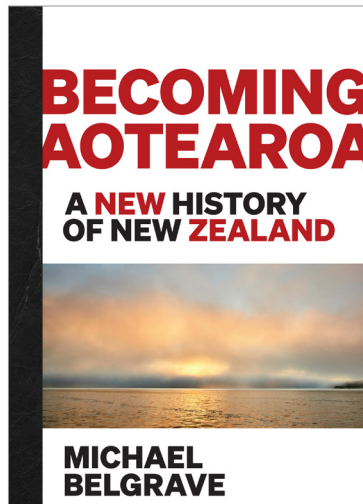




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A MAJOR NEW NATIONAL HISTORY OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

In the first major national history of Aotearoa New Zealand to be published since Michael King's *The Penguin History of New Zealand* was released in 2003, leading historian Professor Michael Belgrave grapples with the notion that New Zealand's two peoples — tangata whenua and subsequent migrants — have forged a special sort of 'us', unique to this place.

In exploring the paradox of New Zealand's contested claims to exceptionalism, *Becoming Aotearoa* considers how the past is always more complicated than the politics of the present would allow. Lively, accessible and relevant, this book is a must-read for all who wish to understand where we have been, how we got there and where we are headed.

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- An ideal resource as the new history curriculum becomes embedded in New Zealand schools and as the impetus for decolonisation grows
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