

Photobook Memoirs

Your life in words and pictures

A Photobook Memoir is a bespoke book created from photographs, memories and stories, bringing the past and present together in a beautiful, tangible form. Each book is created around the person and their stories. Through conversation, photography and careful editing, I create a visual narrative that captures not just what happened, but the people, places, personalities and memories that make a life meaningful.

There are three levels to choose from, depending on how much of your story you would like to explore.

Who This Is For

Photobook Memoirs are for individuals and families who want to preserve the photographs, memories and stories that matter to them – whether capturing someone as they are today, recording the experiences of a life, or bringing together family photographs and the stories behind them.

No prior preparation is needed. I guide you through the process from beginning to end.

Classic – The contemporary portrait

A contemporary photographic portrait enriched by memories and stories from the past.

The Classic book captures who you are today through natural, documentary photographs taken in your home and everyday surroundings. Your photographs are paired with carefully selected memories and anecdotes, creating an intimate portrait of the person you are now and the experiences that shaped you.

What's included

- One 2-hour interview to gather stories and memories
- One 1-hour photo shoot in your home environment
- Selection and editing of quotes and anecdotes
- Selection and editing of contemporary photographs
- Professional proofreading before printing
- Up to 40 pages (20 double-page spreads)
- Two copies of your premium lay-flat hardback book

A Classic Memoir will typically contain around 15-20 photographs, all taken during your contemporary photo session. The exact number will depend on the design and the balance of photographs and written material.

Contemporary photographs + memories and anecdotes

NZD \$2,400

Choose this if: you want a beautiful, visually led portrait where photographs take centre stage and written memories add depth and context.

'I was enjoying myself so much, I forgot she was taking photographs. Karen really made me feel at ease.'
– John O'Brien, *GlenTui Road*

Extended – The life story

A contemporary photographic portrait woven together with photographs from your collection, memories and stories from your life.

The Extended book goes deeper, bringing together photographs of your life today with archival photographs from the past. Two interviews allow time to uncover the people, places, experiences and stories that have shaped your life, creating a richer and more substantial personal memoir.

What's included

- Two 2-hour interviews
- One 1-hour photo shoot
- One 2-hour photo selection and consultation session
- Digital scanning and preparation of selected archival photographs
- Extended selection and editing of quotes and anecdotes
- Thoughtful visual sequencing and book design
- Up to 60 pages (30 double-page spreads)
- Two copies of your premium lay-flat hardback book

An Extended Memoir will typically contain around 40–70 photographs, a combination of contemporary photographs with selected archival photographs. The exact number varies according to the balance of photographs and written material.

Contemporary photographs + archival photographs + stories from your life

NZD from \$3,800

Choose this if: you have many stories to tell and want your contemporary portrait to be woven together with photographs and memories from different periods of your life.

'It's such a special book. Everyone loves reading it and it's a wonderful way to preserve the old photos.'
– Roseanne Devereux, Rosy

Heritage – The family archive

A richly layered memoir bringing together contemporary photographs, family photographs, memories and the stories behind them.

The Heritage book is designed for a deeper exploration of the stories held within a family archive. Alongside contemporary photographs, it brings together a larger collection of family photographs, memories, anecdotes and personal stories. The material is shaped into a considered visual narrative, preserving not just the photographs, but the voices, personalities and stories behind them.

What's included

- Two 2-hour interviews
- One 30–60-minute photo shoot in your home environment
- One 2-hour photo selection and consultation session
- Digital scanning and preparation of an extensive collection of archival photographs
- Selection and editing of stories, memories and anecdotes
- Thoughtful visual sequencing and thematic layout
- Up to 80 pages (40 double-page spreads)
- Two copies of your premium lay-flat hardback book

A Heritage Memoir will typically contain up to 80 photographs in total, depending on the collection, the stories being told and the balance of words and images.

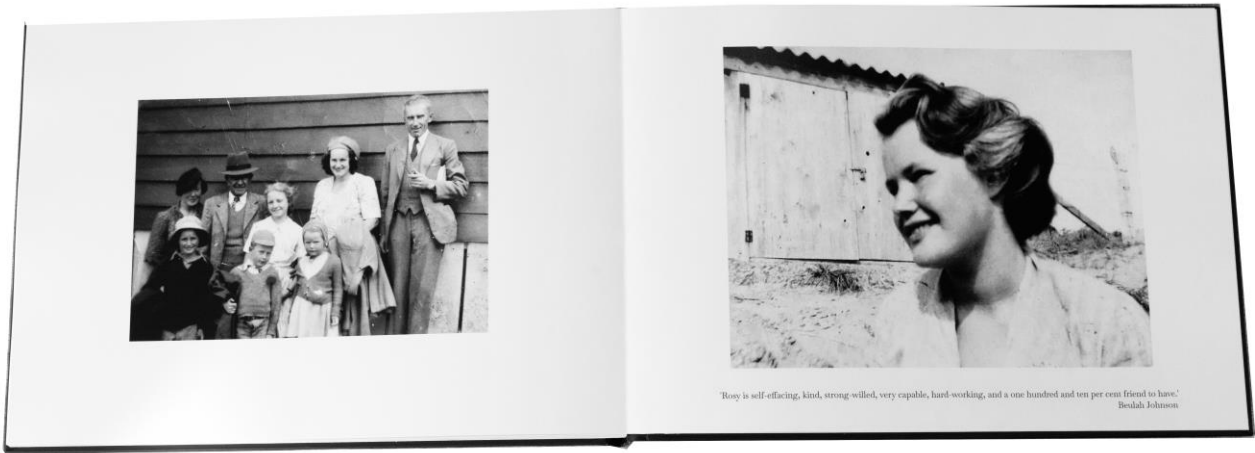
Contemporary photographs + family photographs + stories and memories

NZD from \$4,800

Choose this if: you have a significant collection of family photographs and want to preserve them together with the stories and memories behind them.

