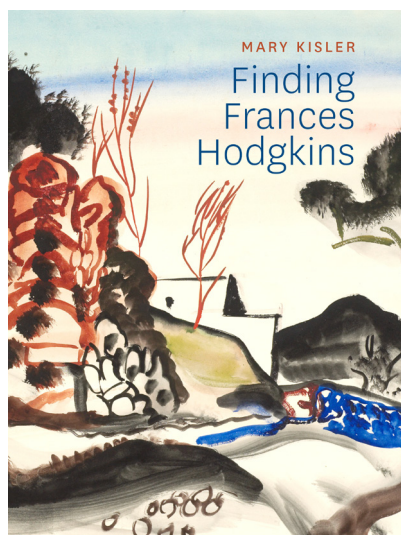


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A FRESH NEW LOOK AT WHERE, WHEN AND WHY FRANCES HODGKINS PAINTED SOME OF HER BEST-KNOWN WORKS

When Frances Hodgkins, our most celebrated artist, first left New Zealand in 1901, location became a key factor in her determination to succeed as an artist. In this engaging book, curator Mary Kisler follows in Hodgkins' footsteps through England, France, Italy, Morocco, Spain and Wales to discover the locations in which Hodgkins constantly pushed her exploration of modernism.

Warm, insightful, fresh, expert and richly illustrated with more than 70 artworks, this handsome book sheds new light on Hodgkins' life, art and social milieu.

'Massey University Press is giving the established players in New Zealand art publishing some stiff competition with their elegantly produced and beautiful books. Even before diving into Mary Kisler's *Finding Frances Hodgkins*, it's a gorgeous wee thing ... Kisler writes with a light touch and includes herself in the narrative without being intrusive, in such a way that getting to know her is a natural and pleasant component of the text and doesn't distract from Fanny H. at all. ... It's also handsomely illustrated with reproductions of Hodgkins' paintings, illustrative material and Kisler's snaps of the scenery as it is today. I love it.

– Andrew Paul Wood

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SALES POINTS

- An engaging and fresh look at the life and work of Frances Hodgkins
- Reads almost like a detective story as one of our leading curators tracks down the locations of key works
- The ideal book for all lovers of Hodgkins' work
- Published to coincide with the major Hodgkins exhibition at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
- Beautifully packaged and full of images
- An ideal gift

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