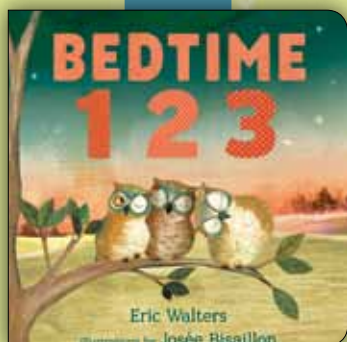




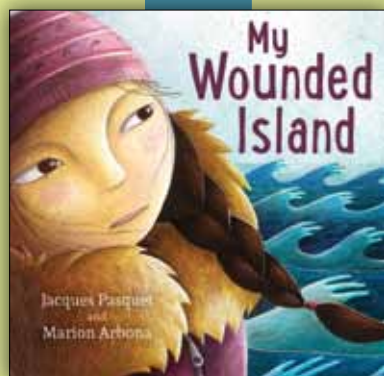
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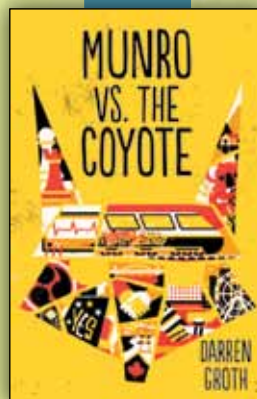
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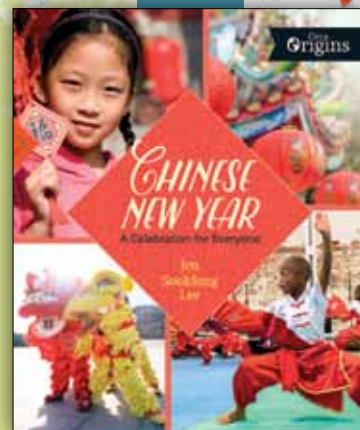
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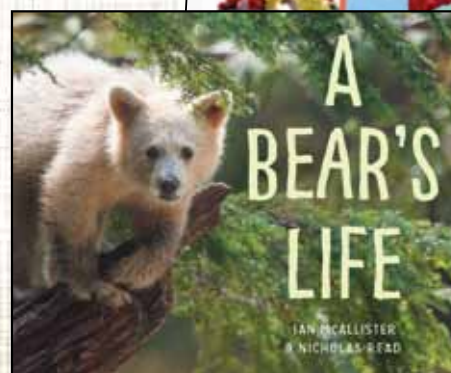
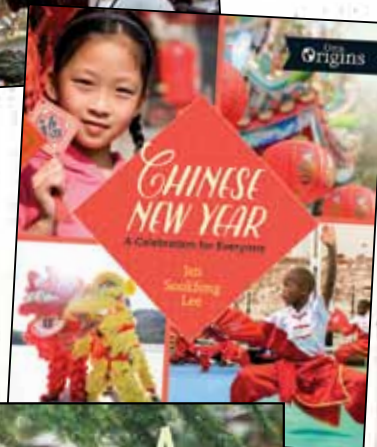
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## One Red Button

Marthe Jocelyn

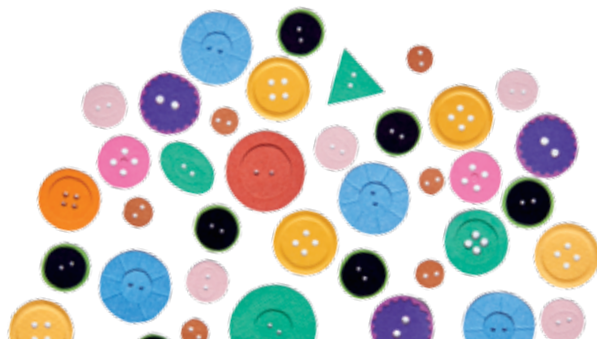
*Can you catch the one little button rolling away?*

**O**ne red button falls off a coat and becomes the cherry on an ice-cream cone, the wheel on a fire truck, the jewel in a necklace, and many other round surprises.

