

his own individualistic path to New Zealand. He explored in Westland because he was curious about what lay beyond the coastal plains and he enjoyed exploring. Indeed sometimes the book is redolent of Kipling's poem *The Explorer* and its quests 'beyond the ranges'. He was really less concerned about tourist routes or deposits of valuable minerals although, following instructions conscientiously, he looked for the former and collected many geological specimens related to the latter. In fact he did some geological mapping for the Department. He was shy with strangers, especially women, but he was not a loner. He knew people the length of southern Westland and had a small circle of close friends. He was well-mannered and responded politely to women who charmed him, usually the wives of his friends. From time to time he embarked on drinking binges when he got back to civilisation, though these were of short duration.

Charlie Douglas was one of this country's most famous back-country characters and we owe a debt to Graham Langton for enhancing his story. The book is a great read.

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