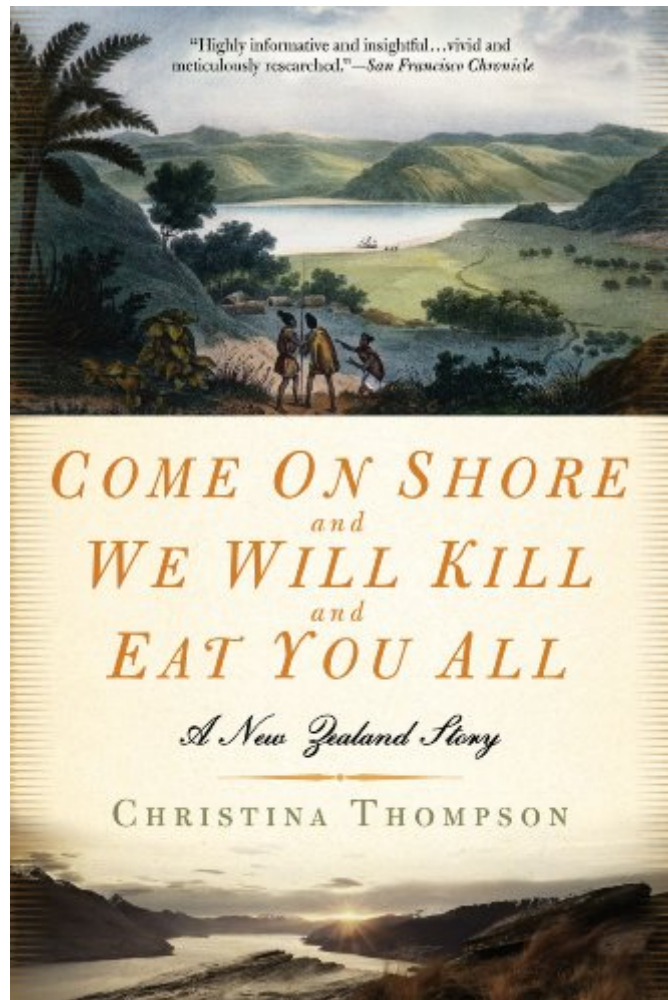


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# Come On Shore And We Will Kill And Eat You All: A New Zealand Story



## Synopsis

In this involving, compassionate memoir, Christina Thompson tells the story of her romance and eventual marriage to a Maori man, interspersing it with a narrative history of the cultural collision between Westerners and the Maoris of New Zealand. Despite their significant differences, Thompson and her husband, Seven, share a similar sense of adventure and a willingness to depart from the customs of their families and forge a life together on their own. Thompson explores cultural displacement through the ages and the fascinating history of Europeans in the South Pacific, beginning with Abel Tasman's discovery of New Zealand in 1642. Yet at its core, this is the story of two people who meet, fall in love, and are forever changed.

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## Customer Reviews

Through reading this book I learned a lot about New Zealand history... and that's about it. There didn't seem to be much of an interesting story line to it and was quite difficult to follow at times. At one moment she would be talking about her and Seven then before I knew it I was back to the history lessons with not much of a transition or flow between the two stories. I also expected it to be

somewhat of a love story between her and Seven but there wasn't really a romantic vibe in their story at all. That being said, while it was a little hard to follow at times, it was still very informative and a good way to learn some of New Zealand's key history.

This book is a wonderful read, a braided narrative of history, personal memoir, and reflection on "encounter." I taught it in a class on colonialism, and it was a big hit. It opens up new spaces for thought and discussion that most books do not even venture near. And the prose is terrific!

This book taught me more about New Zealand and the Maori than I'd expected, and for that I am grateful. I was especially charmed by how the author placed familiar historical figures (Darwin, Captain Cook) on a timeline vividly and intuitively. If only she'd shared as much insight in the personal parts of her story. Why did she hold back so much about the love and lust and joy and tears that are the meat of every marriage? At the very least, it would have helped if the book had included photographs of her husband and her homes. The cold, unsmiling headshot of the author provided little further emotional insight. Early in the story, she mentions how her thesis proposal was criticized (arrogantly, in my opinion) for being overly emotional and personal. This criticism seems to have cut deep. I was left wondering if she'd applied it to her life... and this book. That said, though, it is an interesting and unique story. Certainly a must-read for anyone traveling to New Zealand.

If you are a reader that enjoys learning about different tribes, and a bit of history, this book might interest you. It was something different I decided to read upon, nevertheless it was quite an adventure.

Good read for understanding more about the Maori and about how to make cross cultural relationships "work".

Happy with purchase, great communications.

Come on Shore and We Will Kill You and Eat You All is an excellent blend of the history of New Zealand combined with an autobiography of a young woman from Boston who married an aborigine.

Interesting biography of culture shock for an interracial couple finding a comfortable living between

Maori territory in New Zealand, Australia and Massachusetts.

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