Illustrated using Marthe Jocelyn's delightful paper collage, *One Red Button* is a search-and-find adventure for little ones. This wordless board book will encourage the youngest readers to see the assortment of shapes and colors that decorate their own growing worlds.

**Marthe Jocelyn** is the award-winning author and illustrator of over thirty-five books for babies, kids and teens. Her illustrated books have been shortlisted for both the Governor General's Literary Award and the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. In 2009 she was the recipient of the prestigious Vicky Metcalf Award for her body of work. *One Red Button* and *One Piece of String* are the result of her lifelong obsession with scraps, and her delight in surprising the reader with unexpected details. Originally from Toronto, Marthe settled in Stratford, Ontario, after a thirty-year stretch in New York. For more information, visit [www.marthejocelyn.com](http://www.marthejocelyn.com).

**Keywords:** shape primer, search-and-find, concepts, collage, early learning, imagination, play







# One Piece of String

Marthe Jocelyn

*Can you follow one strand of string through this knotty book?*

**O**ne piece of string comes untied from a parcel and changes into a spider's web, a ropey updo, a layer of snow on a birdhouse roof, and other surprises.

Illustrated using Marthe Jocelyn's delightful paper collage, this wordless board book invites little ones to follow along and discover that each spread is made up of one single piece of string! This is a book that will inspire the youngest readers to see their own expanding worlds as a collection of interconnected shapes and colors.

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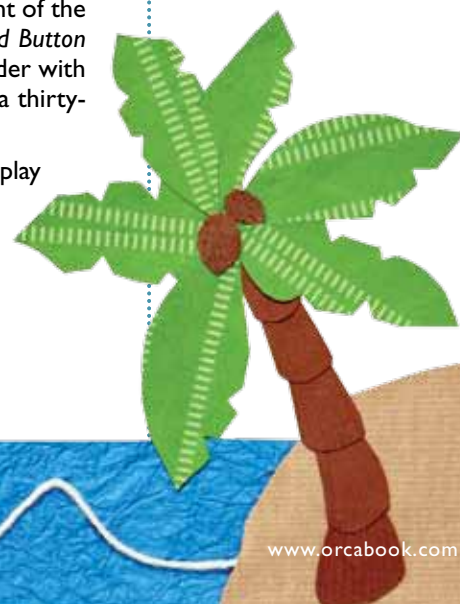
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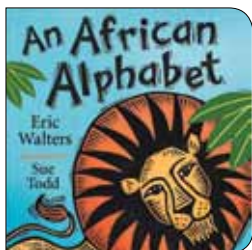
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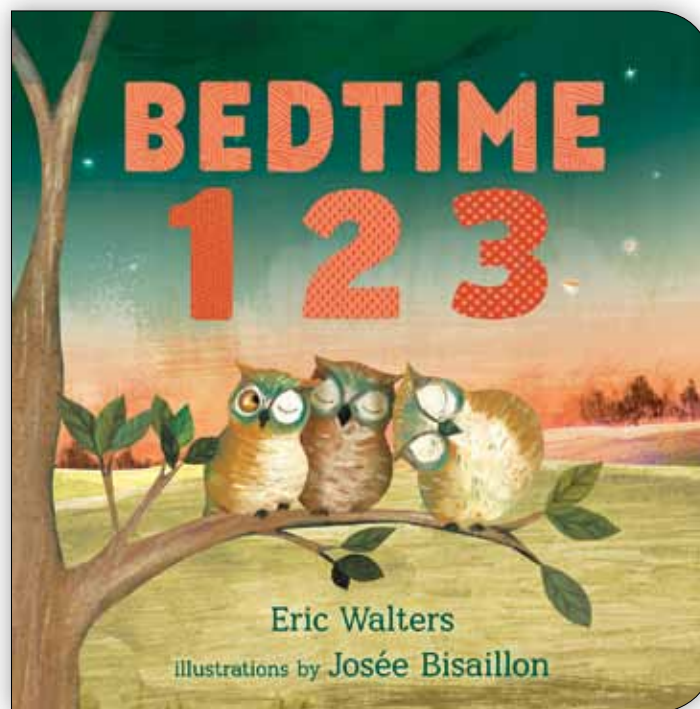
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## Bedtime 123

