BOOK LAUNCH

A Kingdom and a Place of Exile
Critical Essays on Postcolonial Women’s Writing

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To be launched by Vice Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton
Guest Speaker: Professor Deirdre Coleman,
Robert Wallace Chair of English, University of Melbourne

A Kingdom and a Place of Exile is a rich commentary on postcolonial women’s writing by leading literary scholar Dorothy Jones. The collection of essays concentrates on writers from countries such as Australia, New Zealand, India, Canada and the Caribbean. Themes throughout the essays include the textile arts and how they are intricately woven into the fabric of culture, the gardens women write and the part food plays in people’s lives. “Dorothy’s writing is imbued with an extraordinary knowledge of the imaginative possibilities of myth”, said editor Dr Melissa Boyde. “This critical celebration of writing will be enjoyed by lovers of books and reading.”

Dorothy Jones lectured in English Literature at the University of Wollongong from 1971 until her retirement 25 years later and is now an Honorary Senior Research Fellow. Her pioneering work on women writers has influenced scholars around the world. Through her research and teaching Dorothy has fostered a love of contemporary writing amongst generations of literature students in the Illawarra and beyond.

Distinguished literary scholar Professor Deirdre Coleman, Robert Wallace Chair of English at the University of Melbourne, will speak at the opening. Lecturing at UOW in the early 1990s Professor Coleman was inspired by Dorothy’s work and regards her as “one of Australia’s finest literary critics”.

Professor Gerard Sutton who will launch the book said that “the University of Wollongong Press is honoured to celebrate Dorothy Jones’ extraordinary contribution through this fascinating collection of essays”.

Signed copies of the book will be available at the launch for the special price of $35.
After the launch it will be on sale at the University Bookshop.