

Navigating a Life of Adventure, Opportunity, and Resilience in “Life, Luck and Liaisons” by John Burgess



Tomah, Wisconsin Jul 14, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - In his memoir “Life, Luck and Liaisons”, author John Burgess invites readers on an extraordinary journey through the dynamic decades of the 1950s and 60s, reflecting on a life marked by adventure and the tenacity to seize every opportunity that came his way.

Born in 1939, John Burgess grew up during a time of global transformation and national optimism in post-war New Zealand. Though far from the epicenters of World War II, New Zealand’s own legacy of service and resilience permeated the culture of Burgess’ youth. In this environment of freedom and economic growth, he found fertile ground for exploration, ambition, and reflection—elements that shape every page of his memoir.

From managing a 3,500-acre family farm to embarking on sailing expeditions across the Pacific and Indonesian archipelagos, “Life, Luck and Liaisons” chronicles a life rich in challenges, liaisons, and pivotal turning points. With vivid storytelling and insightful commentary, Burgess emphasizes a central truth: life is not a rehearsal. It’s a one-time performance that deserves boldness, self-belief, and readiness to act when opportunity knocks.

Drawing from his diverse experiences, Burgess's memoir explores themes of resilience and personal growth. His reflections are underscored by a keen journalistic sensibility honed through early studies with the London School of Journalism and freelance writing for the New Zealand press.

Through "Life, Luck and Liaisons", readers are reminded of the rewards that come from embracing change, trusting one's instincts, and living life with purpose and passion.

About the Author

John Burgess was born in New Zealand in 1939. His early life was shaped by the values of independence, curiosity, and adventure encouraged by his parents. From tramping across New Zealand's rugged terrains to navigating the corporate world, John's journey spans continents and careers. Now retired, he shares his story to inspire others to live courageously and embrace the unknown.

Discover more about the author at: www.johnburgessauthor.com

John's inspiration to write "Life, Luck and Liaisons" came after receiving a parcel of letters he had written to his parents during his youth, from boarding school, his time sailing, and his years working abroad. That moment felt like a calling to reflect on his life's journey. What began as a memoir for his grandchildren gradually evolved into this book. After compiling over 1,500 pages of memories, he selected the most meaningful anecdotes, weaving them into this compelling narrative—and laying the groundwork for a future sequel.

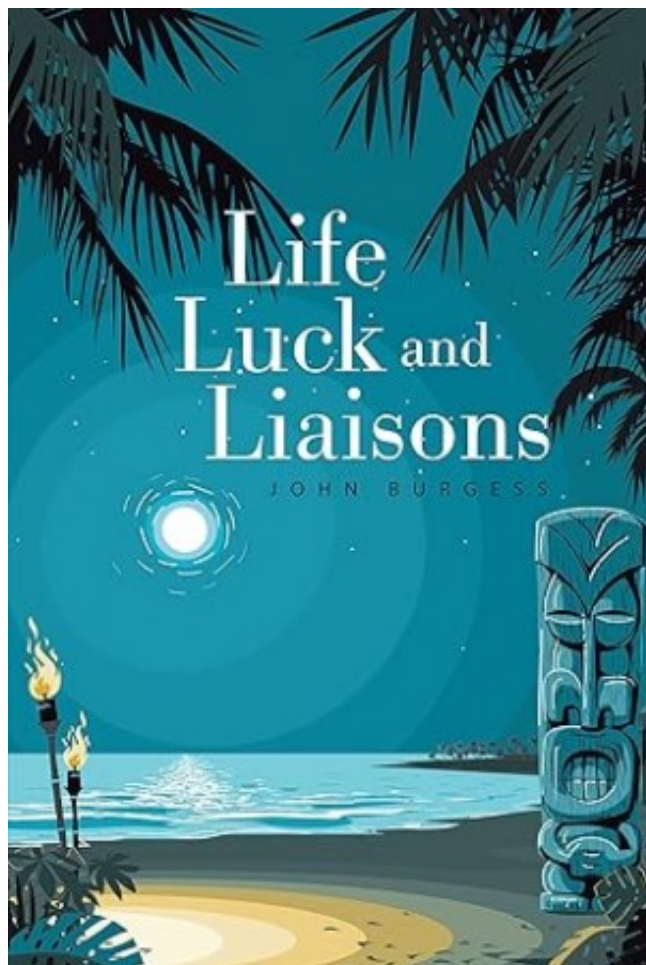
Message from the Author

"As the world has descended into a state of uncertainty, there are many opposing views being expressed about social inequalities, and history is being rewritten. I feel there is still hope that we can learn from the mistakes of the past and that we can return to a way of life and to values that kept the world relatively stable for the period that was, up until now, my lifetime. My book touches upon the effects of war and racial inequality, both of which have been powerful forces in the development of the relatively universal nature of New Zealand society as it is today. There must be hope, and New Zealand as a microcosm offers an example."

John Burgess has actively promoted "Life, Luck and Liaisons" through a variety of international platforms. His media appearances include a feature on Radio ZB New Zealand, an insightful radio interview with Emmy Award-winning journalist Kate Delaney, and a Spotlight TV interview with esteemed host Logan Crawford. In addition, he has leveraged social media campaigns, including Facebook carousel ads, to connect with a wider audience. His participation in several international book fairs has further amplified his presence in the global literary community, bringing his inspiring story to readers worldwide.

Logan Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJKtpelmOl4&t=1s>

With stories that leap from the land to the sea and finally to the bustling city streets of London, "Life, Luck and Liaisons" is an honest, often humorous, and deeply human journey of chasing freedom, finding growth, and writing your own next chapter. You can find this book on Amazon and Xlibris, or you can click through these links: <https://www.amazon.com/Life-Luck-Liaisons-John-Burgess-ebook/dp/B08QCF539C> and <https://www.xlibris.com/en-au/bookstore/bookdetails/818604-life-luck-and-liaisons>



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