

Thorndon: Wellington and Home

My Katherine Mansfield Project

Kirsty Gunn

Teacher Notes

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In this 'notebook', award-winning novelist Kirsty Gunn explores the meaning of home. Returning to Wellington, the city of her birth, after an absence of thirty years, Gunn's exploration quickly takes on new forms, developing into a 'Katherine Mansfield Project'. Includes short stories written in response to those by Katherine Mansfield as well as essays, a poem, letters and journal writings.

2014 publication; 124 pages; includes bibliography.

THEMES

Home; personal response to an author's work; Wellington; New Zealand authors

SOME CONNECTIONS

- Some of Kirsty Gunn's novels, including *Rain* (set in New Zealand, published 1994) and *The Big Music* (New Zealand Post Book of the Year in 2013, published 2012)
- Katherine Mansfield's stories
- BWB Text *On Coming Home* by Paula Morris
- *Dear Miss Mansfield* by Witi Ihimaera

CURRICULUM AREAS

English

TEACHER SUGGESTIONS

- **English:** Students discuss how different authors have responded to Katherine Mansfield's work, and write their own response to a Katherine Mansfield story.

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