

## Janet Frame An Autobiography

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### The Envoy from Mirror City Catapult

'It is the desire really to make myself a first person. For many years I was a third person – as children are, 'they', 'she', and as probably oppressed minorities become, 'they'. - Janet Frame, radio interview about writing her autobiography (1983) For the first time ever, this collection brings together Janet Frame's published short non-fiction in one collected volume, as well as material never seen before. Letters spanning 50 years of Frame's life are published alongside essays, reviews, speeches and extracts from interviews. This startling collection provides an unprecedented range of factual writings about herself, her life and her work. It reveals many aspects Janet Frame's character that will challenge some long-standing myths and preconceptions about New Zealand's most famous author.

### Faces In The Water Quartet Books (UK)

'Janet Frame's luminous words are the more precious because they were snatched from the jaws of the disaster of her early life. It is one of the classics of autobiography. She knew that a writer must search her soul in order to say anything that is essential' HILARY MANTEL 'Janet Frame is the greatest New Zealand writer. She is utterly herself. Any one of her books could be published today and it would be ground-breaking' ELEANOR CATTON After being misdiagnosed with schizophrenia as a young woman, Janet Frame spent several years in psychiatric institutions. She escaped undergoing a lobotomy when it was discovered that she had just won a national literary prize. She then went on to become New Zealand's most acclaimed writer. As she says more than once in this autobiography: 'My writing saved me.' This edition contains all three volumes of Frame's autobiography: To the Is-Land, An Angel at My Table and An Envoy from Mirror City. 'One of the most beautiful and moving books I have ever read . . . A masterpiece . . . Janet's autobiography had an enormous effect on me. She struck a blow right to my heart' JANE CAMPION, GUARDIAN 'One of the great autobiographies written in the twentieth century' MICHAEL HOLROYD, SUNDAY TIMES Known Unknowns National Geographic Books

### Borderlines. Autobiography and Fiction in Postmodern Life

Writing locates and investigates the borderlines between autobiography and fiction in various kinds of life-writing dating from the last thirty years. This volume offers a valuable comparative approach to texts by French, English, American, and German authors to illustrate the different forms of experimentation with the borders between genres and literary modes.

Gudmundsd óttir tackles important contemporary concerns such as autobiography's relationship to postmodernism by investigating themes such as memory and crossing cultural divides, the use of photographs in autobiography and the role of narrative in life-writing. This work is of interest to students and scholars of comparative literature, postmodernism and contemporary life-writing.

### Yellow Flowers in the Antipodean Room Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

This brand new collection of 28 short stories spans the length of Frame's career and contains some of the best she wrote. None of these stories have been published in a collection before, and more than half are published for the first time in *Between My Father and the King*. The piece 'Gorse is Not People' caused Frame a setback in 1954, when Charles Brasch rejected it for publication in *Landfall* and, along with others for one reason or other, deliberately remained unpublished during her lifetime. Previously published pieces have appeared in *Harper's Bazaar*, the *NZ Listener*, the *New Zealand School Journal*, *Landfall* and *The New Yorker* over the years, and one otherwise unpublished piece, 'The Gravy Boat', was read aloud by Frame for a radio broadcast in 1953. In these stories readers will recognize familiar themes, scenes, characters and locations from Frame's writing and life, and each offers a fresh fictional transformation that will captivate and absorb.

### The Edge of the Alphabet Hardie Grant Publishing

Selvbiografiske romaner.

### Living in the Maniototo Penguin Books (New Zealand)

Selvbiografiske romaner.

**Sounds of Silence Breaking** BRILL

"Janet Frame (1924-2004) was one of New Zealand's foremost modern writers, best-known for her prizewinning novels and for the three-volume autobiography later adapted by Jane Campion into her film *An Angel*." "She published only one collection in her lifetime, *The Pocket Mirror* in 1967, but she never stopped writing poetry, allowing the manuscripts to accumulate in an old fibreglass bowl she'd originally used as a bath for her geese. Her second, posthumous collection *The Goose Bath* (2006) was compiled from this treasure trove, but not published outside New Zealand. *Storms Will Tell* is a comprehensive selection of her beautiful and thought-provoking poems drawn from both those books." "Her poems illustrate the shape of Janet Frame's life: her childhood and later years in mental hospitals blighted by misdiagnosis of schizophrenia; her travels around the world, including her time in Engl her life as a writer and return to New Zealand growing older and facing illness and death. There are love poems, meditations on mortality, flashes of humour and startling imagery. And always she celebrates the power of the human imagination."--BOOK JACKET.

