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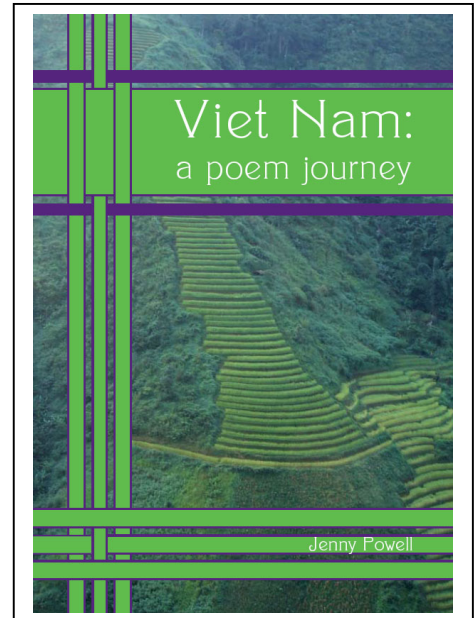
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“Is it possible to love a country you have never been to? Is it possible to visit a country in your imagination?” so Jenny Powell writes in her introduction to her latest collection of poems, *Viet Nam*.

Jenny’s poems map the country, people and places of Viet Nam. It forms a cultural and literary bridge between the country Viet Nam and the visit to New Zealand of a Vietnamese music teacher Hao, who lived with Jenny during his stay in New Zealand.

*Viet Nam* is an evocative, colourful and imaginative journey that confirms in her work the power of the imaginal world.

### About the Author

**Jenny Powell** is a poet and teacher who lives and writes in St Clair, Dunedin. She has had published five previous collections of poetry, *Sweet Banana Wax Peppers*, *Hats*, *Double Jointed* (a collaborative volume with 10 others), *Locating the Madonna* (with Anna Jackson), and *Four French Horns*.

Her inspiration from St Clair beach is tempered by an anxiety over the disappearing dunes and hills tumbling into the sea.

“Jenny Powell has written a strong and vivid book that covers many nuances and facets of Vietnamese peoples’ lives and reaches out to the people of Viet Nam with real empathy and heart, bridging the two cultures of New Zealand and Viet Nam. *Viet Nam*’s very success is that its many single units form a cohesive whole and become a love song for the place and the people who live there.” – Mark Pirie

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