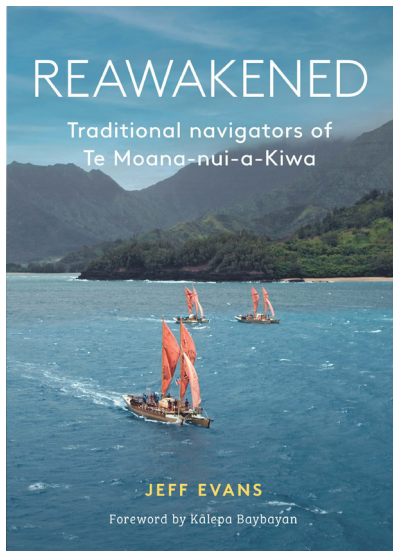




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THE STORIES OF TEN MASTER NAVIGATORS INTERTWINED WITH THE REBIRTH OF PACIFIC VOYAGING

This book features interviews with 10 master navigators who share the challenges and triumphs of traditional wayfinding based on the deep knowledge of navigator Mau Piailug, the legendary teacher of traditional, non-instrument wayfinding methods for open-ocean voyaging across the Pacific.

The navigators include three from Aotearoa New Zealand: Hec Busby, Piripi Evans, and Jack Thatcher; two from the Cook Islands: Peia Patai, Teuatakiri Tearutua Arthur (Tua) Pittman; and five from Hawai`i: Nainoa Thompson, Chad Kālepa Baybayan, Shorty Bertelmann, Bruce Blankenfeld and Chad `Onohi Paishon.

Their stories are intertwined with the movement that proved that the exploration and settlement of the eastern Pacific was deliberate, and one of the greatest feats of navigation in human history.

Each of the profiles includes a specific aspect of the contemporary voyaging story, and describes how these remarkable men learnt to navigate voyaging canoes across thousands of miles of open ocean.

SALES POINTS

- For the first time the stories of these 'rock stars' of voyaging are told together — how they came to it, what they have achieved and their vision for the future
- Fascinating interviews uncover the blend of traditional knowledge, science, passion, stamina and strength needed to guide a voyaging canoe
- Describes the work that is being done in various communities to promote traditional voyaging skills and knowledge, and its value in lifting up those who come in contact with it

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Jeff Evans is a writer and photographer based in Auckland. He has written several books relating to waka, including *Ngā Waka o Neherā*, *Polynesian Navigation and the Discovery of New Zealand* and *Waka Tāua: The Māori War Canoe*. Between them, these books recall Māori migration traditions, describe navigation skills used by Māori to voyage between the islands in the central Pacific and New Zealand, and introduce the reader to waka taua. Jeff's most recent book was *Heke-nuku-mai-nga-iwi Busby: Not Here by Chance* (Huia, 2015). In 2020 he was awarded a summer residency at the Michael King Writer's Centre to work on this book.