

Last week 78 people saw Donovan Bixley, Kat Merewether, James Russell and Angela Keoghan with chair Nicola Daly at the New Zealand Children's Book Illustration and Design Panel at Wintec's Long Room. We heard about being inspired by what you hate (to create better stories), the challenges and extra tasks with being self-published, how each panellist's world view shapes their work and what they are currently working on.



About 70 people were at The Lido yesterday to hear local authors whose books included poetry, politics, local history, family history, children's stories, self-help, fiction and project management. We heard about the decisions made on their publishing journeys including whether to try conventional publishing houses or to self-publish, how to format their work, what to do about illustrations, whether to do a sequel, how to market their work and so on. After MC Cate Prestidge had thanked our authors, they had further discussions with interested buyers and sold their books.



## **This week is week 3 of Hamilton Book Month!**

Events include a life writing panel, storytelling on the marae, a travel writing workshop and a play.

### ***Travels in Memory***

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/travels-in-memory>

The Meteor Theatre, 1 Victoria St, Hamilton  
Monday 13 August, 6.30-8pm, free event with cash bar

When an author uses her own life as source material, what extra challenges does she face? What are the pleasures of drawing from personal experience and family history, and what are the dangers? What can the exploration of memory teach us about its power and complexity? Tracey Slaughter explores key questions of life writing in discussion with authors Catherine Chidgey, Diana Wichtel, and Vivianne Flintoff, three women whose recent acclaimed work has journeyed to the heart of the creative nonfiction form.

Come to our life writing panel and hear these stories of family history, memoir and non fiction. This event is supported by Poppies with books for sale and signing.

## ***Storytelling on the Marae***

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/museum-storytelling>

1 Grantham Street (south end of Victoria Street), Hamilton  
Thursday 16 August, 10.30-11am, free event

Come and hear traditional and contemporary stories presented for young visitors and their families at Waikato Museum.



## ***Walk It, Write It, Bike It, Blog It: The Road to Travel Writing Workshop***

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/travel-writing-workshop>

Wintec City Campus, Anglesea St, Hamilton  
Saturday 18 August, 1-4pm  
\$20, pre-registration necessary to [hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com)

Been travelling lately? Want to make money writing about your travels? Want to be paid to travel? This is the workshop for you. Learn how to find the angle, write a catchy opener, build and hold interest in the body of your article. Find out about skilful interviewing and the use of quotes. Discover how to take great photographs to accompany your article.

You'll learn how to identify markets in terms of content, style and format. You'll get useful tips on pitching your idea and mastering the art of the query letter. Find out the pros and cons of queries, commissions and sending unsolicited articles.



## ***Today's Bay***

<http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/today-s-bay>

Playhouse, Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts  
Knighton Rd, University of Waikato, Hamilton  
Saturday 18 August 7-8.40pm, Sunday 19 August 2-3.40pm  
Entry by koha, Opus bar open

Come and see Carving in Ice Theatre present a staged reading of New Zealand work *Today's Bay* by Craig Thane, directed by Gaye Poole. Written for the NZ Drama School in 1982, this play focuses on a group of university students studying Katherine Mansfield's short story *At the Bay*. There will be a Q&A with writer Craig Thane, directly following the Sunday 19th performance of *Today's Bay*. Come and explore the seashore with us, allow us to take you on an exciting journey between the past and the present. Join us at the bay.



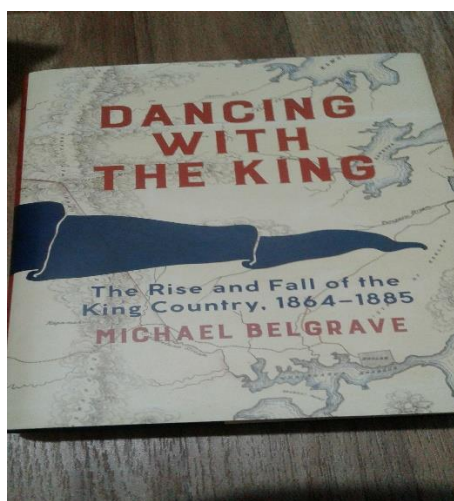
## ***Fiction Writing Workshop***

Catherine Robertson will be offering a fiction writing workshop on Wednesday 29 August 6-9pm. Details can be found <http://hamiltonbookmonth.wixsite.com/2018/fiction-writing-workshop> -- Pre-registration to [hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com) needed.

## ***Competition***

This week we have a copy of the wonderful hard copy book *Dancing With The King: The Rise and Fall of the King Country, 1864-1885* by Michael Belgrave to give away.

To enter the competition, email [hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonbookmonth@gmail.com) with your answer to the question "What is the name of another book that Michael Belgrave has written"? The winner must be able to collect the book from one of our Hamilton Book Month events.



We'd love to see you at our events.

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