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Dear Reader,

I'm sitting at the rickety wooden table outside my back door in Hawke's Bay, coffee at my elbow, my tabby cat draping herself across my keyboard. Every so often I glance up at the Ruahine Range, snow-capped today, mist in the valleys, every ridge glowing under a pale winter sky.

The ranges are a familiar sight to many New Zealanders, a constant backdrop to anyone travelling along State Highway 2 towards Wellington. It's easy to become blasé about their sheer majesty but I never have. When my children were small, we'd just emigrated from England and I was completely captivated by the landscape of our new home. Every morning we hurried – late again! - up the drive to meet the school bus at the road gate; every morning I would stop in my tracks to exclaim, 'Guys, guys, look at the mountains!' It became a family joke: Mum and her mountains. Well, I finally got to write about them.

A novel only comes to life when it is being read – until then, it's just a lot of words. That's why I'm so very excited and honoured to be a part of Together We Read. I love hearing from readers, so please feel free to get in touch. You can track me down on my author Facebook page, Twitter, or Instagram.

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All the very best,

Charity Norman