

Ranger Murphy

By Ross Curtis

NSG has a brand new copy of this brilliant book by Ross Curtis detailing his life as a ranger with the forest service in the North West Nelson forest park (now Kahurangi National park). The book details his life as a ranger and incorporates many stories of working in the park, SAR rescues, hut building, tramping characters and some small parts on caving on Mt Owen around the Curtis Ghyll cave.

Although this is book number five I found it to be a complete work in its own right and can be read without reading the earlier books. It is both light hearted and entertaining all the while maintaining the sense of drama and latent power of Mother Nature. It is a worthy read for anyone who loves the outdoors especially those who like the Kahurangi.

Ross keeps the reader entertained especially with his nemesis Murphy never far away it was easy to imagine being out there with Ross and I'm sure we can all sympathise as Murphy is always waiting to pounce wherever we are. I recommend this book to anyone with an interest in the outdoors in whatever capacity.

Gary Willis