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Emerging from diaries, letters and memoirs, the 'voices' of this history tell of new life amidst a turbulent world. Tracing Maori and Pakeha experience, the narrative is centred on mothers, their babies and families: this is their history.
