

# Invisible

## *New Zealand's history of excluding Kiwi-Indians*

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### MIGRATION AND RACISM IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Despite our mythology of benign race relations, Aotearoa New Zealand has a long history of underlying prejudice and racism. The experiences of Indian migrants and their descendants, either historically or today, are still poorly documented and most writing has focussed on celebration and integration. *Invisible* speaks of survival and the real impacts racism has on the lives of Indian New Zealanders. It uncovers a story of exclusion that has rendered Kiwi-Indians invisible in the historical narratives of the nation.

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### SALES POINTS

- Hard-hitting examination of exclusion and racism in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Fills a gap in our collective knowledge of the experiences of Kiwi-Indians
- Makes an essential contribution to the conversation on diversity in New Zealand
- Forewords by Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon and NZICA President Paul Patel.

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