### Storms Will Tell Rodopi

An Inward Sun is an illustrated life of famed New Zealand author Janet Frame. In text and photographs it explores the textures of her life and times and the formative episodes that shaped her writing: poverty in her childhood, the deaths of two sisters by drowning, incarceration in mental hospitals, the fight to prove her sanity, her enduring sense of being an outsider. The book also reveals a person never seen before by the public at large: Frame playing pool, riding one of her two motorcycles, tap-dancing. As Michael King notes, the private Frame is vibrant, wickedly funny, an enjoyer and enhancer of life. Many of the book's more than 100 photographs are from Frame's own albums and have never been published previously. Others come from the collections of family and friends, and from the contemporary Dunedin photographer Reg Graham.

### A State of Siege Random House

Mona Minim is a house ant about to make her first journey out of the nest. But her excitement at smelling new things, especially the sunlight, turns to terror when one false step plunges her into a quite unexpected adventure. Befriended by Barbara, a garden ant, Mona spends time in the outside world before returning home to her own nest a wiser, braver ant. A captivating story that will delight young and old alike.

### The Daylight And The Dust Univ. Press of Mississippi

Collected interviews with the New Zealand director of *The Piano* and *Portrait of a Lady* *Wrestling with the Angel* Penguin Books Set largely in Washington DC immediately after September 11, these are engrossing stories that tap into the zeitgeist of disconnection, isolation and the loss of meaningful identity after this world-changing event.

### An Angel At My Table Random House Australia

'Frame . . . is a master . . . All [stories] overflow with dazzling observation and unforgettable metaphor . . . A powerful collection.' -Kirkus 'This is a gem of a book, or rather a string of gems, each uniquely coloured, cut and crafted.' -Landfall This brand new collection of 28 short stories by Janet Frame spans the length of her career and contains some of the best she wrote. None of these stories has been published in a collection before, and more than half are published for the first time in *Gorse is Not People*. The title story caused Frame a setback in 1954, when Charles Brasch rejected it for publication in *Landfall* and, along with others for one reason or

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### The Complete Autobiography Vintage

'But the mijo seed had other ideas for herself. She wanted so much immediately to live a life of ease and power.' *The Mijo Tree* is a never-before published novella from New Zealand literary great, Janet Frame. It was written between 1956 and 1957 during Frame's time in Ibiza and has remained in the Hocken Library archive since 1970. *The Mijo Tree* is a darkly beautiful fable from a writer of vast imaginative power.

### Frameworks Auckland University Press

This collection of essays draws on critical frameworks to explore fresh ways of looking at Frame's fiction, poetry, and autobiography. At the same time, the essays plug into the energy of Frame's work to challenge our thinking within and beyond these frameworks. *Frameworks* offers a perspective on Frame studies today, showcasing its major concerns as well as heralding new narratives for the decade ahead. Mindful of preceding Frame criticism, these essays use their contemporary vantage-point to recast seminal questions about the relationship between Janet Frame's work and its critical contexts.

### The Lagoon and Other Stories Peter Lang

Short stories

### You are Now Entering the Human Heart

Women's Press (UK)

Selvbiografisk roman om den new zealandske pige Janets kamp for at blive forfatter og om hendes mange år på psykiatriske hospitaler, efter at hun ved en fejl diagnose bliver erklæret skizofren

### The Carpathians Women's Press (UK)

New Zealand's most extraordinary literary everyman-poet, novelist, critic, activist. C. K. Stead told the story of his first twenty-three years in South-West of Eden. In this second volume of his memoirs, Stead takes us from the moment he left New Zealand for a job in rural Australia, through study abroad, writing and a university career, until he left the University of Auckland to write full time aged fifty-three. It is a tumultuous tale of literary friends and foes (Curnow and Baxter, A. S. Byatt and Barry Humphries, and many more) and of navigating a personal and political life through the social change of the 1960s and 70s. And, at its heart, it is an account of a remarkable life among books-of writing and reading, critics and authors, students and professors. From Booloominbah to Menton, *The New Poetic* to *All Visitors Ashore*, from Vietnam to the Springbok Tour, C. K. Stead's *You Have a Lot to Lose* takes readers on a remarkable voyage through New Zealand's intellectual and cultural history.

