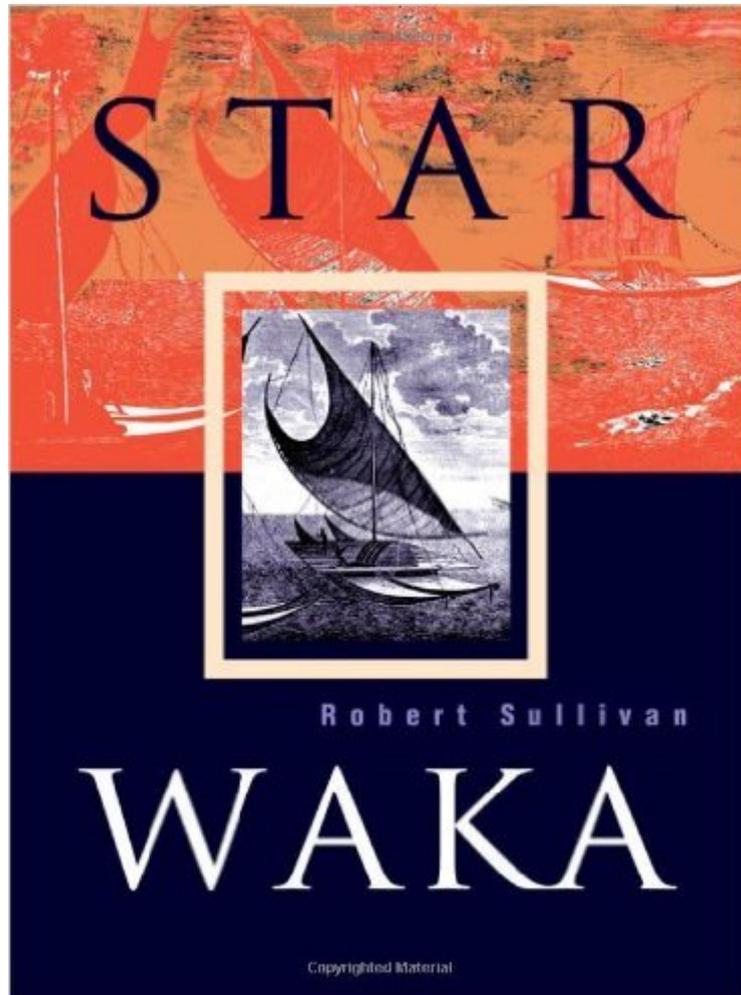


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This collection of 100 poems by a Maori writer shows a variety of subject and tone but is unified by recurring motifs and a persistent Maori perspective.

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I can fully underline the first review ("Wave upon wave..."): STAR WAKA definitely marks one of the very significant achievements in contemporary literature from Aotearoa New Zealand. The author employs such poetic elegance and vivid leading motifs that his narration can touch upon a huge range of topics without losing narrative unity and excitement. This causes STAR WAKA to resemble one of the most technically innovative as well as thematically relevant approaches of recent literature from Aotearoa New Zealand. It allows for deep insights into socio-cultural reality in the fashion of an appealing Odyssean voyage through Maori identity challenges within modern life. Thus, after his first promising steps and explorations into the realms of literature (*Jazz Waiata* 1990, *Piki Ake!* 1993 and *Maui...* 1996) Robert Sullivan finally interweaves in STAR WAKA supreme artistic creativity with bold intellectual range. This book can truly be seen as the first grand achievement in his career - so if you are interested in poetic narratives covering contemporary Maori life, it is definitely worth the challenge of obtaining it from antiquarian book stores!

Time to savor and re-read the 100 Star Waka poems by Robert Sullivan: in their sophisticated and inventive interplay of ancient and postmodern, wave upon wave as line-break by line-break, this is

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