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ABOUT THE BOOK

Iris's family – her ex-husband with his new wife and baby; her son, and her best friend's daughter – gather to pack up their holiday house. They are there for one last time, one last weekend, and one last party – but in the course of this weekend, their connections will be affirmed, and their frailties and secrets revealed – to the reader at least, if not to each other.

The Hope Fault is a novel about extended family: about steps and exes and fairy godmothers; about parents and partners who are missing, and the people who replace them.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tracy Farr is a novelist and short story writer who used to be a scientist. She grew up in Australia, and has lived in New Zealand for twenty years; she calls both places home. Her debut novel, *The Life and Loves of Lena Gaunt* (Fremantle Press, 2013), was longlisted for the 2014 Miles Franklin Literary Award, shortlisted in 2014 for the Western Australian Premier's Book Award and Barbara Jefferis Award, and published in the UK and US in 2016. *The Hope Fault* is her second novel.



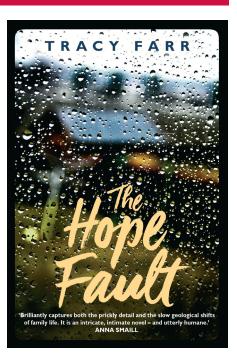
NOTES

- Tracy Farr's first book was longlisted for a Miles Franklin Literary Award.
- Farr's other awards include: Varuna Second Book Fellowship (2015), Barbara Jefferis Award (Shortlisted 2014), *Sunday Star-Times* Short Story Award (Winner 2014), Western Australian Premier's Book Award (Shortlisted 2014), R.A.K. Mason Writers' Fellowship (2014) and BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award (Runner-up 2001).

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'The Hope Fault brilliantly captures both the prickly detail and the slow geological shifts of family life. An intricate, intimate novel – and utterly humane.' Anna Smaill

'This intricately stitched story, with its exquisite patterns and refrains, casts a spell over the reader. I wanted to stay wrapped in that house by the sea with that flawed family making magic and meaning from the vagaries of the weather, the landscape, and their own hearts.' Myfanwy Jones



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