### Janet Frame Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

*Faces in the Water* draws on the experiences of Janet Frame's early life, but it also explores the world of the mind - isolated and inarticulate - showcasing Frame's

wisdom, compassion and genius. In *Faces in the Water* (first published in 1961), Janet Frame responded to her doctor's suggestion that 'as I was obviously suffering from the effects of my long stay in hospital in New Zealand, I should write my story of that time to give me a clearer view of the future.' This writing evolved into an intensely imagined, fictionalised account in which the protagonist, Istina Mavet, moves in and out of mental hospitals, facing the terrors of electric-shock treatment and the threat of a leucotomy. This riveting novel became an international classic translated into nine languages.

[The Mijo Tree](#) Little Brown GBR

In *Janet Frame: Semiotics and Biosemiotics in Her Early Fiction*, Paul Matthew St. Pierre exploits the linguistic discipline of semiotics and the neurobiological discipline of biosemiotics to propose an original and dynamic reading of the first four works of fiction by New Zealand writer Janet Frame (1924-2004): *The Lagoon: Stories* (1951), *Owls Do Cry* (1957), *Faces in the Water* (1961), and *The Edge of the Alphabet* (1962). Opposing the prevailing reading of Frame's early fiction as autobiographical, deriving from her medical history, he argues her books are singular evocations of her astonishing imagination. His purpose is to fix this historical record and provide an alternative model for interpreting one of the 20th century's most stylistically demanding and rewarding writers. Semiotics and biosemiotics are his means for unlocking the early fiction and her later works to a polemical analysis focusing on language, sign transmissions, writing the body, and the biosemiotic self. In *The Lagoon*, *Owls Do Cry*, *Faces in the Water*, and *The Edge of the Alphabet* Frame produced what St. Pierre interprets as an original semiotic and biosemiotic modeling system that she applied throughout her oeuvre of twenty books, comprising eight story collections, seven novels, a book of poetry, a children's novel, and three volumes of autobiography. Using this modeling system, she designed her fiction as a visual verbal field consisting of still and moving images generated in the imagination, located in the brains and central nervous systems of her narrators, characters, and readers, and, primarily, of the author herself. The author discusses the significations of: 1) Frame's image-signs in water, glass, photographs, film, membranes, skin, and clothing; 2) her primary sign repertoire of objects, language, and human persons in the figures of blood, skin, and sun; 3) her body-signs, including those generated in the circulatory and neurological systems of all human organisms as biosemiotic living systems, in facial displays and body parts such as teeth, temples, eyes, skin, hair, nostrils, shoulders, knees, cheeks, vaginas, and prefrontal lobes; 4) her theories of the body, normalcy, and selfhood in the figures of urine, feces, blood, sweat, bile, saliva, phlegm, and semen, and body parts such as feet, hands, noses, teeth, lips, entrails, and wombs, in the context of social forces of dismemberment; 5) her biosemiotic system applied to her subsequent books, constituting her theory of human beings as sign-transmitting organisms, living systems doubled with and interchangeable with the closed sign system of her oeuvre. *Janet Frame: Semiotics and Biosemiotics in Her Early Fiction* is designed to appeal to the international audience of Frame readers and a specialized audience of semioticians and biosemioticians who investigate how sign transmissions function in visual verbal fields and related living systems.

[The Janet Frame Reader](#) ReadHowYouWant.com

Magical powers inhabit the land to which Malfred Signal retires - freed at last of her responsibilities to a dying mother and the generations of young ladies who have learned perfect drawing techniques in her classes. Her first night in the idyllic island retreat that is to be her new home is one of terror: a storm is raging, an intruder pounding on her door, and calls to the police, the priest and the doctor over her still-unconnected telephone bring no result. This is the state of siege, painted in pigments of dark and light, the brush dipped in