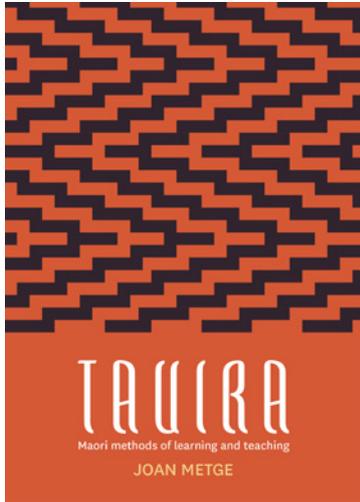




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#### TAUIRA: MĀORI METHODS OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

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*What it was like growing up in Māori rural communities in the mid-twentieth century? Voices from the past answer this question in the pages of this book.*

In *Tauira*, acclaimed educator and anthropologist Joan Metge introduces readers to Māori methods of teaching and learning that are rich in lessons for us all. Based on extensive interviews, this book offers a window on a mid-twentieth-century rural Māori world as described by those who grew up there. Metge shows that Māori ways of learning flourished alongside the school system – especially in rural Northland, the Bay of Plenty and on the East Cape – and that those educational practices had a particular form and philosophy. Māori focused on learning by doing, teaching in context, learning in a group, memorising, and advancement when ready. Parents, grandparents and community leaders imparted cultural knowledge as well as practical skills to the younger generation through daily life and storytelling, in whānau and community activities. In preserving this evidence and these voices from the past, this important book also offers much inspiration for the future.

#### About the author

Dame Joan Metge was awarded the Royal Society of New Zealand's inaugural Te Rangi Hiroa Medal in 1997 for her outstanding scientific research in the social sciences and, in 2006, won the third Asia-Pacific Mediation Forum Peace Prize, previously won by José Ramos-Horta. Her most recent book is *Tuamaka: The Challenge of Difference in Aotearoa New Zealand* (AUP, 2010).

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- Based on extensive interviews with 25 individuals, this book allows us to listen to Māori recall the cultural knowledge and practical skills imparted by relatives and community leaders.
- Many of the interviewees were and are important cultural figures, such as academic Dr Merimeri Penfold, broadcaster Haare Williams and award-winning children's book author Keri Kaa. Education and Maori focus but author will be of wide interest to readers and media.

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