



# *Polaroid Nights*

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## SELLING POINTS

- Winner of the inaugural NZSA Laura Solomon Cuba Press Prize
- 1990s Auckland nightlife while the city is being terrorised by a serial rapist
- Inspired by the author being burgled by convicted serial rapist Malcolm Rewa in 1995
- Auckland author

Auckland city bars, 1996, when the *click / whirr* of a Polaroid 600 proved you were living your best life. Betty's is on repeat: waitress till late, drink till dawn, in bed to forget. But partying like there's no tomorrow is no fix for the problems crowding in. Her ex is back and drinking at her favourite haunts, her flat was burgled and she faces eviction if she can't pay late rent. And then there's the serial rapist called the Psychic who's terrorising women in their homes.

When her ex is murdered and left in her bed, Betty and her flatmate Alabama turn to the bar world to find out who did it. Was it the Psychic – or someone closer?

*Polaroid Nights* fizzes with the wild energy of the city nightlife of 1990s Auckland. It's compulsive reading – pitch-perfect with wicked humour and a dark hinterland that chills and fascinates in equal measure. Don't miss this brilliant debut, the inaugural winner of the NZSA Laura Solomon Cuba Press Prize.

*“a fast and furious snapshot of 90s nightlife – Laura would have loved it” —Tina Shaw*



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**Lizzie Harwood** grew up on Aotea Great Barrier Island and writes novels set in the far-flung places she's lived. Her memoir *Xamnesia* and *Triumph: Collected Stories* are international Amazon bestsellers.

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