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The Lagoon Fairleigh Dickinson
Selvbiografiske romaner.

The Carpathians Catapult

'Janet Frame's luminous words are the more precious because they were snatched from the jaws of the disaster of her early life . . . and yet to read her is no more difficult than breathing' Hilary Mantel When Janet Frame's doctor suggested that she write about her traumatic experiences in mental institutions in order to free herself from them, the result was *Faces in the Water*, a powerful and poignant novel. Istina Mavet descends through increasingly desolate wards, with the threat of leucotomy ever present. As she observes her fellow patients, long dismissed by hospital staff, with humour and compassion, she reveals her original and questing mind. This riveting novel became an international classic, translated into nine languages, and has also been used as a medical school text. Books included in the VMC 40th anniversary series include: *Frost in May* by Antonia White; *The Collected Stories of Grace Paley*; *Fire from Heaven* by Mary Renault; *The Magic Toyshop* by

Angela Carter; *The Weather in the Streets* by Rosamond Lehmann; *Deep Water* by Patricia Highsmith; *The Return of the Soldier* by Rebecca West; *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston; *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron; *The Dud Avocado* by Elaine Dundy; *Memento Mori* by Muriel Spark; *A View of the Harbour* by Elizabeth Taylor; and *Faces in the Water* by Janet Frame

Talk of Treasure Vintage

'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Brasch rejected it for publication in *Landfall* and, along with others for one reason or other, deliberately remained unpublished during her lifetime.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the *NZ Listener*, the *New Zealand School Journal*, *Landfall* and *The New Yorker* over the years, and one otherwise unpublished piece, 'The Gravy Boat', was read aloud by Frame for a radio broadcast in 1953.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 recognise familiar themes, scenes, characters and locations from Frame's writing and life, and each offers a fresh fictional transformation that will captivate and absorb.

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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.

Owls Do Cry Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited Short, intense and mesmerizing. Read these very short stories on a train, a tram, a bus, or waiting in the check out line. *Captives* by Angela Meyer will fit into your pocket, your handbag or tucked into the cover of your iPad. *Captives* opens with a husband pointing his gun at his wife. There's a woman who hears 'the hiss of Beelzebub behind people's voices', a photographer who captures the desire to suicide, a man locked in a toilet who may never get out, a couple who grow young, and a prisoner who learns to swallow like a python. Movie stars appear throughout reminding us that people live on through images: Paul Newman, Anthony Perkins, Divine, and a girl who died in a car crash are all caught eternally on film. There's a touch of Annie Proulx in these stories, the way a lonely death can creep up on you and the way our sexuality will not be denied, though we may try to cover it up. There are many glimpses of ordinary people struggling with everyday madness in extraordinary ways *THE OWLS DO CRY*. Random House Australia

An accessible close re-reading of Frame's novels and short stories from an autobiographical perspective. This study examines the whole of Janet Frame's output starting with the fiction (novels, short-stories and poems) before focusing on the two autobiographical novels, *Owls do Cry* and *Faces in the Water*, to end with the autobiographical trilogy, a sort of

restorative prism inviting us to (re) read all her preceding works. It is the autobiography and its film version, *An Angel at My Table* (1990, directed by Jane Campion), that won her international fame. Frame's life is extraordinary, not only because she was spared a lobotomy by winning a prize for her collection of short stories, but also because writing from the 'rim of the farthest circle,' she provides food for thought for anyone interested in postcolonial and gender studies.

[Mona Minim and the Smell of the Sun](#) Auckland University Press

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.

You are Now Entering the Human Heart Hassell Street Press

Through the eyes of a woman of myriad personalities - ventriloquist, gossip and writer - Janet Frame playfully explores the process of writing fiction: the avoidances, interruptions and irrelevancies, as well as a teasing blurring between fact and fiction. The landscape of the Maniototo becomes 'the bloody plain' of the imagination, as the narrator tells us about her marriages and children, her friends (real and imagined), her travels (between New Zealand and the United States) and her stay in the house left in her care by friends travelling in Italy. She must face the reality of death as well as probe the authenticity of the modern world.

