

NZIER presents

2021 SUMMER READING LIST FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Background

This reading list is part of the NZIER Public Good Programme, which undertakes economic research and thinking to promote a better understanding of Aotearoa New Zealand's economic challenges.

Selection criteria

Books had to meet the following criteria:

- Be relevant to a contemporary issue
- Offer a different way of thinking or perspective
- Be relevant for New Zealand
- Be consistent with NZIER Public Good objectives.

In addition, we sought books which brought new perspectives to our theme of **intergenerational equity**.

Selection panel

- Olivia Wills (Chair), Senior Economist, NZIER
- Anne Bardsley, Deputy Director, Kōi Tū The Centre for Informed Futures, University of Auckland
- Sally Hett, Innovation Specialist, Creative HQ
- Mary Jo Vergara, Economist, Kiwibank

With advice from Gary Hawke, Associate Senior Fellow, NZIER.

Start a conversation

Inclusion in the list does not imply that the selection panel or NZIER endorses the content of any entry.

With this list, NZIER seeks to stimulate conversations and invite debate over the summer break.



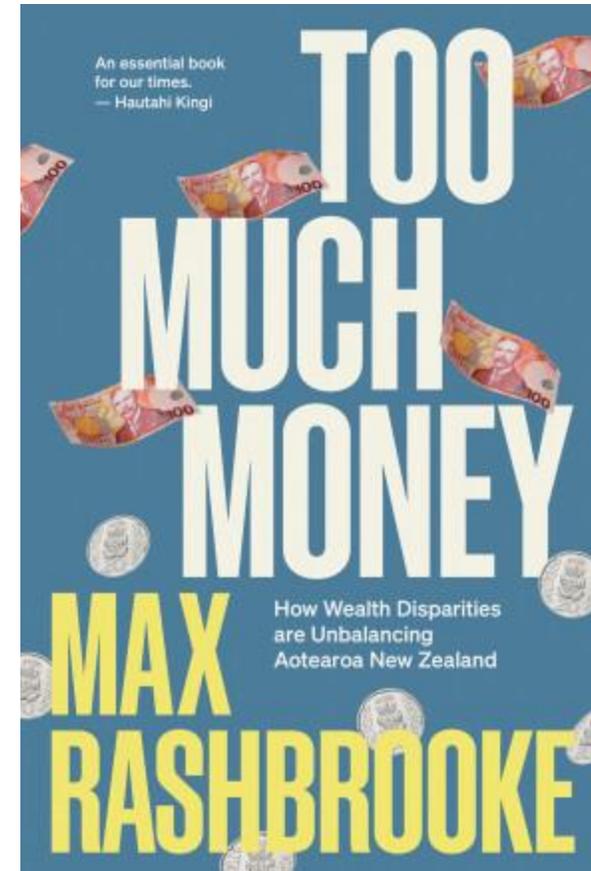
Too Much Money

How Wealth Disparities are Unbalancing Aotearoa New Zealand

Max Rashbrooke, 2021

“Presently, someone in the wealthiest 1 per cent of adults – now a roughly 40,000-strong club – has a net worth 68 times that of the average New Zealander.”

This book explores the mechanisms which cause Aotearoa New Zealand’s wealth inequality to grow. With interviews woven throughout, Max Rashbrooke presents a compelling story of how access to wealth perpetuates opportunity, and what we can do about it.



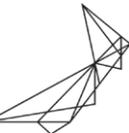
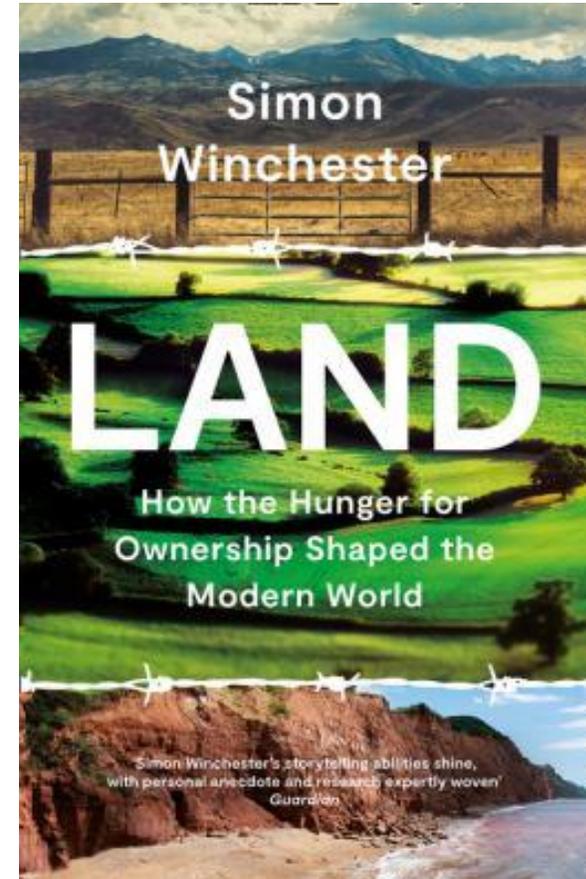
Land

How the hunger for ownership shaped the modern world

Simon Winchester, 2021

“With the world’s sea level rising fast, the assumption that land is the only thing that can’t fly away, or the only thing that lasts, is for the first time now shown to be demonstrably false.”