Eric Walters

Illustrated by Josée Bisaillon



*The stars come out, cubs snuggle, kittens nestle,  
and chicks cuddle as all the babies go to sleep.*

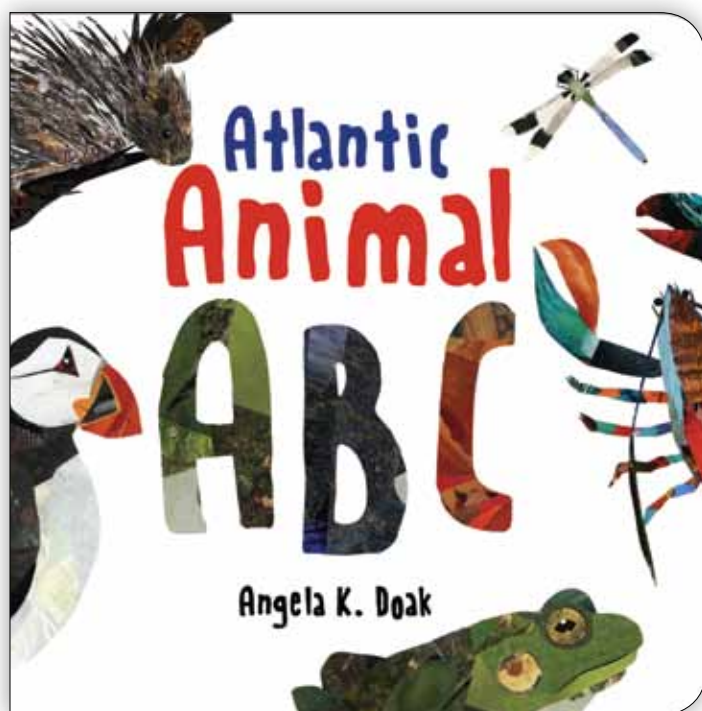
**L**ull your little one to sleep while counting the animals also nestling in for the night. Count the stars coming out, fox cubs snuggling, puppies piling and chicks cuddling as baby rocks gently to sleep. In this gorgeously illustrated board book from bestselling author Eric Walters and award-winning illustrator Josée Bisaillon.

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** began writing in 1993 as a way to get his grade-five students interested in reading and writing. Eric has published almost a hundred novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.ericwalters.net](http://www.ericwalters.net).

As a child, **Josée Bisaillon** loved drawing cats and houses. That passion followed her into adulthood, and she fell in love with the process of illustrating stories. Josée has illustrated more than twenty-five children's books, created numerous editorial illustrations for magazines and newspapers and has been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award twice. *Bedtime 123* is Josée's first board book. She lives outside of Montreal, Quebec, with her spouse, their three children, one hairless cat and many, many paper characters. For more information, visit [www.joseebisaillon.com](http://www.joseebisaillon.com).

**Keywords:** counting primer, bedtime, babies, farm animals, forest animals, natural world





## Atlantic Animal ABC

Angela K. Doak

*A great teaching tool for introducing baby  
to alphabet and animals all at once.*

**F**rom Atlantic puffin to zooplankton, with lots of wild Atlantic Canadiana in between, *Atlantic Animal ABC* is the perfect introduction for young ones to the region's wildlife. With vibrant paper collage illustrations, Angela K. Doak's whimsical animal interpretations are a great teaching tool for introducing baby to alphabet and animals all at once, and leaving lots of room for play!

**Angela K. Doak** is a collage artist and illustrator. All of the images in *Atlantic Animal ABC* were made with various odds and ends she has found and incorporated into beautiful images of local wildlife.

