



# Wild Honey

## Reading New Zealand Women's Poetry

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### A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO POETRY BY NEW ZEALAND WOMEN POETS WRITTEN BY POETRY CHAMPION PAULA GREEN

New Zealand women have published poetry for over 150 years. In this landmark book, poet and anthologist Paula Green celebrates and makes connections between 201 of them, from emerging poets and those who are household names to those who have slipped from public view or were not paid the honour they were due in their lifetimes.

Wide-ranging, engaging and affecting, *Wild Honey* celebrates the many ways in which poems by women deserve a place in the literary canon of Aotearoa. Charming and unique, the book's chapters follow the structure of a house, with different poets being discussed and assessed in each of the house's rooms.

The selection is enormously generous, the tone is at times gentle and accessible, and Green's reach is wide. She brings the pioneers of women's poetry — Jessie Mackay, Blanche Baughan and Eileen Duggan — back from the shadows, and she also draws our attention to the remarkable stories of forgotten women poets such as Lola Ridge.

The book's release in August 2019 is timed to coincide with National Poetry Day.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Paula Green** MNZM is a poet, reviewer, anthologist, children's author, book-award judge and blogger. She has published eight poetry collections, including several for children. In 2017, Paula was admitted to the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Poetry and Literature and she was also a recipient of the coveted Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement. Her book *99 Ways into New Zealand Poetry*, co-written with Harry Ricketts, was shortlisted for the 2010 New Zealand Post Book Awards. She runs two blogs: *NZ Poetry Box* and *NZ Poetry Shelf*. She edited the much lauded *A Treasury of New Zealand Poems for Children* (Random House). *The Letterbox Cat and Other Poems* (Scholastic) won Children's Choice at the 2015 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

#### SALES POINTS

- The first ever comprehensive assessment of New Zealand women's poetry
- A much loved and respected author
- Poetry is on a marked rise in New Zealand and this book gives warm and scholarly yet accessible context to the significant body of poetry by women writers
- Charminglly packaged and designed
- The perfect gift for all poetry lovers and ideal for libraries
- A remarkable resource

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