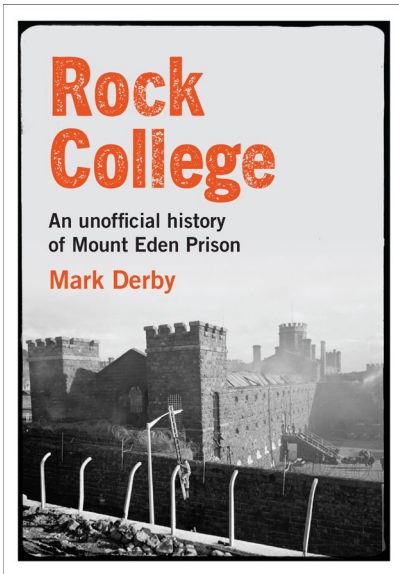




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INSIDE THE FORBIDDING STONE WALLS OF NEW ZEALAND'S MOST INFAMOUS GAOL

Grim, Victorian, notorious, for 150 years Mount Eden Prison held both New Zealand's political prisoners and its most notorious criminals. Te Kooti, Rua Kēnana, John A. Lee, George Wilder, Tim Shadbolt and Sandra Coney all spent time in its dank cells.

Its interior has been the scene of mass riots, daring escapes and hangings. Highly regarded historian Mark Derby tells the prison's inside story with verve and compassion.

'If you want to know what it's like inside that place, this book is the next best thing to a ten-year stretch' — James 'Diamond Jim' Shepherd, former inmate of Mount Eden Prison

'A major contribution to New Zealand's penal history' — Sir Kim Workman, penal reform advocate

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