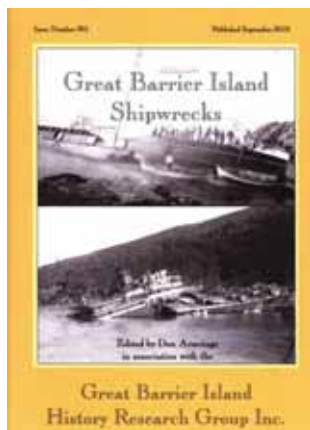


ISLAND SHIPWRECKS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

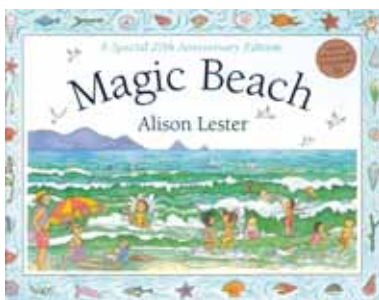
Great Barrier Island, the guardian of the Hauraki Gulf, has over the years seen its fair share of shipwrecks and maritime disasters. While the wrecks contained in *Great Barrier Island Shipwrecks* (Don Armitage, \$30, contact Don Armitage, RD1, Great Barrier Island, Auckland 0991) may not be a final list, it does bring to the reader some interesting stories of tragedy, survival and examples of the best and worse of human behaviour.



Some 55 losses are recorded over a period from 1842 to 2008. The book brings together all that is currently known about the island's shipwrecks as well as articles on the centenary in 1994 of the sinking of the *SS Wairarapa* and the survivors of the trimaran *Rose-Noelle* coming ashore on the island in 1989 after 119 days adrift - one of the great survival stories.

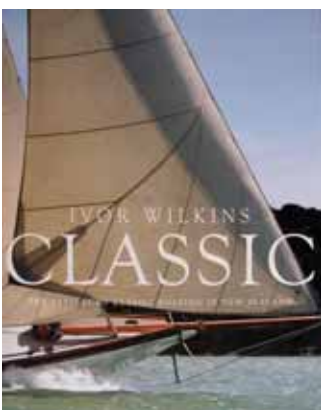
SPECIAL ISSUE OF MAGICAL STORY

A bestseller and a favourite with families for 20 years, Alison Lester's *Magic Beach* is a true Australian classic. To celebrate 20 years of this much-loved story, the publishers have produced a special hardback edition (Allen & Unwin, \$24.99) with a gorgeous pull-out frieze to pin up.



Imagine a beach where adventure begins ... in Lester's world, it seems both the real and imagined have a magic all of their own.

CLASSIC BOATING REVIVAL



The revival of classic boating in New Zealand is a celebration of our marine heritage and restorations.

Ivor Wilkins' *Classic* – the revival of classic boating in New Zealand, (Random House, \$95) captures through words and pictures the essential story of their survival and salutes those who saw their intrinsic value and did something about it.

Ivor Wilkins shares the stories of these beautiful boats from the Victorian and Edwardian periods and the people behind them, showcasing the leading lights of the recent classic yacht revival movement.

This stunning book of coffee table proportions pays tribute to the rescuers and the skills of the craftsmen, the passion and probably a touch of madness of those who dedicate the enormous amount of time, money and effort required to restore these classics to their former glory.

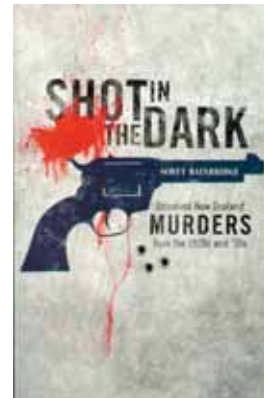
It examines some of the more notable restorations from the *Waitangi* through the ages to the K class aristocrats of the

Waitemata, warriors like the *Rawhiti*, the Mulleties, sailing dinghies and all our classic history afloat.

This book, like its subjects is a thing of beauty and a must for any classic boat buff in New Zealand or overseas. It will find favour in any mariner's personal library, for it is one of the most beautifully presented books we have had the privilege to review.

UNSOLVED MURDERS STILL BAFBLE

Shot in the dark: unsolved New Zealand murders from the 1920s and 30s is for mystery buffs. The author, Scott Bainbridge, has been given unprecedented access to police files for some of New Zealand's most baffling unsolved murders. A Christchurch publican shot in his bed, an Indian fruiterer beaten to death and a Northland farmer gunned down just months after marrying his teenage bride are just some of the fascinating unsolved murders examined in *Shot in the Dark* (Allen & Unwin, \$39.99). It is also a snapshot of life in New Zealand during the interwar years

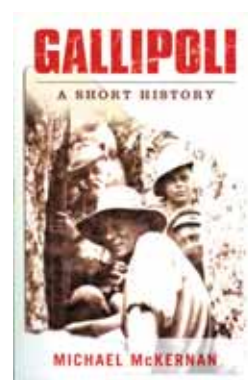


A SALUTE TO A VALIANT CAMPAIGN

Gallipoli: a short history, by Michael McKernan, salutes the bravery, determination and resourcefulness of the Anzacs. It tells of the failed leadership in London and on the peninsula that caused such a great loss of life.

There are few if any new issues to emerge from the story of the Anzacs, but Gallipoli puts the facts in a new context and brings to the fore the essential moments in the campaign.

McKernan describes the planning or lack thereof that went into the Gallipoli campaign, the graphic horrors and the failures. This intense account (Allen & Unwin, \$35) gives clarity to the story and is a reminder that the loss of life in war is always personal, always tragic and always has consequences.



EMERGENCIES EXPLAINED

What would your passengers do if something happened to you? The *Emergency Crew Book* (www.emergencycrewbook.com, \$19.95)

has been created to equip even the least "boat savvy" passenger with a step-by-step guide on what to do in a boating emergency. The book is written in plain English and features quick reference tabs covering all emergency situations.



This safety book comes in a sturdy clear dry bag with a lanyard rope to be hung permanently in clear view. The book also has spaces for the skipper to fill in which will give specific instructions that pertain to their boat.

The author, Regan Grafton, said: "It struck me, what if something happened to me, would my kids, wife or work colleagues know where the flares were located? Would they know how to set and make a mayday call that could be the difference between life and death? Probably not."