

SOME HELPFUL MODELS OF GRIEF

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THE BOOK

A composite chronicle of various loves—desired, lost, or never realised—and their corresponding joys and griefs against the backdrops of contemporary art and late capitalism. These poems radiate with Aoake's characteristic force, tenderness, intelligence, and humour, often all within the very same breath. The personal is the political is the personal. This is Hana's third book, and the second with Compound Press.

PRAISE

Everything Hana writes has a pulse. It could be moss, Britney or Plato but it sings a song that is nervous, in the body and out of the body, you'd be a fool not to take in all of Hana's grins.

—Talia Marshall

Hana's writing is daring, elliptical, charismatic and above all, interesting. The kind of writer where it doesn't matter what the subject is, you know you are always in good company.

-Hera Lindsay Bird

THE AUTHOR

Hana Pera Aoake (Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Hinerangi, Tainui/Waikato) is an artist, writer, curator and sweaty milf from Aotearoa. Hana's first book, A bath full of kawakawa and hot water, was published with Compound Press in 2020. Their second book, Blame it on the rain was published in 2025 with no more poetry (Australia). They are also publishing a book of essays with Discipline (Australia) in late 2025. Hana is currently slogging through hell and doing a PhD at Auckland University of Technology.

THE PUBLISHER

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