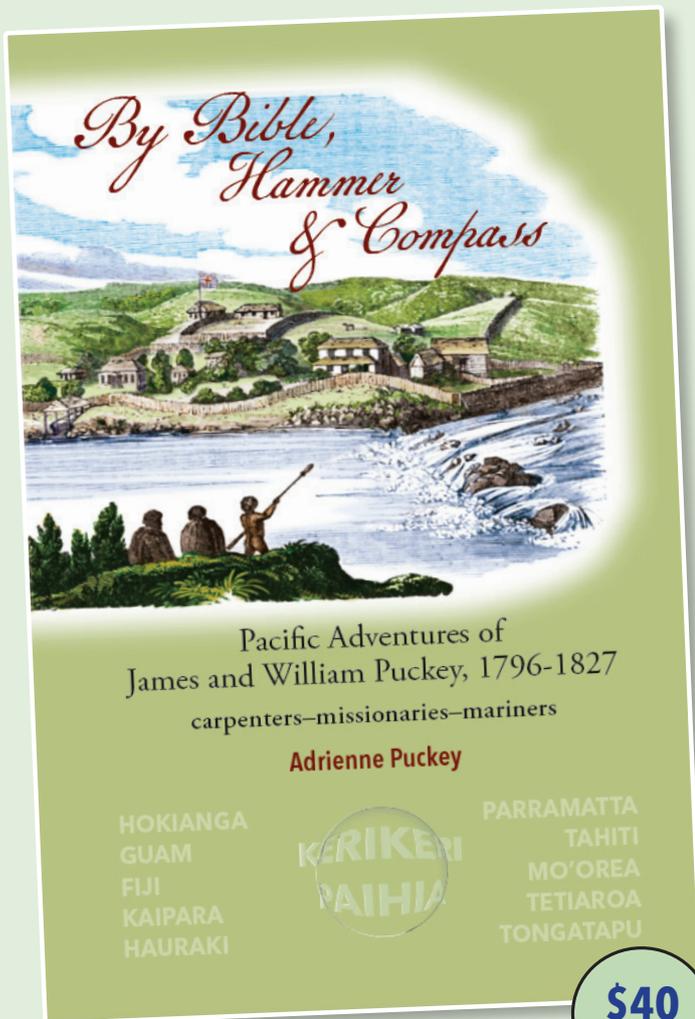


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Pacific Adventures of James and William Puckey, 1796-1827
carpenters – missionaries – mariners



The Cornwall-born Puckey brothers were part of the first English mission to Tahiti in 1796, which was spectacularly disrupted when William was ambushed and nearly killed. Both retreated to Parramatta, where they joined Samuel Marsden. James later died off the Cape of Good Hope while returning to the UK. William got back to the UK safely, then returned to the Southern Hemisphere with his family, serving Marsden at Kerikeri 1819-1826, and also at Sydney, where he and his wife later died dissolute.

Kerikeri was a meeting place, and Tahiti a crossroads; both attracted a wide variety of characters. Accounts of individuals famous for their achievements or infamous for their scandals have been written. William's extraordinary and adventurous life as missionary, carpenter and master mariner, has received little attention in published histories to date. On the eve of the Kerikeri settlement bicentenary, this book sets out to enrich the written history of this special place.

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