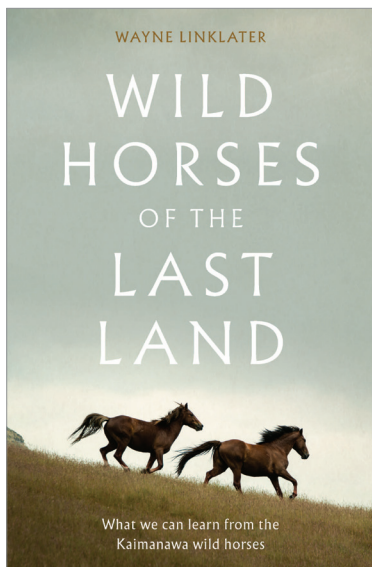




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In the mid-1990s Wayne Linklater landed a job researching the bands of wild horses that lived in New Zealand's largest military training grounds around Waiouru. For the next four years he observed births, tensions, the love of stallions for their mares, violence, loyalty, courage and death, all played out against an astounding landscape.

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