**Keywords:** animals, Atlantic Canada, board books, illustration

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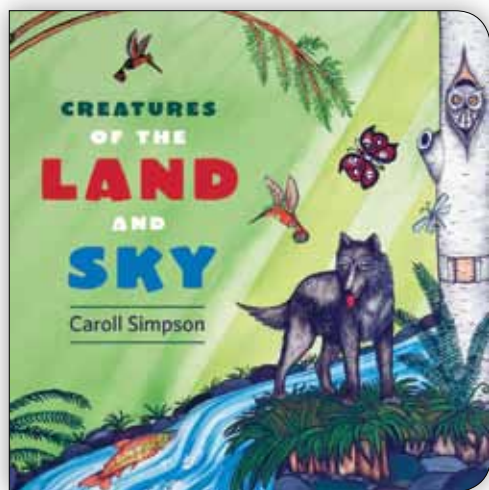
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## Creatures of the Land and Sky

Carroll Simpson

*Experience the imaginative world of animals.*

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**Carroll Simpson** is an author and illustrator who takes inspiration from the art, mythology and environment of the Pacific Northwest Coast. *Creatures of the Land and Sky* features creatures from her popular Coastal Spirit Tales series, which includes *Brothers of the Wolf*, *The First Mosquito* and *The First Beaver*.

**Keywords:** animals, mammals, birds, insects, mythical creatures, Native myths, Pacific Northwest

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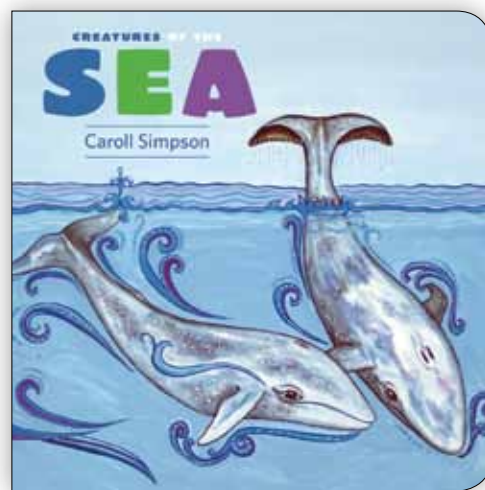
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## Creatures of the Sea

Carroll Simpson

*Discover the watery world of sea creatures.*

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**Keywords:** animals, fish, whales, otters, marine mammals, mythical creatures, Native myths, Pacific Northwest

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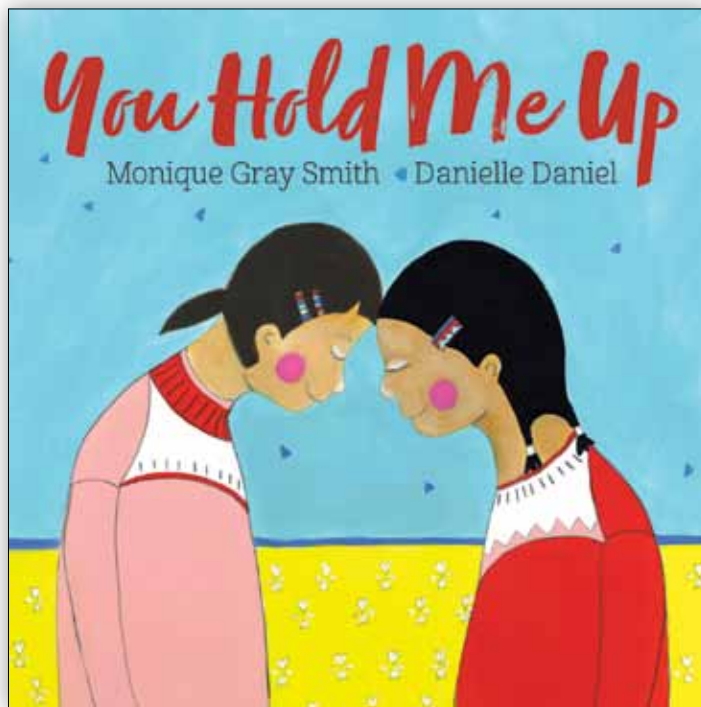
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## You Hold Me Up

Monique Gray Smith  
Illustrated by Danielle Daniel

*You hold me up. I hold you up. We hold each other up.*

This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other in their everyday actions.

Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with their friends, classmates and families. This is a foundational book about building relationships, fostering empathy and encouraging respect between peers, starting with our littlest people.

**Monique Gray Smith** is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish ancestry. Her life's work has focused on fostering paradigm shifts that emphasize the resilience and strength of Indigenous people. Monique is the author of the bestselling *My Heart Fills With Happiness*, a CBC Best Books for Kids and Teens (2016). Monique and her family live on Lekwungen territory in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.littledrum.ca](http://www.littledrum.ca).

**Danielle Daniel** is the author and illustrator of *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*, a finalist for the First Nation Community Reads Award, the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award, the Blue Spruce Award and a New York Public Library's Most Notable Books of 2015. Danielle is currently working on a novel and completing an MFA in creative writing through the University of British Columbia. She writes and paints in Sudbury, Ontario.

**Keywords:** reconciliation, support, respect, empathy, Indigenous, peers, relationships, family, emotional literacy, understanding

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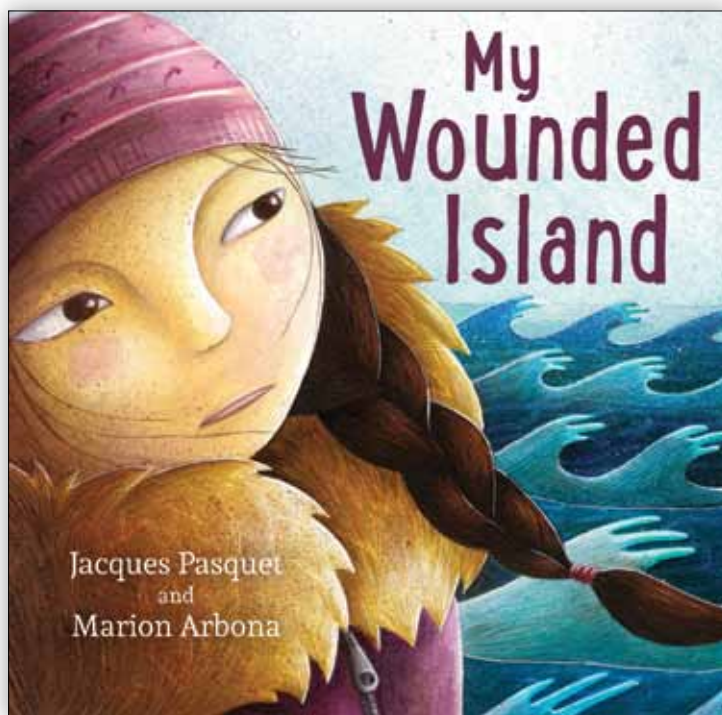
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## My Wounded Island

Jacques Pasquet

Illustrated by Marion Arbona

*Will our people disappear when our island does?*



**T**here's an invisible creature in the waves around Sarichef. It is altering the lives of the Inupiat people who call the island home. A young girl and her family are forced to move to the center of the island for refuge from the rising sea level. Soon the entire village will have to relocate to the mainland. Heartbroken, the young girl and her grandfather worry: what else will be lost when they are forced to abandon their homes and their community?

Addressing the topic of climate refugees, *My Wounded Island* is based on the challenges faced by the Inupiat people who live on the small islands north of the Bering Strait near the Arctic Circle.

Passionate about memories, **Jacques Pasquet** is a writer and storyteller. He lived among the Inuit people for more than a decade and shared their hopes and fears. Now that his busy career as a professor is behind him, he splits his time between writing and visiting schools. Jacques is the author of nearly twenty books for children in Quebec and France. He lives in Montreal, Quebec. For more information, visit [www.jacquespasquet.com](http://www.jacquespasquet.com).

