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On an ordinary day, in ordinary New Zealand, an ordinary girl becomes extraordinary. Told through her mother's eyes, Walking to Africa follows the girl's journey through the strange, new and sometimes frightening world of mental health care. We meet specialists A through F, other kids, friends who want to help, an angel/nurse and the Ghostman? alongside therapies and cures, strategies and rites. Walking to Africa is a fluid and unusual narrative collection of poetry that portrays a parent's experience of coming to terms with the new and frightening world of mental health care. Jessica Le