

## Christine Harvey

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Christine Harvey grew up in Christchurch where she lives with her hunau, Whaea, teacher and mentor, a reo component, a passionate conservationist and always an artist. Christine has a very diverse range of skills of which primarily focus on māori and moriori motif and design, contemporary or traditional her passion is transformation through the dissemination of matauranga of which toi is the language. Moko, whakairo and whatu muka are just some forms that she utilises for reclaiming our tino rangatiratanga.

### Kura o ta Rangi

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*Totara, Paua, Onepū, Kokowai, Hinu, bees wax, preservative, epoxy*

This is a repurposed Totara fence post. A post that marked the felling of our tuakana, our Ngahere. The confiscation of Māori lands given over to pioneering settlers for farming and pasture. The death and destruction of our beliefs, systems, ancestors and their way of life!

Now this Māori/Moriori is using one of those posts to tell our stories, it's weary worn side which shows the original rustic and raw post is like us as survivors! We are still here, still strong and passionate protectors of our tino rangatiratanga, te ahikomau.

Heoi 'Kura o ta Rangi' Sacred red star of the heaven the guardian of the dead a likeness of Pōhutakawa renamed in Ta Re Moriori. We are the eternal flame the tales ripple and flow through us, 'Kura o ta Rangi' is a guide to the other worlds that await us. This pou is liken to our ol hidden carved pou only seen on pages and in photos as the current resting place is in the puku of Te Papa 'Hatitimatangi' a Moriori carving which echoes our east Polynesian origins and even connects us to the rim of pacific. Reminding us we have this vast network of exploration and an intellect far beyond Western civilisation and it slumbers in our nucleus quietly waiting for the body to revive it.

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