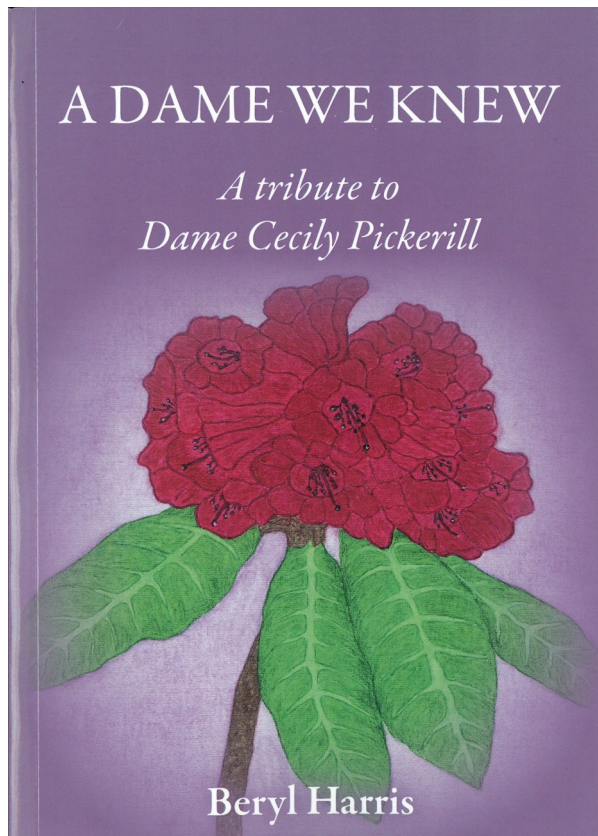


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A DAME WE KNEW

A tribute to Dame Cecily Pickerill

By Beryl Harris

This is a story about the life and times of Dame Cecily Pickerill, a pioneering New Zealand plastic surgeon who operated on many hundreds of infants with cleft problems. Along with her husband she believed in the early repair for a thriving baby. She did not use a series of nurses for this but the babies' own mothers, whose immunity they passed to their infants and whose love covered 24 hour care, seven days a week, no problems, no 'H Bug'.

The many stories are written by many people who knew her and appreciated her care.

The book honours Dame Cecily, her family and her husband (Sir Henry Percy Pickerill) who she gives full credit to for training her. She has had little public recognition until this time, just over 26 years since she died in her own hospital, Bassam in Lower Hutt.

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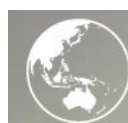


Beryl Harris a long time Nurse in the Hutt Valley was a Theatre Nurse with Dr Cecily in 1958 and 1959 when she was just 21 years old. They remained friends until 1988 when Cecily died.

When Beryl realised that memories of Cecily were being lost and embarked on the long road to the publishing of this book.



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Dame Cecily Pickerill (1903 –1988)

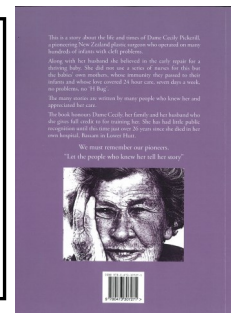
- ◆ Born in Taihape in 1903 and educated at Taihape School and the Diocesan High School for Girls (Auckland). In 1921 she began her medical studies at the University of Otago, graduating MB, ChB in 1925
- ◆ 1958 OBE for services in the field of plastic surgery
- ◆ 1934 Married Professor Henry Percy Pickerill OBE, CBE (First Director of University Of Otago Dental School)
- ◆ 1939 Co-founded Bassam Hospital in Lower Hutt
- ◆ TDame Cecily—Born and Raised in Taihape
- ◆ Involved with NZ Crippled Childrens Society, Laura Fergusson Trust, NZ Red Cross
- ◆ Grew rhododendrons at her home “Beechdale” in Silverstream with extensive gardens

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