australia – a country that's eccentric, puzzling, big-hearted, small-minded, nostalgic and sometimes just plain mad. From the last travelling boxing tent and feral urban sewer rats to Vietnam Veteran bikies and the annual Parkes Elvis Festival, his writing illuminates the

stranger side of Australian life in a travel book like no other.

If the budget will stretch to some trips closer to home here is a book that will take you on some similarly quirky adventures in New Zealand. *Worth a detour: New Zealand's unusual attractions and hidden places* lets the reader in on all those



## MOST WANTED LIST FOR MAY 2009

a NZ Music Month t-shirt



Just hire a music CD during our NZ music week promotion and you're now in the draw to win an awesome NZ Music Month t-shirt!

Competition closes 3pm 30 May 2009

unusual things to do and places to see that don't appear in the regular tourist or travel guides.



Finally *Organic Explorer* is the only comprehensive green guide to NZ. The guide has about 600 listings including organic food cafes, restaurants, shops; Farmers' Markets; wellness retreats; and nature-based activities and adventures.



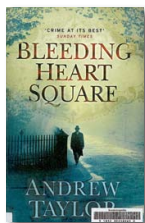
# reviews

## a selection of new books available

### Bleeding heart square

Andrew Taylor

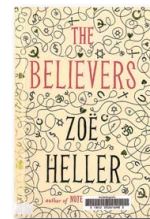
Set in 1934 in a decaying London cul-de-sac of Bleeding Heart Square Lydia has taken refuge there from an abusive marriage. However, unknown to Lydia a dark mystery haunts 7 Bleeding Heart Square. What happened to Miss Penhow, the middle-aged spinster who owns the house and who vanished four years ago?



### The believers

Zoe Heller

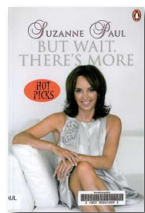
When New York radical lawyer Joel Litvinoff is felled by a stroke, his wife Audrey uncovers a secret that forces her to re-examine her ideas about him and their forty-year marriage. Joel's children will soon have to come to terms with this unsettling discovery themselves, but for the meantime, they are grappling with their own dilemmas.



### But wait, there's more

Suzanne Paul

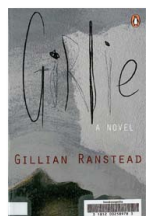
Growing up in working-class poverty in the Midlands, Suzanne Paul came to New Zealand in 1991 with just \$18 in her pocket and a determination to make her fortune. Within five years she had achieved her goal.



### Girlie

Gillian Ranstead

Set in New Zealand in the late 1950s early 60s, this is Mara's story as she grows up amongst her conflicted family and the destructive events that follow. Her story moves between 1960s Washington DC and several centuries of the Scottish highlands.



### What colour is your parachute?

ZA practical manual for job-hunters and career-changes

Richard N Bolles

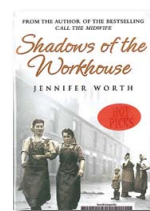
The job hunting in hard times edition of this well known guide.



### Shadows of the workhouse

Jennifer Worth

When Jennifer Worth became a midwife in the 1950s, working with the Nonnatus nuns in the East End of London, she joined a community whose lives had often been touched by the shadow of the workhouse. For, although these institutions were officially abolished in 1930, in reality many did not close until several decades later.



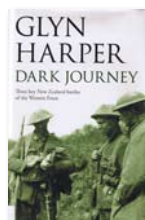
## Books for ANZAC Day

The devil's own war: edited by John Crawford the First World War diary of Brigadier-General Herbert Hart



These diaries are widely regarded as one of the most important personal sources related to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Hart was a much decorated brigadier general and from the time he left Carterton in 1914 to the time he returned in 1918 he kept extensive personal diaries that cover huge campaigns such as Somme, Passchendale and Gallipoli.

Dark journey: by Glynn Harper three key New Zealand battles of the Western Front



Dark Journey presents the first comprehensive overview of New Zealand's involvement in World War One by one of our most highly regarded historians. It also provides in depth analysis of the NZ war contribution, with startling revelations about the true scale of casualties, consistently under-reported in the past.