**Marion Arbona** was born in France. After obtaining her diploma in animation at the École nationale supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, she moved to Quebec. She devotes her life to illustration, painting and animation. In constant evolution, she explores new techniques such as scratchboard, pastel and transparency, which she combines with her favourite media: gouache, ink and image retouching. For more information, visit [www.marionarbona.com](http://www.marionarbona.com).

**Keywords:** climate change, environment, island, relocation, Inuit, Alaska, sea level, Arctic, legends, myths, climate refugee





## First Times

Charles Ghigna  
Illustrated by Lori Joy Smith



*A foray into the first adventures of childhood.*

**E**xperience the adorable first adventures of childhood with this picture book from bestselling author Charles Ghigna and celebrated illustrator Lori Joy Smith. From the first slip down a slide to the first time picking out a book to read, this rollicking narrative takes readers on a journey of discovery into the memorable firsts in a child's world. A story that will be enjoyed by the whole family, from the youngest, eager to experience their own adventures, to the oldest, so proud to watch them grow.

**Charles Ghigna**, or Father Goose®, lives in a treehouse in the middle of Alabama. He is the author of more than 100 award-winning books. He served as poet-in-residence and chair of creative writing at the Alabama School of Fine Arts and as a nationally syndicated feature writer for Tribune Media Services. Charles is a proud grandfather who celebrates all of his grandbabies' accomplishments. For more information, visit [www.FatherGoose.com](http://www.FatherGoose.com).

**Lori Joy Smith** is an artist and illustrator with many picture books to her credit. She's also illustrated for magazines, including *Chirp*, and for beloved children's entertainers Bobs & Lolo. She currently lives in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, with her family. For more information, visit [www.lorijoysmith.com](http://www.lorijoysmith.com).

**Keywords:** experience, activity, childhood, risk taking, family, siblings



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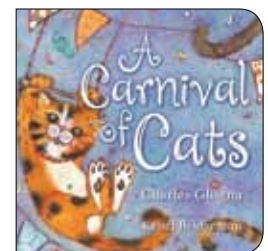
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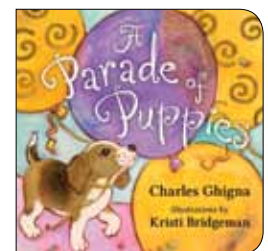
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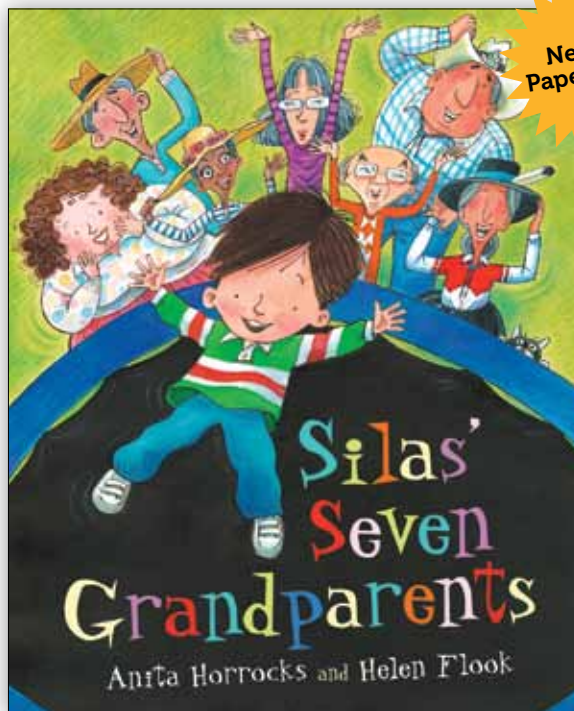
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## Silas' Seven Grandparents

Anita Horrocks

Illustrated by Helen Flook

*Each of Silas' seven grandparents has something special to offer.*

“The cast of characters is subtly multicultural but their ethnic diversity is presented in a matter-of-fact way. This is a positive story about love and family to share one-on-one with grandparents, no matter how many there are.”

—*School Library Journal*

**M**ost of the time, Silas loves having seven grandparents. Each of them has something unique and valuable to offer. They take him to amusement parks, museums, dog shows and camping. But when Silas' parents go away on a business trip, all seven grandparents invite Silas to stay with them. One Silas can't be with seven different grandparents at the same time! How can he choose one without hurting the others' feelings?

