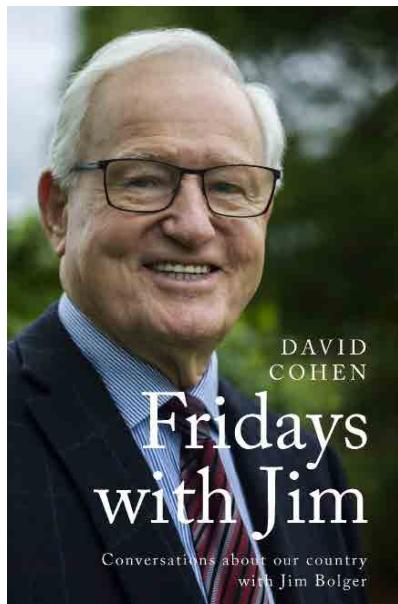




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### A FORMER NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER CANDIDLY REVIEWS HIS LIFE AND THE STATE OF THE NATION

A self-taught son of Irish immigrants, devout Catholic, rough-hewn King Country farmer and farming lobbyist, Jim Bolger entered New Zealand political life in the 1970s. He was a flinty Minister of Labour under Robert Muldoon and Prime Minister from 1990 to 1997. As ambassador to Washington, he helped create warmer relations with the United States. In recent years, he has chaired boards, served as the chancellor of the University of Waikato and marked more than a half-century of marriage to Joan, with whom he has nine children.

Never given to orthodoxies, yet staunchly National in his politics, in his still-energetic eighties he remains an impressively brisk progressive thinker.

For a year he regularly sat down on Fridays with the writer David Cohen to reflect on his life and times, our nation and world. *Fridays with Jim* reveals a quintessential man of the old New Zealand who is fully in synch with the new New Zealand, and with plenty of ideas about where it's all heading.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wellington journalist **David Cohen** is the author of five books, and has written for overseas mastheads the *Spectator*, the *Financial Times*, the *Guardian* and the *New York Times* and, in New Zealand, *Metro* and *NBR*.

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