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EVERY NOW AND THEN I HAVE ANOTHER CHILD

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SELLING POINTS

- Charming narrative in free verse
- Witty, wise and whimsical
- Real and SURreal

A mysterious doppelgänger sister, a newborn baby, a boy in a mural, a detective, a former lover, a student stalker ... are they real or imagined? Building on Diane Brown's tradition of extended poetic narratives, *Every Now and Then I Have Another Child* is an inventive and heartfelt meditation on motherhood, the creative impulse and the blurred line between imagination and reality. This delightful, evocative poetic narrative wafts between the truly surreal and the 'everyday' absurd.

Reviews of other books by Diane Brown ...

... a rollercoasting, thought provoking, detail clinging, self-catapulting, beautiful read.
– Paula Green

It is always a reading pleasure to be in the literary company of a subversive.
– Michael Harlow, *Press* (Christchurch)

My favourite book of poems for the year was Diane Brown's witty and risky *Learning to Lie Together*.
– C.K. Stead, *Dominion Post*

... when could you last say, 'I could not put this poem down'?
– Penelope Bieder, *New Zealand Herald*

AUTHOR

Diane Brown is a novelist, memoirist and poet who runs her own creative writing school, Creative Writing Dunedin. Her publications include two collections of poetry (*Before the Divorce We Go to Disneyland* and *Learning to Lie Together*), a novel (*If the Tongue Fits*), a verse novel (*Eight Stages of Grace*), a travel memoir (*Liars and Lovers*), a prose/poetic memoir (*Here Comes Another Vital Moment*) and a poetic family memoir (*Taking My Mother to the Opera*). In 2013 she was made a Member of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to writing and education.