

## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS NEWS

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As our last book for the year, *Pieces of Mind: 21 Short Walks Around the Human Brain*, leaves the warehouse, the team at Auckland University Press sends very best wishes and many thanks to all of you for contributing to another great year for the Press in 2011 and wish you all the best throughout the Christmas / New Year season.

The Auckland University Press office will be closed for the holidays between 23 December 2011 and 4 January 2012.

### 1. NEW BOOKS

*In store this week: Digging Up the Past: Archaeology for the Young and Curious*

**David Veart**

Children / YA; Archaeology

(HB; illus; 9781869404659; RRP: \$39.99)

*I do not often review non fiction works in this blog but this book sent recently to me captured my imagination. ... Fascinating stuff for children of all ages from primary to junior secondary school. Check it out.* – Reading and Literacy consultant Bob Docherty

What do moa eggs, seeds chewed by rats and 600-year-old footprints have in common? Lost planes, dog turds and frozen sleeping bags? Archaeologists in Aotearoa New Zealand deal with artefacts like these every day to work out how the people before us lived.

In *Digging Up the Past* David Veart walks alongside the archaeologists as they dig up the past on top of volcanoes and beneath our city streets, in Maori pa and explorers' huts. He shows us the things they find – obsidian adzes, enamel cups, the carved prow of a waka – and tells us the remarkable stories they have uncovered of Polynesian voyagers and Pakeha sealers, Maori gardeners and Chinese storekeepers.

Looking for ancient DNA, researching your own rubbish (WARNING: stinky work ahead), doing aerial archaeology with Google Earth (better than leaning out of a biplane) – this book will have readers of all ages thinking like archaeologists as it excavates the stories of the past.

*In store this week: Pieces of Mind: 21 Short Walks Around the Human Brain*

**Michael C Corballis**

Psychology

(PB; 9781869404925; \$29.99)

*In no particular order, Corballis's columns consider some of the basic problems and functions of the brain playfully and with the minimum of jargon. ... Corballis writes with the ease of somebody who is an expert in his field and who knows his readers need some help, but who doesn't patronise them – Nicholas Reid, Reid's Reader*

Do we have bigger brains than dolphins? Does your dog remember where it buried its bone? Why don't sheep laugh or gorillas lie? Why do we remember faces but not names? In 21 short walks around the human brain, acclaimed psychologist Michael Corballis answers these and other questions by introducing us to what we've learned about the human mind in the last fifty years. Corballis leads us through behavioural experiments and neuroscience, cognitive theory and Darwinian evolution, puncturing a few hot-air balloons ("You only use 10 per cent of your brain!" "Unleash the creativity of your right brain!") along the way. At one time or another, we've all wished that we could get inside someone else's head. Here's how.

**The Broken Book**

**Fiona Farrell**

Essays; Poetry; Travel

(PB; 9781869405762; \$34.99)

*... a lyrical, beautiful sequence of philosophical musings, sometimes autobiographical, always sensitive and wise, that are interrupted with after-shock regularity by shaken poems. The poems are exquisite. The book is a rare and special treasure. I hugged it to my heart at the end of every section, every poem. – Carole Beu, The Women's Bookshop*

Fiona Farrell's meandering travel book shows how an earthquake can change everything in a flash: the book you were writing, the house you were living in, the thoughts that preoccupied you. *The Broken Book* consists of four essays about life and walking, bookended by a preamble and an afterword, and interrupted by 21 poems about the Christchurch earthquakes and their aftermath. The poems jolt into the essays like aftershocks, like cracks in the text; they make you pause and reconsider. *The Broken Book* is funny, timely, deeply personal but never self-indulgent – it shows Fiona's talents as a writer and warmth as a human being.

