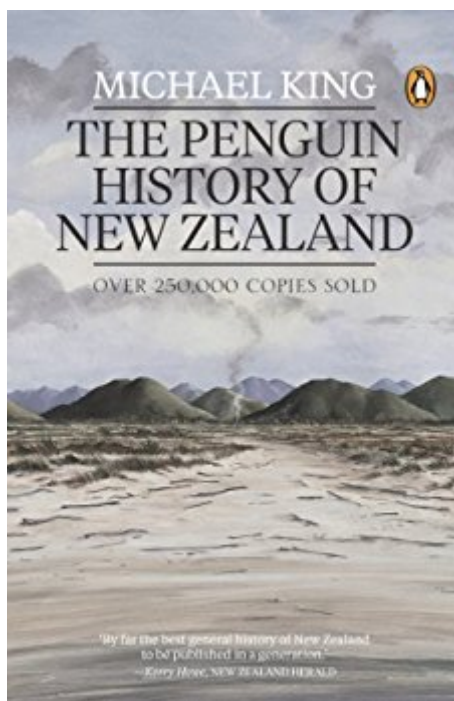


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I should explain that I am an Australian (now also a NZ Citizen) who has lived in NZ for 36 years.

Like most Australians, I was almost totally ignorant of NZ before coming here, but have tried to read

what has become available over the years in order to gain a better understanding of my adopted country. That reading included the short Penguin history of New Zealand by Sir Keith Sinclair. That history was written with an emphasis on the Pakeha ('European') perspective characteristic of the times. Michael King's book redresses the balance and greatly emphasises the Maori perspective, and Maori/Pakeha relations. I found this fascinating and instructive, and not irrelevant to gaining a better understanding some current social issues. The book is strikingly coherent, and is an easy read because it flows so well. The book is an example of excellent writing. I am left, however, with a strange feeling of unease. Although the book is a long one, there is a feeling that it often just skims the surface. The big picture, as the author saw it, appears to have obscured or even obliterated other material. For example, one is none, or only a little, wiser about how New Zealanders, both Maori and Pakeha, lived at home during World War II and the Great Depression. The author's admiration for NZ soldiers comes through strongly, but is not balanced by an adequate treatment of the appalling, unjust, and well-documented, abuse of conscientious objectors, particularly during World War I. He embraces the scientist Maurice Wilkins as a New Zealander who went abroad to pursue his career: in fact, Maurice Wilkins was born in New Zealand, but taken back to Britain by his parents as a small boy, and never returned.

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