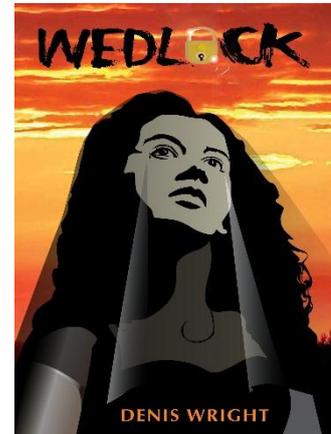


**SURVIVING MEN: 2 NZ BOOKS FOR TEENS SHOW  
CONSEQUENCES OF UNWANTED MALE ATTENTION**

**WEDLOCK** is the latest book from English and Journalism teacher Denis Wright (Wellington). His first novel *Violence 101* (2007) won Best First Book in the 2005 NZ Post Children's Book Awards. He published the thriller *Nanotech* in 2015. He writes for teenagers because 'when you have been teaching teens for as long as I have their voices come very naturally'. Wright hasn't forgotten the moment when Hamish Graham began whispering in his ear and became the odious racist and violent narrator of *Violence 101*.



**Wedlock** features another character who must deal with a traumatic situation. Lucinda Sorrenson is a strong, capable high school student who gets abducted by a religious cult – they have selected her to marry their leader. Pivotal to the story is the moment she stops trying to escape and chooses instead to survive. The writer shows her limited choices and how her initial resistance succumbs to a version of the Stockholm Syndrome. Teenagers are vulnerable as they transition to adulthood, while they are still working out their own identities and belief systems. Coincidentally, Shortland Street has a current plotline featuring a sinister and reclusive cult.



**MAKE A HARD FIST** comes from Tina Shaw (Taupo). She has worked as an editor, freelance journalist, and creative writing tutor (AUT, Correspondence School, AK Uni) and with the NZ Society of Authors as Programme Manager. Shaw is the author of 20 published novels for adults and teenagers, most recently *The Children's Pond* which was shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award in 2016. She has been awarded both the Berlin Writer's Residency and the Buddle Finlay Fellowship.

In **Make a Hard Fist** Lizzie Quinn, high school student, has a stalker who starts sending her anonymous notes. Then she is attacked and still the letters keep coming. She must find a way to empower herself and face this threat. Ultimately empowering, this psychological thriller will leave you checking the shadows for weeks to come. Includes helplines and basic self-defense moves as an appendix to the novel.



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