



The journey TO AORAKI-MOUNT COOK

Two Kiwis, a memoir, a love story and a rip-roaring battle for the right to do business in a special place they called home.

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THE JOURNEY TO AORAKI-MOUNT COOK is the story of a couple of Kiwis who have always had difficulty taking 'No' for an answer – particularly when it comes to making a dream or two come true.

Journey with them on a wide variety of adventures in nursing, writing, publishing, mountain guiding and expeditions to some of the most distant parts of the planet.

This story spans the personal journeys that led them to each other and to living at Aoraki-Mount Cook National Park. This special place they call home has a wild and raw beauty and is located at the head of the magnificent South Island high country, where the spectacular Southern Alps meet this remote, stunning landscape.

It also recounts their rip-roaring David and Goliath battle to establish *The Old Mountaineers' Cafe* at Aoraki-Mount Cook against the opposition of an existing multimillion-dollar business and, in particular, the Department of Conservation.

This is a New Zealand story, from the heart.

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Aoraki-Mount Cook. PHOTO: Mary Hobbs
INSIDE FRONT COVER: Looking towards the mountains with
matagouri and tussock in the foreground. PHOTO: Mary Hobbs