



BETWEEN THE FLAGS

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- **Winner of the Laura Solomon NZSA Cuba Press Prize 2022**
- **Award-winning Ōamaru author and graphic artist, also known as Rae Joyce**
- **From the publisher of *Spark Hunter* by Sonya Wilson, winner of the 2022 NZSA Best First Book Award**
- **Young adult fiction that will take your breath away about loss and how to handle it, families and surf lifesaving on Auckland beaches**



Rachel J Fenton is a writer, graphic artist and anthologist, living in Ōamaru and a curator at the Janet Frame House. She has won fiction competitions in Aotearoa and overseas, including the Laura Solomon NZSA Cuba

Press Prize 2022, was shortlisted for The Royal Society of New Zealand Manhire Prize and is a Pushcart nominee. She is co-editor with Sarah Laing and Indira Neville of *Three Words: An Anthology of Aotearoa / NZ Women's Comics*, and as Rae Joyce, she is an award-winning graphic poet.

What if the worst thing that could ever happen to you had already happened, but you didn't realise? Like your brain couldn't handle it, so you turned it into a comic. Then closed it.

Fourteen-year-old trainee lifeguard Mandy Malham has wanted to beat Jen in the surf lifesaving championships at Soldier Tree Bay ever since Jen bullied her in primary school, but to do that, Mandy comes to realise that first she must rescue herself.

Between the Flags is a story of losing and finding yourself when some days it feels like the only friend you have is the pen in your hand. The first YA novel from author and graphic artist Rachel J Fenton.



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