

# The Alexandrite

by Dione Jones

A novel set in motion by a stranger found dead in the woods outside Lady Scawton's family home in England. Why was he carrying a stone that changes colour, and a threatening letter?

The quest leads from World War One to the present day and from an English village to New Zealand farmland, to discover how past events are intertwined with the present. To unravel the mystery Pamela is forced to confront truths that shatter her beliefs about her family and their place in the world.

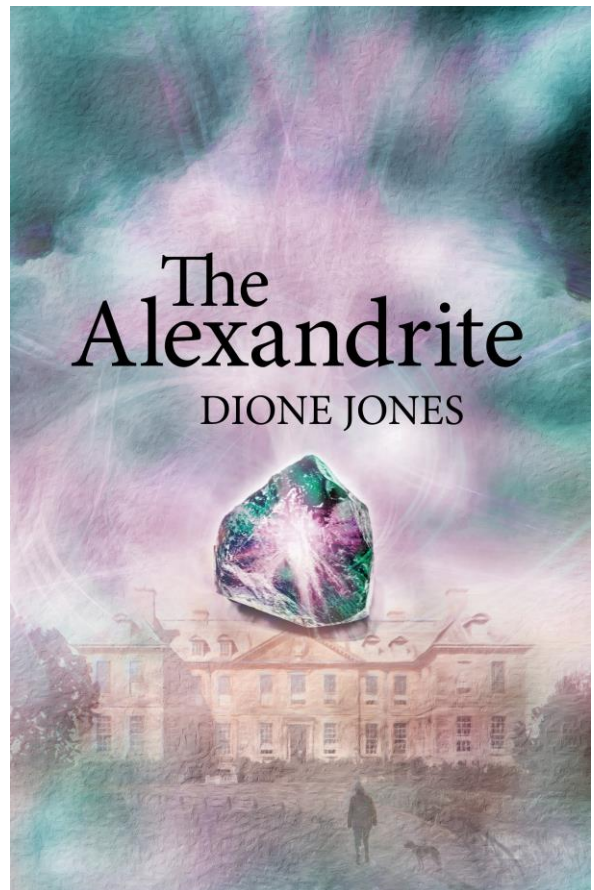
‘A gripping narrative, spanning several generations of English and New Zealand families, lent tension by the iniquities of the British class system and the differing values of its colourful cast.’ *Graeme Lay, author of the James Cook novel trilogy*

- Secrets of the past haunt the family of today.
- Set in both England and New Zealand; from an English village and reminiscent of Downton Abbey, to New Zealand green pastures and wild beaches.
- A mysterious stone is the link between the past and the future, between New Zealand and England.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

For Dione Jones, writing is a long-held passion. Born in England, she now lives in New Zealand; she has a Master of Creative Writing degree and has is an award-winner in the National Flash Fiction competition. She is often inspired to write about past events affect today's way of life. *The Alexandrite* is her debut novel.



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