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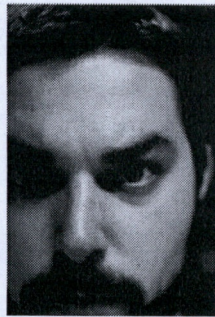
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**(e1403851294410.jpg)MATT BIALOSTOCKI**

Matt is our IT Manager and sometimes can make the printers work. He has been a bookseller since 2005. Specialises in children's books and maintains the websites, makes the coffee properly. Favourite books include *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli, *Near to the Wild Heart* by Clarice Lispector, *A Hole is to Dig* by Ruth Krauss. Oh, and *The Hidden Talent of Albert Otter* by

David Haywood. Often spotted in the NZ Fiction section, or crawling around the essays. Big fan of Grace Paley, Dorothy Parker, Tove Jansson, other Lispector books, poetry, Joan Didion and Cara Hoffman.

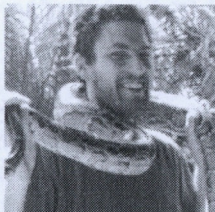
Matt is also a writer & photographer – you can see his work at [www.mattbialostocki.com](http://www.mattbialostocki.com). (<http://www.mattbialostocki.com>)



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**/JBm-e1403920532867.jpg)JACQUI BROKENSRAW**

Our Special Orders Diva of the long silver hair. If you have ever ordered a book from us, it is highly likely that Jacqui had a hand in it. She likes dark arts, rich men, and fine wine. JB has worked in the book trade since at least 1984. A light grasp on reality explains her favourite book; *Lord of the Rings* which is read several times per year. She once broke her hand while reaching for an Ian Fleming. Crone!



**(http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/DBsnip-e1403917578281.jpg)DAVID BROOME**

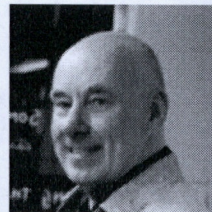
Dave is 'The Australian' and he does not shut up about *The Free* by Willy Vlautin. Raymond Chandler graces his bookshelves, and he really really wants to buy that \$800 National Geographic box set. He says it pulls him in further every time he



**/KM1-e1403920902548.jpg)KAREN MCLEOD**

Karen likes writers who are ambitious with their storytelling and language. Favourites include Eleanor Catton, A L Kennedy, James Brown, Marina Warner, David Mitchell, Emily Perkins, Haruki Murakami, Margaret Atwood, Carol Ann Duffy, Nick Harkaway, Jose Saramago, Emma Donoghue and Iain Banks. You can find her half-way up a ladder with a stack of books or crawling around on the floor in the New Zealand section.

Karen's power animal is the **Kraken** and she can be easily bribed with chocolate. She finds writing about herself in the third person peculiar and would rather be reading.



**(http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CMsnip-e1403850831210.jpg)COLIN MORRIS**

Colin Morris of Colin Morris Records fame can be heard talking about music on the radio quite often. If you ever

need a terrible joke, you can ask him, he's loaded with them. He likes Kerouac's *On the Road*, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce, and *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window & Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Don't get him started.

We have a proof of Colin photo-bombing Jane Goodall but we can't show you.

**(http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/BNsnip.jpg)BEE NGAWAKA**

Also a wealth of bookselling experience, our incoming freight expert has worked as a bookseller, a librarian, a jewellery designer & prop maker, and now is back to her bookselling roots. Quite into the 1968 classic *Tikki-Tikki-Tembo* by Arlene Mosel, but what she really loves is the idea of writing a book about a wombat having an existential crisis. After an afternoon of agonising over what

walks past it. Actually there are quite a few big, pretty photography books that he's into. That sums him up.

I have also seen him reading other things.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/JDsnp.jpg>)JOHN DOUGLAS

This 6"2' Taurus's favourite colour is yellow. Recently came to us following migration patterns of ex-Melbournites, previously from Readings across the ditch. Favourite titles include *Great Apes* by Will Self and any book written by an actor, Donna Tartt, and the Hernandez Brothers. He likes comics – *Tales of Woodsman Pete* by Lili Carre is a favourite, and Julie Doucet gets him going. If you need him, he'll be putting posters on the sale bin out the side door. Also is our LRC or "Libraries Relations Co-ordinator". John will probably learn to drive eventually.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/TGsnp-e1403918046265.jpg>)TAMSIN GRIGG

Tamsin came to us from Parsons. She loves most things weird and wonderful including but not exclusive to essays by cranky individuals, gossipy memoirs, excellently written fiction, tales of the supernatural, crime fiction, and really good historical fiction. Some recent favourites are *Harvest* by Jim Crace, *IQ84* by Haruki Murakami, *I Can Make You Hate* by Charlie Brooker, *City Boy* by Edmund White and the Dave Robicheaux novels by James Lee Burke.

