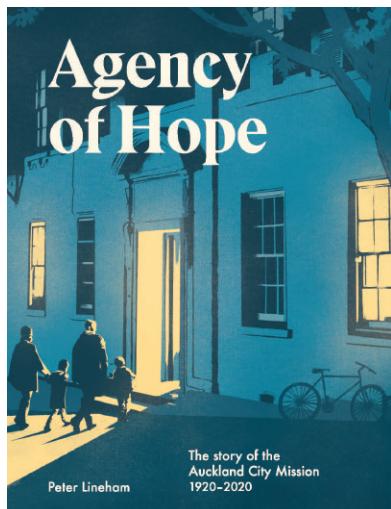




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A CENTURY OF AUCKLANDERS HELPING AUCKLANDERS

This lively history by well-known historian Peter Lineham features over 100 photographs and takes readers inside a remarkable organisation working at the front lines of a society in which poverty has become entrenched.

For 100 years the Auckland City Mission has been the lynchpin of the city's compassion towards and support for the poor, the marginalised and the homeless. Perhaps the best known of the city's charitable organisations, many thousands of Aucklanders have been involved with the work of the Mission. Its story, marked at times by struggle, is colourful and peopled by memorable characters.

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SALES POINTS

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- A lively history peopled by some remarkable characters and featuring over 100 illustrations
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