Days Of Darkness: Taranaki, 1878-1884

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In this book, Hazel Riseborough explores the Government's response to the challenge of land confiscation in Taranaki in the 1870s, focusing on the significant role played by the Parihaka community, led by Te Whiti o Rongomai. Riseborough documents the government's attempt to suppress Parihaka, including the destruction of Parihaka Pa in 1881, which marked a turning point in the region's history.

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