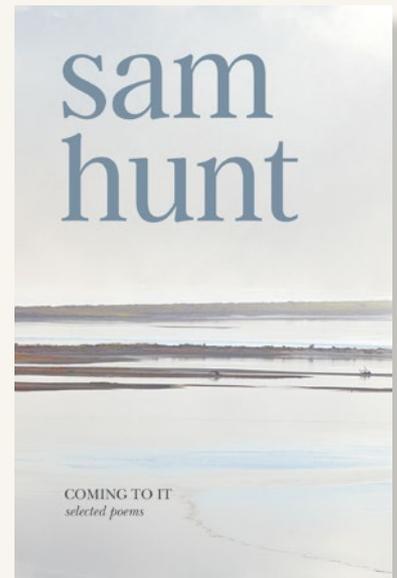


A SELECTION OF SAM HUNT'S WORK FROM THE EARLIEST POEMS THAT FIRST MADE HIS NAME, THROUGH TO NEW POEMS WRITTEN 56 YEARS ON IN 2018



Sam Hunt is one of New Zealand's most recognisable and cherished poets. The publication of *Coming to it* by Potton & Burton acknowledges this fact and marks a defining moment.

Coming to it is the only collection of Hunt's poems currently in print. It also contains 19 new, previously unpublished poems, which Hunt wrote in 2018. Throughout, Hunt's unflinchingly honest, elegiac and moving poems roam around familiar themes of family, friends, lovers and animals; landscapes and the play of the weather; the challenges of ageing and mortality.

Hunt's early poems feature prominently in *Coming to it* and sit comfortably alongside his more recent work – *Chords* (2011) and *Salt River Songs* (2016) – as well as the latest 2018 poems.

Coming to it is an important legacy and one intended to replace out of print collections *Doubtless: New and selected* and *Knucklebones: Poems 1962–2012*. This handsome hardback edition, containing more than 120 poems, will ensure that a substantial selection of Hunt's work remains in print and accessible to all poetry lovers.

Sam Hunt has had a remarkable and enduring career, and *Coming to it* is a fitting and timely tribute to the poet and the man.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born at Castor Bay in 1946, **SAM HUNT** is one of New Zealand's best-known and most celebrated poets. He toured and performed his poems for over 50 years, and has published many collections of his poems, from *Between Islands* (1963) to his most recent, *Salt River Songs* (2016). Hunt has received major accolades for his services to poetry, including a QSM, a CNZM and, in 2012, the Prime Minister's Poetry Award. He now lives in a remote spot on the Kaipara Harbour.

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