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'Tidelines

is mesmerising, evocative and beautifully wrought. These poems illuminate existence and erasure on the edge of precipices, fragility and courage within personal turmoil, the intersection of realms on a jagged coastline.'

— Serie Barford

Tidelines interweaves the poet's own life with the tragic story of Hinerangi, who lived at Karekare in the distant past. These are poems of Auckland's west coast, reflecting the steady rhythms of daily existence, alongside grief, mental unwellness, disintegration and resolution.

In *Tidelines*, gulls and kawau of the Laingholm shoreline meet ancient tūpuna returned, while tidal patterns, storms, the shelter of pūriri, a visiting duck and a ruru charged with the task of messenger bird populate the pages. The poems of this short but carefully crafted collection also evoke te wāhi ngaro, the world beyond.

Kiri Piahana-Wong (Ngāti Ranginui, Chinese, English) is a poet, editor and publisher. She is the publisher at Anahera Press (founded 2011), a small press dedicated to Māori and Pasifika poetry. Her poetry has appeared in over forty journals and anthologies, including *Landfall*, *Essential NZ Poems*, *Poetry NZ*, *Puna Wai Kōrero*, *A Treasury of NZ Poems for Children*, *Dear Heart: 150 New Zealand Love Poems*, *Vā: Stories by Women of the Moana*, and more. Her first poetry collection, *Night Swimming*, was published in 2013. Kiri is the co-editor of *Te Awa o Kupu* (Penguin Random House, 2023), an anthology of contemporary Māori literature. She has also performed her poetry in events as varied as the Medellín International Poetry Festival, Auckland Writers Festival and Poetry Live. Kiri lives in Whanganui with her family.

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