

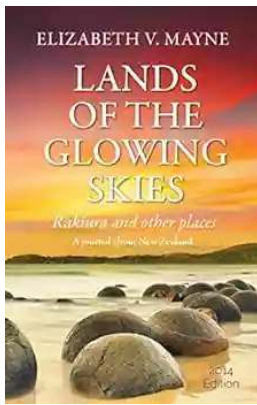
# The Magnificence of Rakiura and Other Places - A Journal of New Zealand Adventure



When it comes to natural beauty and adventure, few places can rival New Zealand. From its majestic mountains to pristine coastlines and vibrant cities, this country offers an abundant range of experiences for every traveler. Among the remarkable destinations in New Zealand lies the enchanting Rakiura, an island that promises an unforgettable journey. In this journal, we will delve into the wonders of Rakiura and other stunning places across New Zealand.

## **Discovering Rakiura: The Jewel of New Zealand**

Situated at the southern tip of the country, Rakiura, also known as Stewart Island, is an untouched paradise waiting to be explored. Its serene beauty, dense forests, pristine beaches, and diverse wildlife attract visitors from all corners of the globe.



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With a population of just a few hundred residents, Rakiura offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. The island's vast array of hiking trails, including the iconic Rakiura Track, provide an opportunity to immerse oneself in the splendor of untouched wilderness.

As you traverse the Rakiura Track, be prepared to encounter mesmerizing landscapes as well as unique flora and fauna. The rhythmic orchestra of native birdsong will accompany you throughout your journey, creating an unforgettable soundtrack for your adventure.

### Exploring Beyond Rakiura

While Rakiura steals the limelight with its exceptional beauty, New Zealand as a whole is a treasure trove of captivating destinations. If you have the chance to venture further, here are a few other must-visit places to add to your itinerary:

#### 1. Fiordland National Park

Situated in the southwestern corner of the South Island, Fiordland National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its breathtaking fjords and dramatic landscapes. Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound are among the most popular destinations within the park, offering awe-inspiring cruising experiences.

## **2. Tongariro National Park**

Located in the Central North Island, Tongariro National Park is known for its stunning volcanic landscapes. The park is home to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, an iconic 19.4-kilometer trek that takes you through otherworldly terrains, including the remarkable Emerald Lakes.

## **3. Queenstown**

Dubbed the adventure capital of New Zealand, Queenstown is nestled amidst the breathtaking Southern Alps. It offers a plethora of adrenaline-pumping activities such as bungee jumping, skydiving, and jet boating. The town's picturesque surroundings, including the stunning Lake Wakatipu, make it a must-visit destination.

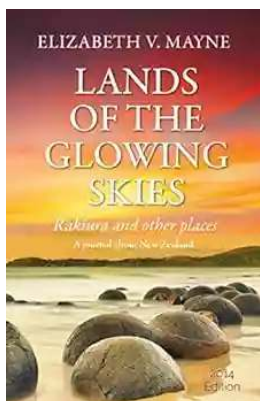
## **4. Abel Tasman National Park**

Located at the northern tip of the South Island, Abel Tasman National Park captivates visitors with its golden sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and lush coastal forests. The park is perfect for kayaking, hiking, and relaxing amidst picturesque surroundings.

## **An Unforgettable Journey Awaits**

Whether you find solace in the peaceful wilderness of Rakiura or explore the wonders of other captivating destinations across New Zealand, embarking on this adventure promises memories that will last a lifetime. The Land of the Long White

Cloud welcomes you with open arms, ready to unveil its incredible beauty and enrich your life with its grandeur.



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### A diary in a time warp

Primarily a record of two very happy years working in Wanganui and travelling in both islands, together with a relatively brief trip to Australia, and the outward and return journeys mainly by sea. This is really a photo-diary in a time-warp. It was actually written in 1966, immediately after returning from New Zealand. The majority of the photographs are from my own slides, taken in 1964 and 1965, which amazingly, have survived and can now be reproduced with the help of modern technology.

New Zealand – a magnificent and fascinating country, still young, forward-looking and relatively empty; yet full of opportunities and offering a way of life that is both peaceful and contentedly secure. If one appreciates an active, outdoor life and a

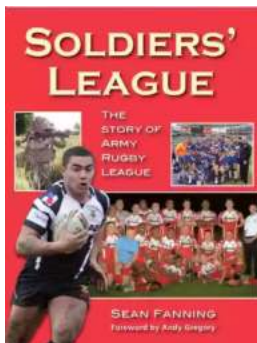
wealth of history, legend and geo-thermal wonders, all set against incredibly beautiful contrasting scenery, New Zealand is indeed a land of exceptional promise.

Elizabeth V. Mayne, Summer 1966

## **An affectionate update**

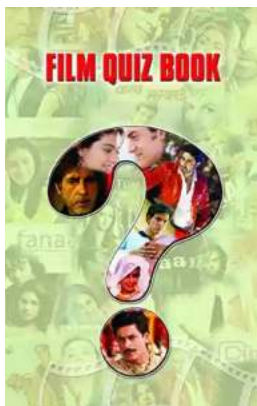
Betty passed away on Tuesday 6th May 2008 aged 73 years. I decided to revisit her book and arrange it for ebook publishing. I have included only a few of her photographs for the ebook to be a good size. More to be found about this journey, including colour photographs, will be accessible on the Fleurdi Books website page for Elizabeth V Mayne, once it goes live, which will be very soon.

Fiona E Routledge.



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