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AN EXTRAORDINARY VISUAL DATA BOOK LIKE NO OTHER

Clustered yet scattered, we New Zealanders live across the country's physical landscapes, experiencing its varied weather and environments. We co-create its political, economic and social systems on a daily basis. Each of us has a particular view of Aotearoa, yet nobody comprehends the whole.

This book's sets of maps and graphics help New Zealanders make sense of their country, to grasp the scale, diversity and intricacies of Aotearoa, and to experience feelings of connection to land, to place, to this time in our history, and to one another.

By making data visible, each graphic reveals insights about Aotearoa. They answer a range of questions: Who visits us? How equal are we? How do we hurt ourselves? Where do our cats go to at night?

This compelling mixture of charts, graphs, diagrams, maps and illustrations is functional, beautiful, insightful and enlightening. It tells us where we are, here, in 2018. Essays by some of New Zealand's best thinkers complete the package.

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SALES POINTS

- Beautiful, hip and informative, this book will be seen on coffee tables as well as on bookshelves
- Includes essays by some of New Zealand's best writers and thinkers: Tze Ming Mok, Ben Schrader, Veronika Meduna, Dan Hikuroa, James Russell, Andrew Geddis, Patrick Reynolds and Nadine Anne Hura
- A unique approach to data visualisation
- Underpinned by serious data analysis — includes technical notes on data collation
- The perfect gift — a must-have book for Christmas



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