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Nga Pepeha A Nga Tipuna: The Sayings Of The Ancestors



Synopsis

This collection contains more than 2,500 pepeha, or âœsayings of the ancestors,â • that were gathered and compiled from all over New Zealand over a 20-year period. More than just proverbs, pepeha include charms, witticisms, figures of speech, and boasts, and they are featured in the formal speeches heard every day on the marae and in the oral literature handed down from past generations. These expressions provide a rich source of vocabulary, using metaphor and an economy of words to show language that enriches the Maori of today.

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Nga Pepeha a Nga Tipuna is a definitive and exhaustive anthology of the sayings and proverbs of the MāfÂçori people of Aotearoa (New Zealand). Such sayings remain a feature of mÃfÂçori life, and are especially used in oratory. For mÃfÂçori a work such as this is a tÃfÂçonga, a treasure. For others wanting to gain an appreciation of mÃfÂçori and their world view, the assembled pepeha offer a window into that.

Excellent selection of pepeha and useful, relevant explanations. Ka rawe!

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