**Briefcase**

**John Adams**

Poetry

(PB; 9781869414918; \$24.99)

*This is a thoughtful and entertaining book, full of joie de vivre and joie de bons mots. ... Adams delights in words and their meanings, and particularly in their double and multiple meanings. His poems are brief and there is humour and subtlety on every page.* – Nelson Mail

*Briefcase*, the first book of poems by District Court Judge John Adams, is a collection presented as a briefcase of lost documents and poems, allowing the author to play with a wide range of stylistic ideas around a central narrative theme, producing a melange of poems – in traditional and experimental forms – and other texts: affidavits, police reports, a Sudoku puzzle, court transcripts, a menu, wills, commentaries. A disordered novella in legal documents, brutal and amusing by turns, *Briefcase* unfolds a fascinating story and also superbly explores the role of language as a vessel for truth and an implement of justice.

### **The New Zealand Economy: An Introduction**

**Ralph Lattimore & Shamubeel Eaquib**

Economics

(PB; 9781869414895; \$34.99)

*If you're looking for a quick way of improving your understanding of the New Zealand Economy then I doubt you'll find a more valuable book than this. It's quick, to the point and perfectly clear.*– Booksellers NZ reviewer

In this successor to Dalziel and Lattimore's successful *The New Zealand Macroeconomy*, the authors provide a concise introduction to the contemporary New Zealand economy as we enter 'the Asian era'. The authors interpret data on key economic indicators over time to make sense of the structure and performance of New Zealand's contemporary economy in a historical and global context. *The New Zealand Economy* covers major contemporary economic issues: globalisation and the rise of the Asian economies, the origins and consequences of the global financial crisis and current concerns about growth and productivity. Rich with local data and case studies, *The New Zealand Economy* is an ideal supplementary text for undergraduates and MBA students as well as a pocket primer for New Zealanders involved in business and policy. Graphs and tables in the book will be updated quarterly and posted on the internet. Also includes appendices/case studies by Professors Gary Hawke and Philip McCann.

## **2. REPRINTS**

These reprints are now in stock and can be ordered from our agents HarperCollins publishers

- *Wool to Weta: Transforming New Zealand's Culture and Economy* (9781869404383; \$34.99) by New Zealander of the year Sir Paul Callaghan

- *Settlers: New Zealand Immigrants from England, Ireland and Scotland 1800–1945* by Jock Phillips, with Terry Hearn (9781869404017; \$45)
- *Ngamatea: The Land and the People* by Hazel Riseborough (9781869403690; \$49.99)
- *He Pitopito Kōrero nō te Perehi Māori: Readings from the Maori-language Press* edited by Jeny Curnow, Jane McRae and Ngapare Hopa (9781869403591; \$45).
- *Zone of the Marvellous: In Search of the Antipodes* by Martin Edmond (9781869404475; \$39.99)

### 3. NEWS

#### eBooks on the way

Auckland University Press is participating in the ebook revolution. Right now, we are converting 250 of our best titles to ebooks that we will be selling to individuals and libraries both here and around the world. More details about distribution and pricing to come from Director Sam Elworthy shortly.

#### Jock Phillips

Dr Phillips, the author of *Settlers: New Zealand Immigrants from England, Ireland and Scotland 1800–1945* and an editor of *Going Public: The Changing Face of New Zealand History* (9781869402266; \$45) and general editor of *Te Ara*, the online encyclopedia of New Zealand, has won 2011 Royal Society of NZ Pou Aronui Award for service to the Humanities, acknowledging his work as one of our leading historians for over 30 years.

#### Bill Culbert

Artist Bill Culbert, the subject of [Bill Culbert: Making Light Work](#) by Ian Wedde (9781869404390; \$99.99), has been chosen to represent New Zealand at the 2013 Venice Biennale. Stock of *Bill Culbert: Making Light Work* is still available.

#### Media

Hear our recent authors talking to Kim Hill about their new books; interviews now online:

- Judge and poet **John Adams** on his compendium of poems *Briefcase*:  
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2500282/poetry-with-john-adams>
- Psychologist and Professor Emeritus **Michael C Corballis** on his whirlwind tour of the human brain, *Pieces of Mind: 21 Short Walks Around the Human Brain*:  
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2501928/michael-corballis-mind-pieces>
- **Fiona Farrell** on her new book about walking, life, literature and the Christchurch earthquakes, *The Broken Book*:  
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2501293/fiona-farrell-walking-and-the-broken-city>

### 4. KEEP UP WITH AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS

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