Land is a fundamental building block of our economy. In this book, Simon Winchester dives into the ways people have divided, owned, seized and exploited the billions of acres that make up the solid surface of the Earth.



The New New Zealand

Facing demographic disruption

Paul Spoonley, 2020

“Demographic change alters the very nature and structure of a community or nation, shifting the way in which they operate and determining policy options.”

Our economy is shaped by the people in it, so it's crucial we understand how our population will change over time. This timely book explains how all our individual, community and policy decisions interact to affect who is in Aotearoa New Zealand, and how we can be better prepared for future changes.

In 2030 there may be six million of us. One and a half million of us will live overseas. We will be clustered in Auckland, dependent on migration, and worried about a shortage of workers. **We haven't planned for this. We need to.**

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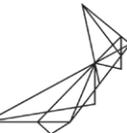
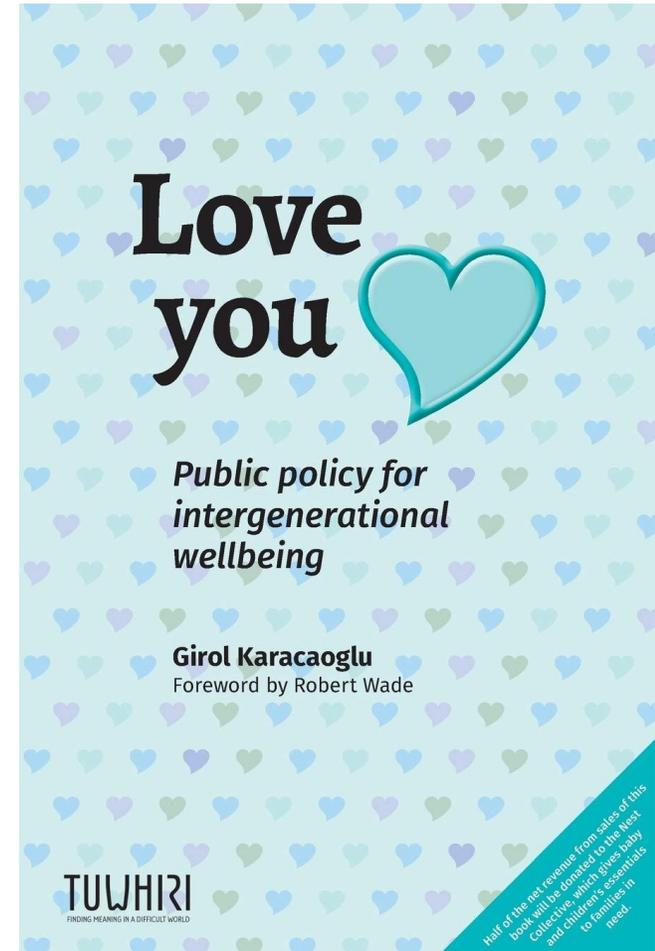
Love you

Public policy for intergenerational wellbeing

Girol Karacaoglu, 2021

“How would we design, govern, implement, and evaluate public policy if we based it on our love for future generations?”

This book drills into the details of what it means to have wellbeing as an objective for public policy, when we live in an uncertain and complex environment. Girol Karacaoglu presents a holistic approach to enable current and future New Zealanders to live their lives fully.

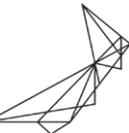
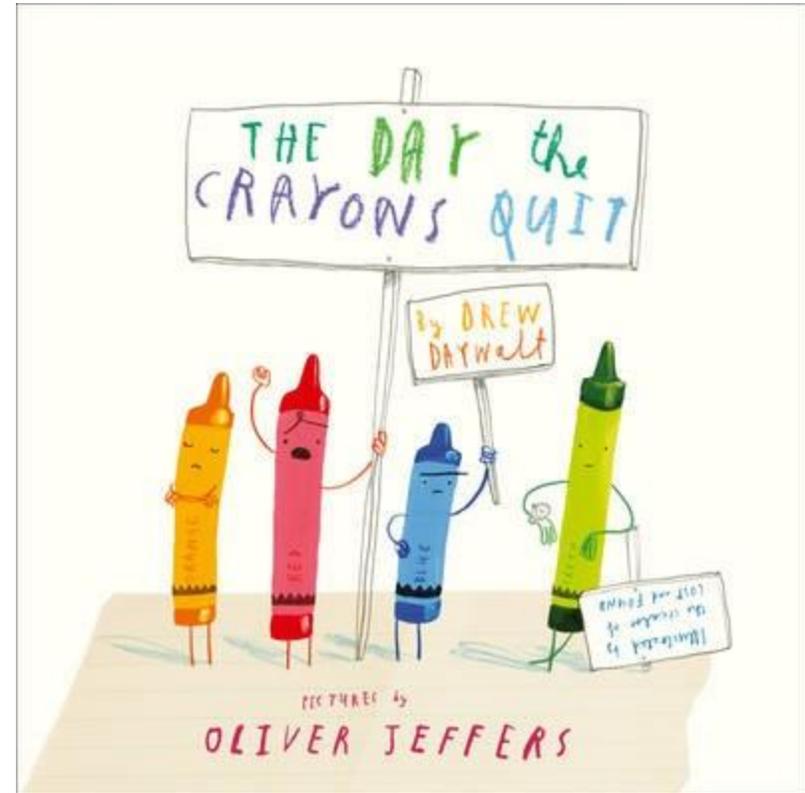