The Complete Autobiography Literary Licensing, LLC

Owls Do Cry tells the story of the Withers family: Francie, who is twelve and about to start work at the woollen mills, hard drudgery sweetened with the thrill of riding a bike to work; Toby, who would rather play at the dump than go to school, where the dark velvet cloak of epilepsy often wraps itself around him; Chicks, the youngest; and Daphne, whose rich poetic way of seeing the world leads to a heartbreaking life in institutions. Janet Frame writes of hardship, poverty and tragedy with beauty and a deep sensitivity. *Owls Do Cry* is a poetic masterpiece. Janet Frame is one of New Zealand's greatest writers. Born in Dunedin in 1924, she published twenty-one books in her lifetime and several posthumously. Her autobiographical work *An Angel at My Table* was made into a film by Jane Campion in 1990. Janet Frame died in 2004. textpublishing.com.au 'Owls Do Cry glows with the inner light of (Frame's) human awareness - a cool flame that neither cauterises nor heals but in some mystic ways purifies, substituting an essential beauty for superficial pain and squalor.' Sunday Herald Tribune 'When I first read it at 14, the same age as Daphne is in the novel...her dark eloquent song captured my heart.' Jane Campion

[An Angel at My Table](#) Vintage

The autobiography of New Zealand's most significant writer
New Zealand's preeminent writer Janet Frame brings the skill of an extraordinary novelist and poet to these vivid and haunting

recollections, gathered here for the first time in a single volume. From a childhood and adolescence spent in a poor but intellectually intense railway family, through life as a student, and years of incarceration in mental hospitals, eventually followed by her entry into the saving world of writers and the "Mirror City" that sustains them, we are given not only a record of the events of a life, but also "the transformation of ordinary facts and ideas into a shining palace of mirrors." Frame's journey of self-discovery, from New Zealand to London, to Paris and Barcelona, and then home again, is a heartfelt and courageous account of a writer's beginnings as well as one woman's personal struggle to survive. This book contains selections from the long out-of-print collection entitled *Janet Frame: An Autobiography* (George Brazillier, 1991), which itself was originally published in three volumes: *To the Is-land*, *An Angel at My Table*, and *The Envoy from Mirror City*.

You are Now Entering the Human Heart Hachette UK

Seminar paper from the year 2000 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2, LMU Munich (Institut für Englische Philologie), course: PS-Postcolonial Fiction in Context, 10 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Focusing on gender as a fundamental category of analysis makes it necessary to have a look on either side, on women as authors and women as readers. It cannot be denied that female authors have another relationship to their language, they have different vocabulary and use it in different kinds of sentences than their male colleagues. For years, this has been the reason, why women's writing has always been regarded as naive or intuitive, hence it were masculine norms which were used as traditional generic classifications. It was not until the feminist movement, that women's writings were not undervalued any longer. The women fighting for their suffragette had become aware of the dangerous stereotypes, which male authors described in their books, and the resulting misrepresentation of female life and work. Consequently, it became necessary to develop an alternative scheme of literary criticism, in which social ideologies and practices are addressed as well as is the way, those ideologies and practices form women's writing.

Unfortunately, the first feminist critics adopted merely the maxims of male literary criticism and looked at texts with a female perspective; they re-examined male texts which showed

the way women were often represented according to social, cultural and ideological norms, eager to find female images, stereotypes and misconceptions. The fact that complex texts permit a variety of alternative readings and interpretations was simply neglected. The early feminist critics were thus on the same one-way-road as had been their male counterparts for many years, and confronted with the issue of reconciling the pluralist approaches. However, the second-wave feminism of the 1960s won feminist criticism more recognition and women writers like Virginia Woolf, Kate Millett or Margaret Atwood made literary criticism an integral part of the feminist struggle, offering a multiplicity of feminist approaches. Hence, it is not only the text which is investigated in, but also the female authors who have become the subject of further investigation. The focus now is put on the study of women as writers, their personal history, their individual styles, themes, genres and structures. In order to grant a more thorough differentiation, modern feminist criticism is built on four main pillars: the study of biological, linguistic, psychoanalytic and cultural differences as opposed to male writing.

[An Autobiography](#) *Owls Do Cry* A Novel

This study of Janet Frame's fiction addresses with unusual directness the Utopian momentum that underpins her concern with fundamental social issues, traditionally highlighted in existing criticism of her work. The idea behind this book is that Frame's critique of society, while it is offered for its own sake on one level, should not lead us to neglect the author's more speculative interest in an alternative conception of the human person. Her engagement in a species of experimental portraiture proves elusive, though, owing to an indirectness of approach that usually takes the form of thematic circumscription, rather than explicit representation. For example, the figure of the mute child, recurrent in her work, may well testify to a concern with the plight of the mentally ill; but on another level it also points to an envelope of intractable experience which it is the artist's task to penetrate and explain. Such aspiration is inseparable from the search for a new medium of expression, felt to be necessary if one is to meet the challenge of apprehending the scope of pioneering knowledge. This close reading of the novels reveals that the alternative dimension of experience to be found in Frame's novels is characterized by an intact capacity for remembering, or for imaginatively re-creating, eclipsed aspects of the present. Frame's view of Utopia thus turns out to be manifold: it is existential and ontological, linguistic and epistemological, but also historical and political. An unravelling of these intertwined strains then serves to clarify the complex question of Frame's post-colonial sensibility, which cannot be said to rely on a sense of rigid identity, whether national or otherwise.

