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Ashes and Waves: Fijian Stories / Satendran Nandan Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2021 218p. 9789821011679 \$ 45.00 / PB 280gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=789628

The Old Man, The Boy and a Wreck / Daryl Tarte London, UK: Olympia Publishers, 2020 204p. 9781788305051 \$ 20.00/ PB 276gm.

When octogenarian ex- sugar mill manager, Greg Skipperton, meets his new fifteen-year-old neighbour, Paul Wilson, little does he suspect that a friendship will spring up that changes both their lives. Despite the idyllic seafront location in tropical Fiji, Greg struggles to come to terms with the soulless boredom of a meaningless autumn of his life. His perspective changes when he is dragged into the modern technological age and challenged to unleash his dormant creativity. Inspired and encouraged by The Boy, The Old Man turns his hand to writing a novel that encompasses his experience of the seas. In writing a fast-paced adventure about survival at sea and the modes of the ocean, Greg draws on past acquaintances to depict an individual's greed and the raw courage and resourcefulness under crisis of others. What he does

not anticipate is the depths of self-realisation that this experience brings to the author.

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The Girl with a Mirror: A Collection of Short Stories / Nushrat Azam Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2021 66p. 9789821011594 \$ 30.00 / PB 94gm.

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