

CAMBRIDGE AUTUMN FESTIVAL
Makereta Brown: Author Profile

I've been writing on-and-off since I was six. I finally published my first e-book in 2018. Then, last year, I won an Emerging Pasifika Writer's residency at the Michael King Writers' Centre and also had poems published in Takahē Magazine and the on-line Cauldron Anthology. This competition came up in my feed and I wanted to try it mainly because I have happy memories of Cambridge. My aunty lived there, my late mother retired there til her death, and I have cousins still in Waipa district.

'The Time and The Tide' really wrote itself. We live on the Awhitu Peninsula out by the Manukau Bar. I love remote high places by the sea and much of my inspiration rises from there. But all of Aotearoa's countryside is dotted with areas of varied beauty and great healing; and that is something I hope to communicate if I can.