Images of war: by Glynn Harper and Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum World War I. A photographic record of New Zealanders at war 1914-1918



Here, some 90 years after the war ended, is the first collection of photographs of New Zealanders at war. Poignant, stirring and at times unbearable, it records the appalling, brutalising, mundane and touching experiences of those who were there.

The other ANZACS: by Peter Rees nurses at war 1914-1918



An in depth account of the lives and contribution of the nurses who volunteered to go to war and provide nursing support to not just Australian and New Zealand troops, but also to the wounded from other Allied nations, and even enemy soldiers.



# catsreport

## Why CATS?

CATS stands for Children's And Teen's Services at bookinopolis. This includes Stories and More for pre-schoolers, SKOOB for kids aged 7-12, school holiday programmes and school visits and of course our children's and teen's collections. If you would like to know more contact your local branch of bookinopolis.



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## Pukekohe

Massey Ave

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-8.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-3.00pm

## Waiuku

King Street

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-2.00pm

## Tuakau

George Street

Monday	9.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30-5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30-5.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5.00pm
Friday	9.30-5.00pm
Saturday	9.30-12.30pm

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## New Zealand Post Book Awards

Every year the New Zealand Post Book Awards celebrate excellence in children's literature and provide recognition for the best children's books published annually in New Zealand.

Awards are made in four categories: Young Adult Fiction, Junior Fiction, Non Fiction, and Picture Book. Five finalists are chosen from each category, and from these a winner is selected.

For details of this year's finalists go to [http://www.booksellers.co.nz/nzpb\\_finalists.htm](http://www.booksellers.co.nz/nzpb_finalists.htm)

The finalists are judged on a whole range of criteria including the use of language, storyline, illustrations, factual information and creating an opportunity for the reader to use their own imagination.

School-aged children and teenagers from all over New Zealand can vote for their favourite book from among the 20 finalists selected by the judges. The award winner is announced by young readers at the awards ceremony and the author and/or illustrator of this coveted award wins \$1,000. Use this link to vote for the Children's Choice Award 2009 [http://www.booksellers.co.nz/nzpb\\_choice.htm](http://www.booksellers.co.nz/nzpb_choice.htm)

The New Zealand Post Book Awards acknowledges the authors' and illustrators' achievements, with a festival period, in which bookshops, libraries, and schools participate.

This year there are a number of opportunities for bookinopolis customers to participate in the New Zealand Post Book Awards.

- We are offering visits to local schools, playcentres, and childcare facilities to celebrate and promote the achievements of the book finalists.
- Our Post Box competition is for schools, kindergartens and childcare facilities. It involves designing a post box based around one of the NZ Post finalists. Entry forms are available at your local bookinopolis. Judging will be by the public.
- On Saturday May 16th is the 'the Great Garden Scavenger Hunt' at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. 10 librarians dressed up as characters from the finalist books will be hidden amongst the gardens. Children will need to locate each character, answer a question relating to the book with the assistance of the character and return the entry form. All correct entry forms go in the draw to win copies of the finalist books.

Please contact your local bookinopolis for further details regarding any of these events.



## Dates and links

Saturday 28th March is Margaret Mahy Day. If you like Margaret Mahy try these links.

<http://www.bookcouncil.org.nz/writers/mahym.html>

[http://www.storylines.org.nz/author\\_details.asp?author\\_id=18](http://www.storylines.org.nz/author_details.asp?author_id=18)

April 2nd is International Children's Book Day

This is the link for the International Children's Digital Library.

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

## Handy Homework sites

[www.AnyQuestions.co.nz](http://www.AnyQuestions.co.nz) - AnyQuestions.co.nz is powered by a team of live online librarians. This is a free service for all NZ school students.

[www.wicked.org.nz](http://www.wicked.org.nz) - WickEDly cool site for 7 to 12 year olds with all sorts of useful information for school assignments plus games, quizzes and much more.