'We love the book! Karen has created a masterpiece of loving memories from a pile of damaged and dingy black-and-white photos and clumsy text. Her intuition and professionalism guided us through what is clearly a complicated process, and her sympathetic discussions proved truly insightful. We are so grateful.'

– Scott and Fran, *Fran and Me*



A double-page spread from *Rosy*, an Extended Memoir

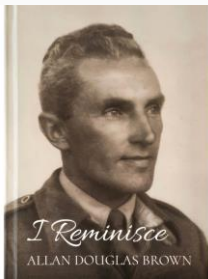
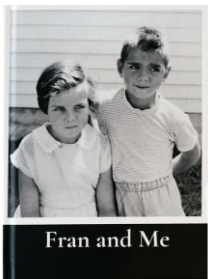
Which Photobook Memoir Is Right for You?

Book	Focus	Typical photographs	Pages	Price
Classic	A contemporary portrait enriched by memories and stories from the past	25–40	Up to 40	\$2,400
Extended	Your contemporary portrait woven with archival photographs and stories from different periods of your life	40–70	Up to 60	From \$3,800
Heritage	A richly layered family archive of contemporary and family photographs, shaped around the stories behind them	Up to 80	Up to 80	From \$4,800

Photograph numbers are a guide rather than a fixed allowance. Every book develops differently according to the photographs, stories and balance of words and images.

Real Examples

These are real books, showing how each tier can look in practice. Within Heritage, the two examples below show how the same tier flexes to suit the story – *I Reminisce* draws more heavily on the written narrative, while *Fran and Me* lets a larger set of photographs carry more of the story.

	CLASSIC	EXTENDED	HERITAGE	HERITAGE
				
Example book	Glentui Road	Rosy	I Reminisce	Fran and Me
Photographs	30–34	65	48	77
Pages	40	45	80	70
Words	~20 quotes	Stories and quotes	~14,000 words	~5,000 words
Price	\$2,400	From \$3,800	From \$4,800	From \$4,800

Every Book Is Individually Created

Your book is not a template or a collection of photographs simply placed on pages. I work with you to select the photographs, uncover the stories, edit the words and shape everything into a coherent visual narrative.

The result is a unique book to enjoy now and pass on to future generations.

A Note on Project Scope

The prices above reflect the typical scope of each memoir. Because every story and photographic collection is different, the exact shape of an Extended or Heritage Memoir develops as we explore your material together.

If your project involves a substantially larger book, additional interviews, extensive existing written material or specialist photographic work, I'll discuss the options and any additional cost with you before proceeding. No additional work or cost will be added without your agreement.

Additional Options

Additional printed copies

Every package includes two copies of your book. Additional copies can be ordered, with the price depending on the size and specifications of your book and current printing and binding costs. I'll provide an exact quote before ordering.

Extended page count

If your story needs more space beyond the included page count, additional sides can be added at \$40 per page side.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I add more archive photos to the Heritage Memoir?

Yes. The number of archival photographs varies according to the type of memoir and your individual collection. If you have a particularly large archive, we'll discuss the best selection for your book during the consultation. Any substantial additional scanning, restoration or preparation will be discussed and agreed with you before work begins.

2. What if I need more than two interviews for the Extended Memoir?

Every project is different. If it becomes clear that your memoir would benefit from additional interviews or involves a particularly large or complex collection, we can discuss the additional work and agree on a quote.

3. What's the difference between the Extended and Heritage packages?

The Extended Memoir is a more in-depth life portrait, combining contemporary photography with stories, memories and a selected collection of archival photographs.

The Heritage Memoir is designed for a larger or more significant family photographic archive, with greater emphasis on preserving, organising and weaving the photographs and the stories behind them into a substantial visual narrative.

4. How do I know which option to choose?

During our initial conversation, I'll help you understand which format best suits your needs, preferences, and the story you want to tell. There's no obligation.

5. Can you travel to me if I'm outside Auckland?

Yes. While I'm based in Auckland and work primarily within the greater Auckland area, I'm happy to travel to clients in other regions. For locations outside Auckland I will need to charge for travel costs. Please contact me with your location and I'll provide a quote for your specific project.

6. Can I order additional copies?

Yes. Additional copies can be ordered at the current printing and binding cost. The price will depend on the size, page count and specifications of your particular book, and I'll provide an exact quote before ordering.

7. Two Heritage Memoirs can look very different – one mostly photographs, another mostly text. Why is the price the same?

Because the price reflects the overall time and skill involved, not just the word count or photo count on their own. A Heritage project with a large archive can take as much scanning, restoration and sequencing work as a project with fewer photos but more stories. Both are Heritage-level projects because the total scope is comparable, even though the balance of words and images differs.

Let's Start Your Book

Every project begins with a conversation – no obligation, just a chance to talk about your story and which book is the right fit.

Get in touch to arrange a free initial conversation

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