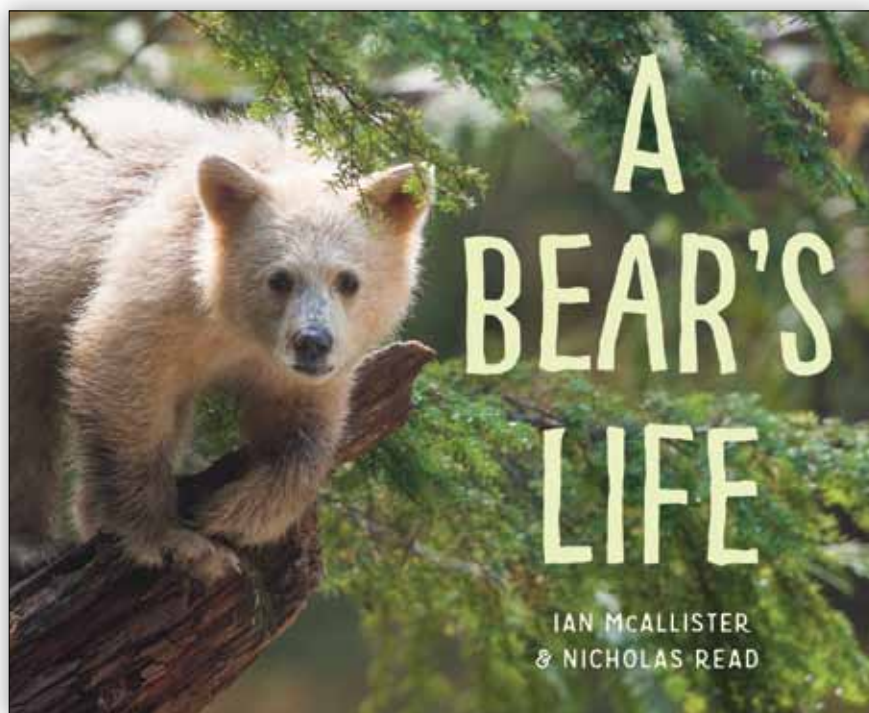
*Silas' Seven Grandparents* is a fun and loving story about having multiple sets of grandparents and stepgrandparents as a result of divorce and remarriage. Silas' grandparents enjoy exposing him to a variety of interests, values and cultures. But problems arise when Silas feels he can't be everywhere at once. In the end, it's Silas' sensitive, inclusive nature that brings everyone together.

**Anita Horrocks** has published several award-winning books for young readers. She is one of seven grandparents who love to spoil her two granddaughters. Anita lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, where she divides her time between working part-time at the library, traveling, hiking, cycling, walking, writing, reading, quilting, baking and doing other grandma things.

**Helen Flook** was born and grew up in the beautiful countryside of Wales. She has a degree in graphic design from the Norwich School of Art. Helen has illustrated numerous children's books, including many Orca picture books and early chapter books in the Orca Echoes series. She lives and works in Abergwyngregyn, a village in Wales.

**Keywords:** family, multigenerational, extended family, blended family, grandchildren, grandparents, diversity, babysitter, activity





## A Bear's Life

Ian McAllister & Nicholas Read

*There are so many things for bear cubs to learn about in the Great Bear Rainforest.*

**B**lack bears, grizzly bears, and spirit bears all make their home in the Great Bear Rainforest. *A Bear's Life* uses Ian McAllister's stunning photography to follow these beautiful animals through a year in the British Columbia wilderness—catching fish, eating berries, climbing trees and taking long naps.

The second in the My Great Bear Rainforest series.

