



# BIT PART ACTOR

## Frank Edwards

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### Selling points:

- memoir of 50-year career of a Kiwi actor/writer in film, television and theatre industries
- first-hand accounts of being part of projects like blockbusters *King Kong* and *The Hobbit*, iconic theatre productions like *Foreskin's Lament* and well-known Speight's ads and road safety campaigns.
- Kāpiti Coast author

“ Gail rings to ask if I can do a day's filming on *The Lord of the Rings* as a 'featured extra', whatever that means, and I say yes.

It's apparently the second to last day of pick-up shooting for *LOTR's The Two Towers*, and the history part of me says how nice to be part of it, even if that part is minuscule. I might even get in a shot. ”

Frank Edwards has one of those faces Kiwis recognise. A working actor and writer for over fifty years, he's been part of projects like blockbuster movies *King Kong* and *The Lord of the Rings*, iconic TV shows *Close to Home* and *Shortland Street*, and notable New Zealand plays *Foreskin's Lament* and *The Learner's Stand*.

With a cast of supporting characters including Michael J Fox, Bruno Lawrence, Michele Amas and Kate Winslet, *Bit Part Actor* is the story of a man plying his trade to earn a living and raise a family – working in roles both satisfying and frustrating and always looking out for the next project.

Frank's story is another take on some of this country's key onscreen and onstage moments. It's also an honest and humorous first-hand account of what it takes to be a creative in Aotearoa: being versatile, working hard, making connections and hoping the small opportunities turn into bigger ones. And then there's the importance of an actor's craft: delivering a line with the right inflection and timing – no matter how short – and staying focused, even if you're slightly out of shot.



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