

# Nelson And The Upper South Island - Unveiling the Untold Beauty

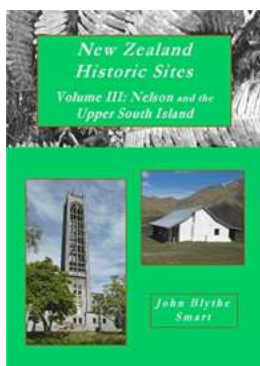


When dreaming of a picturesque getaway, many tend to overlook the serene beauty of Nelson and the Upper South Island. Tucked away in the northwestern corner of New Zealand's South Island, this region is often overshadowed by the bustling cities of Auckland and Wellington. However, what it lacks in popularity, it

more than makes up for in natural wonders, rich history, and unique cultural experiences.

## The Captivating City of Nelson

Nelson, the region's largest city and cultural hub, is a charming destination that invites travelers to unwind and embrace its laid-back atmosphere. Wander through the historic streets, dotted with Victorian architecture, boutique shops, and art galleries. Don't miss a visit to the renowned World of WearableArt & Classic Cars Museum, where creativity and automotive engineering collide.



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For outdoor enthusiasts, Nelson is a gateway to some of New Zealand's most stunning landscapes. Explore the Abel Tasman National Park, an untouched paradise with golden beaches, turquoise waters, and coastal trails that lead to hidden coves. Embark on a kayaking or sailing adventure, or simply bask in the sun as you relax on the pristine shores.

## Marlborough and the Wonders of Marlborough Sounds

As you venture east from Nelson, the Marlborough region unfolds before you, captivating with its sun-drenched vineyards and the famous Marlborough Sounds. This beautiful network of sunken river valleys forms a unique drowned coastline, creating an otherworldly landscape of sparkling waters, emerald hills, and secluded bays.

Embark on a mesmerizing cruise through the Sounds, where you'll witness the abundant marine life, including dolphins, seals, and even orcas if you're lucky. Explore the magnificent Queen Charlotte Track, a 70-kilometer walking and mountain biking trail that offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

## **West Coast - Where Nature's Majesty Takes Center Stage**

Heading further south, the West Coast awaits, mesmerizing visitors with its rugged beauty and untamed wilderness. The region is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the Fiordland National Park and the Westland Tai Poutini National Park, where lush rainforests, towering mountains, and dramatic glaciers create a natural spectacle like no other.

Exploring the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers is an absolute must. Embark on guided glacier walks, or soar through the sky on a thrilling helicopter ride, gaining a mesmerizing aerial perspective of the icy wonders below.

## **Discover the Historic Gold Rush Towns**

As you journey towards the southern tip of the Upper South Island, you'll stumble upon a string of historic gold rush towns that once boomed during New Zealand's gold rush era. Hokitika and Greymouth are two notable destinations, where you can delve into the past, explore gold mining relics, and even try your luck at gold-panning in the local rivers.

## **Stewart Island - A Tranquil Haven at the End of the World**

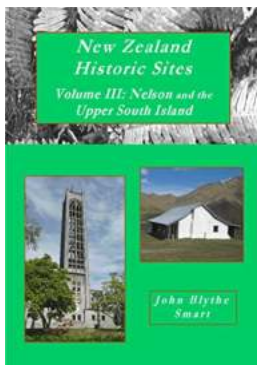
Concluding your journey, make your way to the enchanting Stewart Island - a pristine wilderness where nature thrives undisturbed. Stewart Island is home to the Rakiura National Park, a haven for native bird species including the elusive kiwi. Embark on hikes through ancient forests, observe native wildlife, and venture into the night to witness the mesmerizing glowworm caves.

## The Upper South Island - An Unforgettable Adventure Awaits

Nelson and the Upper South Island may be the hidden gems of New Zealand, but their allure is undeniable. From stunning coastal wonders to majestic mountains, this region offers a diverse range of experiences for every traveler. So, step off the beaten path and embark on an unforgettable adventure that will leave you with cherished memories and a deep appreciation for the hidden treasures of Nelson and the Upper South Island.

