

HOLLY JAMIESON – Author Profile

Kia ora koutou

My name is Holly and I'm a proud Cantabrian. I studied law and psychology at the University of Canterbury before completing my law professionals, and I work in public policy. I recently returned home to my family in Christchurch who support me endlessly.

I am honoured to receive third prize in the Cambridge Autumn Festival short story competition. "Love Stings" is the first story I have written in some time, but it reminded me of the power of writing as a creative outlet, particularly in turbulent times. One person who would have been proud of my achievement is my Grandad, so I'd like to acknowledge him today.

The theme of "lockdown" brought to mind the increased number of people who have been trapped in unsafe situations over the past year due to COVID-19. I would like for us all to be better aware of the prevalence of domestic violence in our society, and to be available for those around us who may need help. Never underestimate the power of words, or of listening.

Ngā mihi
Holly