

MAORI*By Witi Ihimaera*

45 p. 1975.

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A colourful booklet describing the coming of the Maori to New Zealand, his history, heritage, folklore, beliefs, and cultural unity.

Each chapter has a quotation from a Maori proverb, phrase, saying, or canoe chant and these concepts are presented in words and pictures.

Continues with the arrival of the pakeha and the pattern of events which followed, the Treaty of Waitangi and the Land Wars. Moves on to the Maori today, finishing with the theme, one country, two heritages in unity.

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295 p. Reprint. 1974.

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MAORI AGRICULTURE*By Elsdon Best*

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 9

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THE MAORI CANOE*By Elsdon Best*

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 7

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MAORI STOREHOUSES AND KINDRED STRUCTURES*By Elsdon Best*

116 p. Illustrated. Reprint. 1974.

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As an authority on Maori culture, the author has compiled in this publication a comprehensive record on the use of the different storage structures, etc., used by the Maori in former times. By studying items pertaining to Maori technology it is hoped this will throw light upon many phases of the social life and customs hitherto unknown. This bulletin is No. 5 in the Dominion Museum Series.

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METRICS FOR JOHN AND JANE CITIZEN*By James McGill Webb*

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48 p.

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