In 2013 an historic settlement was made between an indigenous Maori tribe and the New Zealand government, addressing more than a century of government-acknowledged colonial oppression and land theft. Fundamental to the settlement was a decision to restore to the Tuhoe tribe governance of their traditional homeland—an 800-square-mile tract of rainforest known as Te Urewera. Kennedy Warne, author of *Tuhoe: Portrait of a Nation*, will discuss Tuhoe’s grievance, the process by which the settlement was reached, Maori understanding of land and identity, and why it matters to them that no one “owns” the forest.

‘I am Te Urewera and Te Urewera is me.’

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