The Day the Crayons Quit

Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, 2016

"It's me, Red Crayon. We need to talk. You make we work harder than any of your other crayons."

In a time when collective bargaining and strike action has been used by some of our biggest workforces, this story is about recognising how much we rely on our essential workers. It's important we look after our workforce sustainability, and make sure everyone has opportunities to contribute their best.



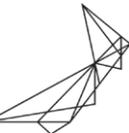
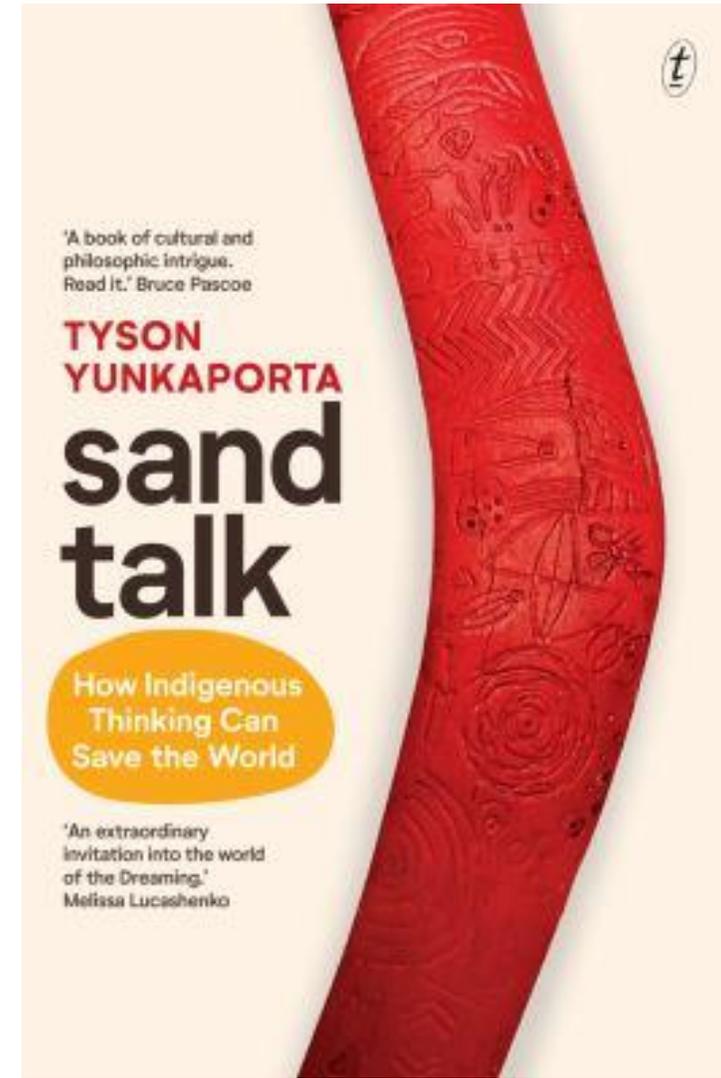
Sand Talk

How Indigenous Thinking Can Save the World

Tyson Yunkaporta, 2019

“A collection of pages filled with marks representing speech sounds is a complicated way of communicating, particularly when you want to shed light on current crises the world is facing”

Sand Talk offers a vastly different economic perspective to any you would learn in an economics degree. Tyson Yunkaporta traverses land and time to show a way of thinking about the problems of the world with stories, patterns and knowledge.



He Pou Hiringa

Grounding science and technology in te ao Māori

Ed. Maria Amoamo, Merata Kawharu and Katharina Ruckstuhl, 2021

Contributors: Maria Amoamo, Jane Anderson, Jarrod Haar, Māui Hudson, Leonie Jones, Merata Kawharu, Te Taka Keegan, Willy-John Martin, Paora Mato, Katharina Ruckstuhl, Diane Ruwhiu, Rogena Sterling, Paul Tapsell, Jordan Waiti, Hēmi Whaanga, Erena Wikaire

“Unique and complementary to other knowledge systems, mātauranga is a strength we can draw from as we navigate the future of Aotearoa – and the world”

The world looks to the science and technology sectors to find solutions to the problems we face. However, the wealth of science knowledge accumulated by Māori is routinely overlooked by Western science. This book explores the contribution of mātauranga to addressing the issues facing Aotearoa New Zealand and the world, and the ways in which Western science can improve the lives of Māori.

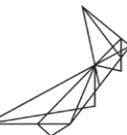


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