

NEW TITLE INFORMATION SHEET

HOODS LANDING

“This compelling work breaks new ground in the literary landscape of Aotearoa.” —Pip Adam

ABOUT THE BOOK

Rita considered the dead. Shut her eyes. Rolled their names around her brain. Stacked each person in order like folded laundry, warm and crisp from the sun. She wondered how her name would sound amongst them.

In the rural reaches of Auckland, the women of the eclectic Gordon family gather for Christmas. They may push each other's buttons but know precisely when to offer tea (or a tippie). Rita, the 50-year-old baby of the family, is planning to tell them she has cancer. Drifting between past and present, she considers the lives of women in their community and reckons with what it all means for her future and her family.

Featuring elderly lesbians, twins who aren't twins, and several dogs named Roger, *Hoods Landing* is about shoddy pasts, ambiguous futures and the imperfect bonds that tie family together.



THE AUTHOR

Laura Vincent (Ngāti Māhanga, Ngāpuhi) is a writer, blogger, novelist and poet. Her work has previously been published in *The Spinoff*, *Peach Mag*, *No Other Place to Stand*, *Spoiled Fruit and Queer Life*, *Queer Love* anthologies, among others. Her first book was the cookbook *Hungry and Frozen*.

KEY SALES POINTS

- A beautifully crafted, wry yarn about love, death and family. *Hoods Landing* is a queer rural story that's **darkly funny** and **deeply touching**.
- **A stunning debut novel** from an author who understands our need for comfort fiction that makes us laugh and cry.
- Author has a **strong social media following** (Twitter: 3,200+; and Instagram: 1700+), as well as subscribers to a regular newsletter.
- Author has been a regular contributor to ***The Spinoff***.
- Author appeared at the Auckland Writers Festival 2025 and is **actively pitching to Hamilton Arts Festival 2026**, among others.
- Launch will be held at **Unity Books Wellington** on Halloween night.
- The book will feature in the **Booksellers Summer Reading Guide**, available on 6th October 2025.

THE BOOK

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