[Owls Do Cry](#) Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

En fremtid, hvor man udrydder de gamle og de svage

Intensive Care Auckland University Press

Janet Frame, born in 1924, is New Zealand's most celebrated and least public author. Her early life in small South Island towns seemed, at times, engulfed in a tide of doom: one brother still-born, another epileptic; two sisters dead of heart failure while swimming; Frame herself committed to mental hospitals for the best part of a decade. Later, her surviving sister was temporarily felled in adulthood by a stroke, an uncle cut his throat and a cousin shot his lover, his lover's parents and then himself. . This, then, is an inspiring biography of a woman who climbed out of an abyss of unhappiness to take control of her life and become one of the great writers of her time. And to enable her biographer to write this book scrupulously and honestly, Janet Frame spoke for the first time about her whole life. She also made available her personal papers and directed her family and friends to be equally communicative. The result is a biography of astonishing intimacy and frankness.

George Braziller

Owls Do Cry is the story of the Withers family: Francie, soon to leave school to start work at the woollen mills; Toby, whose days are marred by the velvet cloak of epilepsy; Chicks, the baby of the family; and Daphne, whose rich, poetic imagination condemns her to a life in institutions. 'Janet Frame's first full-length work of fiction, *Owls Do Cry*, is an exhilarating and dazzling prelude to her long and successful career. She was to write in several modes, publishing poems, short stories, fables and volumes of autobiography, as well as other novels of varied degrees of formal complexity, but *Owls Do Cry* remains unique in her oeuvre. It has the freshness and fierceness of a mingled cry of joy and pain. Its evocation of childhood recalls Blake's *Songs of Innocence* and of *Experience*, as well as the otherworldly Shakespearean lyric of her title and epigraph, but her handling of her dark material is wholly original' Margaret Drabble [Towards Another Summer](#) Womens PressLtd

"[This book] is [an] ... account of a childhood and adolescence in a New Zealand family in the 1920s and 1930s. ... Its ... language brings alive in vivid detail her home, materially poor but intellectually intense, and her first encounters with love and death. It follows [Frame's] explorations into the worlds of words and poetry. ..."--Back cover.

The Novels of Janet Frame Text Publishing

This study investigates how Janet Frame weaves together literary sources from her extensive reading to create a web of intertextual relationships. Patricia Neville traces Frame's passion for books beginning with her childhood and earliest published work in the *Otago Daily Times*. Drawing on new research and through close readings of Frame's novels, she discusses the effects of Frame's borrowings from the Bible and Shakespeare and from writing from New Zealand, Britain, France, and the United States. It is a fascinating read not only for scholars but for all admirers of Frame's

fiction.

A Novel George Braziller

"Beneath the seemingly tranquil surface of an old English village lie murder, incest, and mystery. Alwyn Maude, a handsome young man, commits a senseless murder - a horrifying fact that somehow seems quintessentially modern. Alwyn is contrasted against his antiquated father and uncle, revealing the tensions between past and present and the shortcomings of both."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

[Words on writing, meditation and life](#) Counterpoint

Self-styled writer Grace Cleave has writers block, and her anxiety is only augmented by her chronic aversion to leaving her home, to be "among people, even for five or ten minutes." And so it is with trepidation that she accepts an invitation to spend a weekend away from London in the north of England. Once there, she feels more and more like a migratory bird, as the pull of her native New Zealand makes life away from it seem transitory. Grace longs to find her place in the world, but first she must learn to be comfortable in her own skin, feathers and all. From the author of *An Angel at My Table* comes an exquisitely written novel of exile and return, homesickness and belonging. Written in 1963 when Janet Frame was living in London, this is of a novel she considered too personal to be published while she was alive.

The Complete Autobiography Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

What happens when the town of Puamahara begins to profit from its legend and the astronomers discovering the Gravity Star predict an unthinkable future? Mattina Brecon, a New Yorker, arrives in Kowhai Street, Puamahara, where her painstaking study of her neighbours is interrupted by a new kind of cataclysmic event. Mattina finds herself in possession of a Kowhai Street that is without people, language or memory. This novel won the 1989 Commonwealth Writers Prize and the Ansett New Zealand Book Award. It was Janet Frame's last novel.