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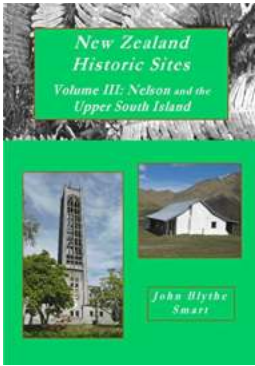
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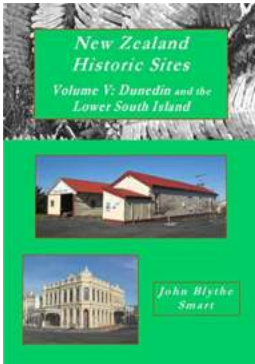


This volume is part of a series New Zealand Historic Sites which includes Vol. I Auckland and the Upper North Island, Vol. II Wellington and the Lower North Island, Vol. IV Christchurch and Canterbury Plains, and Vol. V Dunedin and the Lower South Island. There is also an introductory volume called New Zealand A Complete History, and together they contain the most detailed historic information on New Zealand available in one place. The books have been researched over twelve years and attempt to document every significant historic locality in the country viz. churches, Government buildings, grand houses, country homesteads, Maori meeting houses, industrial sites, settlers cottages, wayside markers, battlefield sites, missions, and many more. They are all treated in great detail to create an intricate and inter connected portrait of such places. The third volume covers Marlborough, North Canterbury, Nelson and the West Coast with over 200 iconic pictures that take the reader on an historic and scenic journey. Each site is detailed in a separate and easy to follow chronological and geographical section, providing the reader with an exhaustive understanding of their history and location, but in the context of the national history. Most of the sites have been visited by the author often whilst camping in a tent or even tramping through the bush. The books provide a definitive work and are an alternative to other guides with their major attractions and adrenalin filled experiences, and the five volumes take their place with works by Pember Reeves, Cowan, Sinclair, Pocock, King, and Belich. They will appeal to resident historians, trampers, travellers, libraries, universities, and tangata whenua; whilst abroad will appeal to tourists and students who want to know more about the Real New Zealand's Maori and Colonial history. The author currently lives in England but also resided in New Zealand thus the work has both an internal and external perspective, and he has published history and fiction books for 20 years, In the words of Pember Reeves the reforming M.P. and High Commissioner - "I have lived in New Zealand, have studied it from end to end, and have had to do with its affairs, it is my country!"



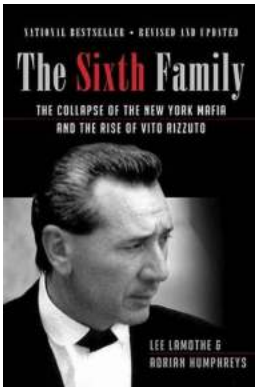
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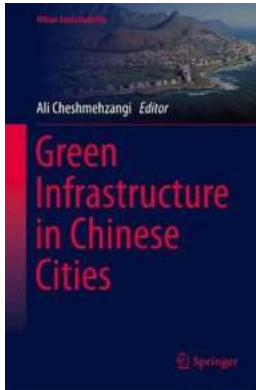
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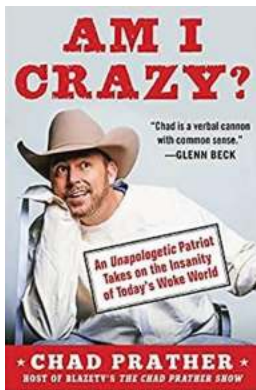
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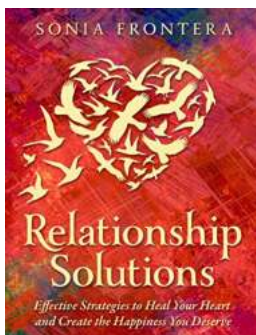
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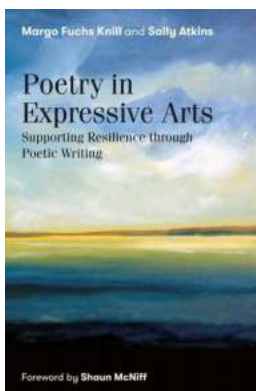
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