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## Buyer Beware

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How to negotiate the minefield of buying a home in New Zealand today.

Buying a property can be fraught with difficulties and is an extremely stressful and overwhelming experience. In *Buyer Beware* trusted journalist Maria Slade offers savvy advice to help you through the irksome process. After thorough research, Maria provides all you need to know including: how to buy off the plans, what you should know about bodies corporate and apartment living, what to look out for when purchasing (such as P contaminated and leaky homes), and buying post-earthquake in Christchurch.

There are chapters on the search, mortgages and legal aspects, types of title, buying at auction, checks and warning signs. Maria empowers you with all the facts and provides quick summary sections at the end of each chapter as well as real-life case studies.

*Buyer Beware* is a must-have for anyone looking to buy in the New Zealand market.



### About Maria Slade

Maria Slade is an accomplished journalist, editor and commentator who has worked for many major New Zealand media organisations. Most recently she wrote for Fairfax Media, covering business, entrepreneurship and Auckland issues for the group's website, stuff.co.nz, and a nationwide stable of print publications. Prior to that she was a business reporter and editor at the *New Zealand Herald* and *Herald on Sunday*, where she won a New Zealand Guild of Agricultural Journalists and Commentators award. She started her career at the *National Business Review* but was diverted into radio for a number of years, working at Newstalk ZB as a producer, correspondent and news editor. She now works in communications.

'If knowledge is power, then this book seeks to arm you with the best possible information so that you can go out there and do battle on the mean streets of suburban New Zealand and the by-ways of its hinterland.' — Maria Slade



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