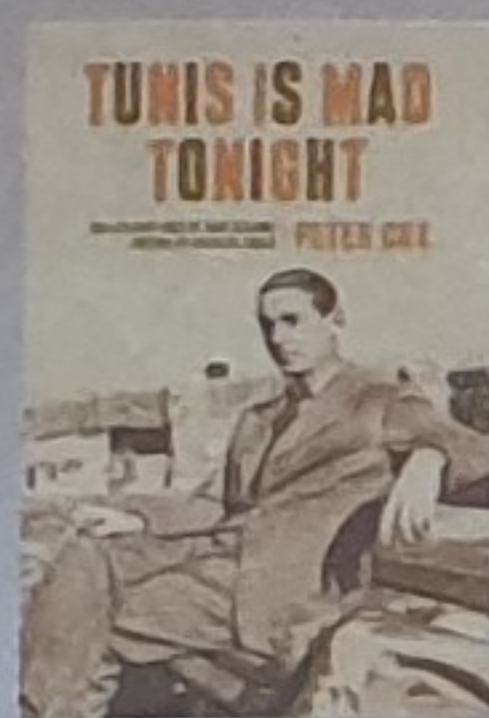


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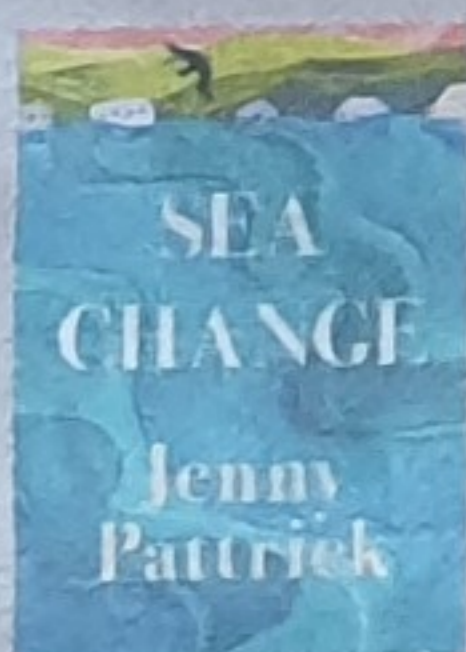


Tunis is Mad Tonight
by Peter Cox
(Quentin Wilson Publishing, RRP \$45)

This is an extraordinary biography of New Zealand journalist Douglas Brass and his remarkable 40-year career. He reported on significant world events, including World War II

and post-war Europe. He established himself as a respected royal correspondent, and later, his robust columns were highly influential in opposing participation in the Vietnam War. A fascinating, eventful life and a highly readable, well-written book.

— Karen McMillan



Sea Change
by Jenny Patrick
(Bateman Books, RRP \$38)

Set on the Kapiti Coast in the wake of a devastating tsunami, *Sea Change* is a compelling novel about resilience and the power of community. As the government enforces a managed retreat, a group of villagers refuse to

abandon their homes. But their battle isn't just against nature. Manipulative businessman Adrian Stokes also has his own plans for the land. A powerful commentary on adaptability, belonging and the strength of standing together.

— Andrea Molloy

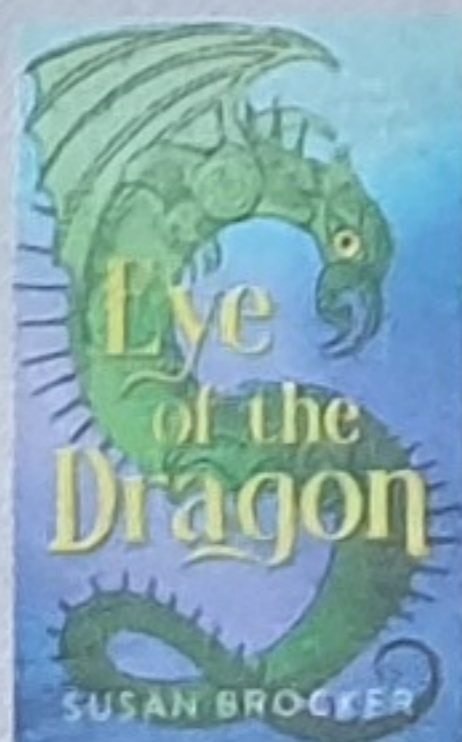
A Naturalist's Guide to Fungi of Aotearoa New Zealand
by Ruben Mita
(John Beaufoy Publishing, RRP \$30)



Books about fungi are always hot sellers, and this colourful, informative guide is a must-have for anyone interested in them. It's an easy-to-use book that has information and colour photos for 267 species found in New Zealand. From edible mushrooms to downright weird-

looking fungi, this is a brilliant pocket-sized addition to this growing series of guides.

— Karen McMillan



Eye of the Dragon
by Susan Brocker
(Scholastic, RRP \$21)

Bullied at school about his stutter and feeling ignored at home, Thomas and his dog, Lucy, head to the beach. When Lucy begins barking outside a cave, Thomas finds an injured dragon. The dragon helps



Peter Cox

Thomas gain his confidence throughout the story... This book cracks along at a whipping pace, full of action, adventure and tension. Great for middle primary school readers over the holidays.

— Rebekah Lyell

The Only Dinosaur in School
by Leonie Agnew, illustrated
by Julia Hegetusch
(Scholastic, RRP \$22)

Theo is a dinosaur, which came as a shock to his human parents! On his first day at school, Theo refuses to go in because he's different to the other kids, so Mum makes him a human costume. When Theo finally decides it's time to reveal his true identity, it turns out he isn't the only one in costume! Picture book perfection.

— Karen McMillan

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