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From the Librarian

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you've all been enjoying some excellent reading in these cold winter weeks. It's great to be past the shortest day of the year. It has been interesting to see what books are being checked out here in the library. Please let me know if there are any upcoming book releases that you are anticipating.

For those of you that use social media, we have now joined Instagram. We have also made a new Facebook page 'Athenaeum Library & Mechanics Institute- Dunedin'- Please like and follow for more information about upcoming events. Event information will also be available on our website and on posters around the library.

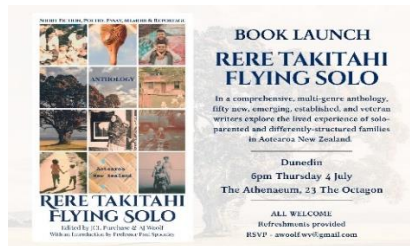
- Holly Fletcher

What's Happening

Tune in to OAR 105.4 FM every second Saturday at midday to hear the new radio show –

Books Uncovered.

A show about books and literary events, hosted by Holly and Bella. They discuss anything from romance to bizarre book blurbs all found from within the depths of the Athenaeum library.



We are excited to be hosting a book launch for *Rere Takitahi Flying Solo*. This is a multi-genre anthology.

The book explores the lived experience of solo-parenting and differently structured families in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Thursday 4th July at 6pm

Refreshments provided

All welcome. Please RSVP:

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Book Review

Joyce Carol Oates

48 Clues into the Disappearance of My Sister

It is 1991- and 30-year-old Marguerite, a sculptor and heiress, is missing. The clues into her disappearance are slowly unravelled over 48 short chapters, that are stylistically odd and digestible. The

reader is taken on an intimate journey narrated by Georgene, who is the less successful and rather unlikeable younger sister.

The literary suspense that Oates creates within this book feeds into strangeness of Marguerite's disappearance, which is difficult to clarify for both reader and the characters.

The cast of strange characters are interesting, and I enjoyed the language used by Joyce. Especially, when G is describing her distaste for certain painters.

Joyce Carol Oates has the wonderful skill of dissecting the horrendous thoughts and feelings that people can inflict upon woman. Oates was first published in the 1960s and has a large body of work (70+). Including a biographical fiction novel about Marilyn Monroe.

