

# The Pounamu Prophecy

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*Two women, two cultures and an ancient Maori prophecy that will change their lives.*

Since she watched her village burn to the ground, Mere's life has been anything but dull. Now as an older woman she has come to stay with Helene and James to finish writing her life story – a tale of injustice, revenge and reconciliation.

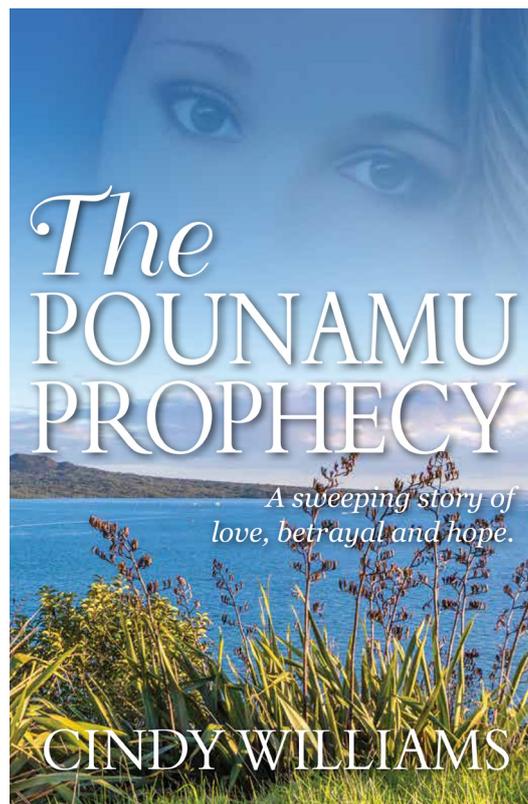
But Helene and James have their own problems. After five years together, their marriage has become dull, predictable, boring ... and it starts to unravel.

Weaving fiction with the traumatic history of the Ngati Whatua tribe of Auckland, *The Pounamu Prophecy* sweeps from the sultry heat of Australia to the verdant shores of New Zealand.

Cindy Williams grew up in a culturally rich part of New Zealand singing Maori songs, playing Maori games at school and hearing Maori stories. She studied at Otago University, trained as a dietitian and worked for over 20 years as a nutrition consultant to Woolworths (Qld), Brisbane Lions, and the Healthy Food Guide magazine, amongst others.

While staying at Orakei Marae as part of a Maori language course she heard another story – one of injustice suffered by the Ngati Whatua people. She listened to the elders who spoke about forgiveness and moving forward and knew *The Pounamu Prophecy* was a story that had to be told.

Cindy lives in Sydney with her husband and teenage son. She is working on her second novel and writes a nutrition blog – [www.nutritionchic.com](http://www.nutritionchic.com).



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