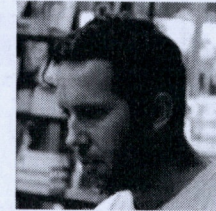


(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/SK-e1403851455980.jpg>)SELINA KUNAC

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books she likes enough to talk about, Bee arrived at the conclusion that trying to choose from the many she loves was a ridiculous idea. What she probably would have chosen though, are some beautifully illustrated picture books; that is kind of her thing.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/DSSnp-e1403850757459.jpg>)DYLAN SHERWOOD

I manage our events and help Tilly run the store. I fill my spare time with reading, music and films and I am never bored. I like nature walks, sunsets and candle lit dinners. Some authors and artists I enjoy are Suehiro Maruo, Georges Bataille, S. Clay Wilson, J.G. Ballard, Eric Stanton, Flannery O'Connor, William S. Burroughs, Johnny Ryan, Joel-Peter Witkin, Jim Thompson, Edward St. Aubyn, John Gray, Boris Vian, Derek Raymond, Joe Coleman, Gary Panter, Hubert Selby Jr. and Charles Willeford.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/cssnp-e1403850594355.jpg>)COURTNEY SMITH

International Buyer, also 6"2'. Mortals often feel a bit dull when she walks into a room. I mean, she liked *Stoner* before it was even popular. She also likes Nicholson Baker, Russian Criminal Tattoos, David Eagleman's *Sum: Forty Tales from the Afterlife*, and Carson McCullers. Ex-lovers include Richard Brautigan, Don Carpenter, Rebecca Solnit and John Williams.

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Her biography will probably be titled *Recipes for a Good Time*, but probably ghostwritten by someone who still has their wits about them. Chiseled from an ice-rock in the far north, Selina is an economics student and future all-black trophy wife. Her favourite book is *Winnie-the-Pooh*. Most of her favourite books are set in the American civil war period but she doesn't know why. She has spent way too much time recently reading Emma Goldman. She's the one who flirts with all the customers. She loves this place very much.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/BLlar-e1403917871473.jpg>)BRIAR LAWRY

Briar is a busy-body book-thing from Auckland who is attempting to pass as a Wellingtonian. She has been working in bookshops since she was sixteen, and is fairly pleased that she made such a sensible decision at such a young and risky age. When she's not bookselling or learning the tricky business of editing and publishing, she's probably writing: for you, for herself, for anyone who wants to pay attention to her ramblings. Her favourite books are many and varied, but she's particularly fond of *Oryx & Crake* by Margaret Atwood, *Not Her Real Name* by Emily Perkins, and anything that Brigid Lowry has ever written, because if she could relive her teenage years she would be more of a madcap hippie.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/TLsnip-e1403922647523.jpg>)TILLY LLOYD

Our Paekakariki-based co-owner and manager favours memoir, essays and pols, but has a soft spot for westerns and other fiction. She has had some curly run-ins with the shop's Grammar and Pronunciation Pink Squad but continues to review turnabout with Todd Atticus (Tim Fookes Newstalk ZB) and Kiran Dass (Nine to Noon). She gives the philosophy table a wide berth. She is astonished by allegations that being alive is a pre-existing condition.

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(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/MW1403851257989.jpg>)MAGGIE WHITE

Hailing from the far east coast (well, Gisborne) and slowly grown organically at Muirs Bookshop, Maggie White is a theatre major gracing us part time while she finished her studies. She suggests you go and read *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery while she teaches herself Japanese and Spanish (starting tomorrow). Some other bangin' reads of hers are *The Sweetness of Life* by Francoise Heritier, *To the River* by Olivia Laing and anything by Alain de Botton.



(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/VW2-e1403920947171.jpg>)VANESSA WILLIAMS

Ness has been with us for five years and in that time has been Library Seduction Coordinator, Patrick Rothfuss enthusiast, Samantha Shannon promoter, and craft-section curator. In her spare time she draws and makes things via knitting needles. They end up looking quite foxy. When strange things happen in the store, it is often Vanessa who documents the occurrences in the form of these little dudes (<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/vw-com01.jpg>). Special reads include Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall*, *Game of Thrones*, and *Mr. Wuffles*.




(<http://www.unitybooks.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/RHsnip-e1403850901160.jpg>)RHONDA HILDRED

Rhon is a fox terrier x huntaway with a reading age of 30. Doesn't like to be patted.

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