



Halfway to Everywhere

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- powerful second collection by Wellington poet and lawyer
- poems of transformation and change
- reworkings of well-known stories

In the pages of *Halfway to Everywhere* the giant's wife gets a voice at last, the apple in the garden of Eden is reduced to a distraction and the wolf paints Red Riding Hood's nails with Coral Fantasy. These are legends on repeat, fairy tales in revision and Bible stories in reverse. Halfway might be up a beanstalk, deep in a dark night, a note in a book, the current that takes you out beyond the rip. And there are plain old love poems, too, and real-life frights. Vivienne Ullrich invites readers to strap in for the ride.

Lessons for love

Mow up and down a slope not along it.
Keep three points of contact while climbing.
Don't saw into any limb or tree under tension.
Don't drink more than one and a half litres per hour during sustained and intense exercise.
If you drive into a river turn on your headlights.
Don't wait for the car to fill before exiting.
Don't hyperventilate before swimming under water.
Allow the current to carry you out beyond the rip, then swim laterally until you can turn and swim to shore.
Avoid shark-infested waters.
Don't glissade.



Vivienne Ullrich was once a lawyer and Family Court judge. After she retired she completed the MA in Creative Writing at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and has since published two poetry collections: *We came from Hamburg* and *Halfway to Everywhere*. Vivienne lives in Wellington with her husband, Phillip.



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