

AUTHOR TOUR EVENTS

Marina Lewycka

A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian, Two Caravans and We Are All Made of Glue

To celebrate the paperback release of *We Are All Made of Glue*, Marina Lewycka will be speaking at public events in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

19 - 23 February 2010

Christchurch: Friday 19th February

Evening event in association with Plains FM

Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Our City O-Tautahi, Oxford Terrace, CBD
Tickets: \$12 each
available from Ruth (03) 384 4721 or Morrin (03) 329 9789
and Scorpio Books

Wellington: Monday 22nd February

Evening event in association with NZ Book Council

Time: 6:00pm
Venue: City Gallery, CBD
Tickets: \$15 each (\$12 for Book Council members)
available from Wellington Central Library

Auckland: Tuesday 23rd February

Evening event in association with The Women's Bookshop. Marina kicks off A Summer Season of International Women Writers

Time: 8:00pm
Venue: Raye Freedman Arts Centre [Epsom Girls Grammar]
Cnr Silver Road and Gillies Ave, Epsom
Tickets: \$15 each
available from The Women's Bookshop, (09) 376 4399
www.womensbookshop.co.nz

Marina Lewycka is available for interview

to arrange an interview and for further information please contact:

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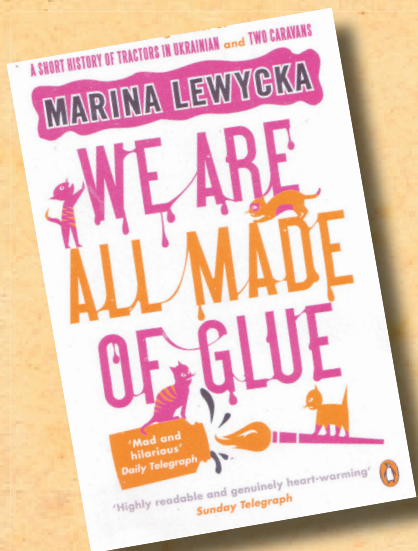
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WE ARE ALL MADE OF GLUE

Marina Lewycka on tour in NZ

Author of *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* and *Two Caravans*



From bonding to bondage, B&Q to Belarus, along with seven smelly cats, three useless handymen, two slimy estate agents, some social workers and a bonker lady, this is the story of a very unlikely friendship.

Introducing the seriously entertaining new novel from the number-one bestselling author of *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* and *Two Caravans*.

Georgie Sinclair's husband has walked out; her sixteen-year-old son is busy surfing born-again websites; and all those overdue articles for Adhesives in the Modern World are getting her down.

So when Georgie spots Mrs Shapiro, an eccentric old Jewish emigre neighbour with an eye for a bargain and a fondness for matchmaking, rummaging through her skip in the middle of the night, it's just the distraction she needs. And although they mistrust each other at first - Georgie doesn't like the look of that past-its-sell-by-date fish, while Mrs Shapiro thinks Georgie needs to smarten herself up and grab a new husband - a firm friendship is formed over the reduced-price shelf at the supermarket.

Then Mrs Shapiro is admitted to hospital and to Georgie's surprise, she is named as her next of kin. But sorting out Mrs Shapiro's semi-derelict mansion in Highbury, home to seven stinky cats with agendas of their own, is no easy job when the handyman called in to change the locks turns out to be not what he seems and his two assistants, 'the Uselesses', are doing more breaking than fixing.

And what about the two slimy estate agents (one with a charming taste for bondage) who start competing to trick Mrs Shapiro into selling her rickety old house, or the social worker determined to commit her to a nursing home?

As Georgie steps in to help her new friend, she finds herself unravelling a mystery which takes her from Highbury to wartime Europe to the Middle East, and learning a bit about DIY along the way.

Marina Lewycka was born in Kiel, Germany, at the end of the war and grew up in England. She is married with a grown-up daughter and lives in Sheffield. She is the author of *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* and *Two Caravans*. Her latest novel *We Are All Made of Glue* was published in July 2009.



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