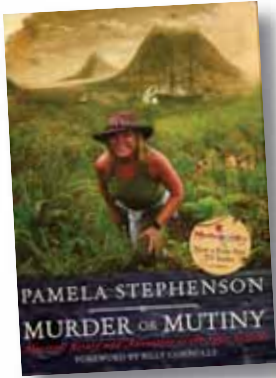


WAS IT MURDER OR MUTINY

When Pamela Stephenson, an Australian born in New Zealand, decided to trace her roots, little did she know to what extent this journey would take. *Murder or Mutiny* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, \$39.95) is a quest in search of answers to an ancient family riddle; the disappearance of her great-great-grandfather, Samuel Stephenson, a sea captain known as “Salty Sam”.



The journey started in 2003 when she began to explore the world in her yacht, the *Takapuna*. Together they sailed 19,000 miles through the South Pacific and some of the most treacherous pirate-infested waters of the Indonesian archipelago.

Some folk have their lives well sorted, but not Stephenson. So when in her twenties she found out that her great-grandmother Hira Moewaka was a New Zealand Maori, her first thought was, “That’s nice.”

Within two years these thoughts soon turned to, “Why the hell was that kept a secret?” More secrets arose as the skeletons came out of the cupboard. Confused and intrigued, she swore to discover the truth about Salty Sam, whose violent and mysterious demise inspired her quest for answers. Why were there two conflicting reports? Murder by pirates or mutiny? The answer lay in two stories from two different points of view.

It was probable that Sam’s ship, the *Rosalie*, foundered on one of the many shoals, and the mutiny occurred on board the *Prahu*, a local vessel that was conveying Sam, his crew and recovered

valuables to the port of Bima. Did a mutiny occur? Or were they murdered for these valuable items?

The book is also the inspiration for a four-part television series, where the questions remain.

GUIDE HAS WIDESPREAD COVERAGE

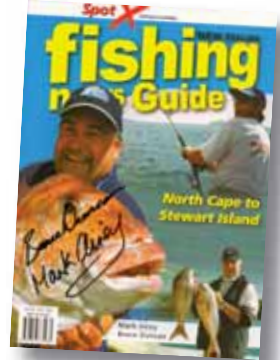
The traditional *New Zealand Fishing Guide* (\$39.99) to top fishing spots around New Zealand has a new look. This publication was first produced in 1989, and over the last 17 years its coverage increased to include gamefishing, boating, surfcasting, fresh water and diving spots.

It was last published in 2003, and the publishers felt that the tabloid newsprint format had finally become old and tired.

In a joint venture, the publishers of *NZ Fishing News* joined the publishers of *Spot X*, Mark Airey and Bruce Duncan, to relaunch it as the *Spot X New Zealand Fishing Guide*.

The authors have updated many of the old charts into the 21st century, with 320 pages of full-colour quality charts that are easy to read and use. While the guide retains much of its historical knowledge base, Bruce and Mark have drawn on the advice and support of many prominent fishers, including top charterboat skippers, to share a range of productive fishing spots.

The guide is widely available throughout tackle and sporting goods outlets, bookshops and other leading retailers of fishing magazines.



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