**Ian McAllister** is an award-winning photographer and author of numerous books, including *Wolf Island*, *The Salmon Bears*, *The Sea Wolves* and *The Great Bear Sea* (all with Nicholas Read). He is the founding director of Pacific Wild, a Canadian nonprofit wildlife conservation group. Ian's photo of a sea wolf was among *National Geographic's* top pictures of 2015. He and his wife, Karen, were named "environmental leaders of the 21st century" by *Time* magazine for their efforts to protect British Columbia's endangered rainforest. He lives with his family on an island in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest. For more information, visit [www.pacificwild.org](http://www.pacificwild.org).

**Nicholas Read** is a journalism instructor at Langara College in Vancouver, British Columbia. He collaborated with Ian McAllister on *Wolf Island*, *The Salmon Bears*, *The Sea Wolves* and *The Great Bear Sea* and wrote *City Critters*, about urban wildlife. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Keywords:** black bears, spirit bears, grizzly bears, Great Bear Rainforest, Indigenous people, salmon, berries, ocean



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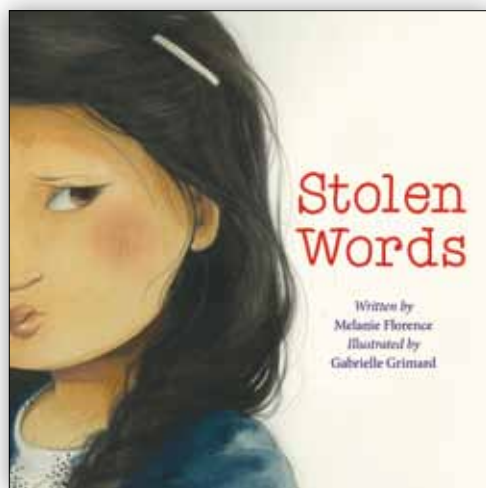
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## Stolen Words

Melanie Florence  
Illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard

*A little girl and her grandfather  
rediscover the Cree language together.*

**T**he story of the beautiful relationship between a girl and her grandfather. When she asks her grandfather how to say something in his language, Cree, he admits that his language was stolen from him when he was a boy. The little girl then sets out to help her grandfather find his language again. This sensitive, beautifully illustrated picture book explores the intergenerational impact of Canada's residential school system, which separated young Indigenous children from their families.

**Melanie Florence** is a Cree/Scottish writer based in Toronto, Ontario. Her picture book *Stolen Words* was one of the winners in the inaugural Second Story Press Aboriginal Writing Contest. For more information, visit [www.melanieflorence.com](http://www.melanieflorence.com).

**Gabrielle Grimard** is an illustrator from Montreal, Quebec, who mainly uses watercolors, gouache and oil. She loves to translate through drawing the world in which she wants to live. For more information, visit [www.gabriellegrimard.com](http://www.gabriellegrimard.com).

**Keywords:** residential schools, boarding schools, Indigenous, Aboriginal, prejudice and racism, family, grandfather, Cree

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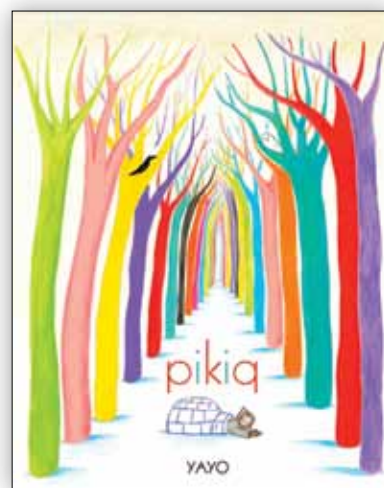
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## Pikiq

Written and Illustrated by Yayo

*The world is his canvas.*

**I**n the far, far north, Pikiq finds paint, paintbrushes and a book with pictures of tropical animals and faraway places, abandoned in the deep snow. Inspired, he draws fantastic creatures everywhere, and color bursts onto the white landscape.

**Yayo** is the author and illustrator of many children's books, including *Night Sky*, *Wheel Ride* and *If I Had a Million Onions* for Tradewind Books. His illustrations have won many awards, including the Mr. Christie's Book Award. He lives in Montreal, Quebec.

**Keywords:** far north, snow, creativity, imagination, snow, color

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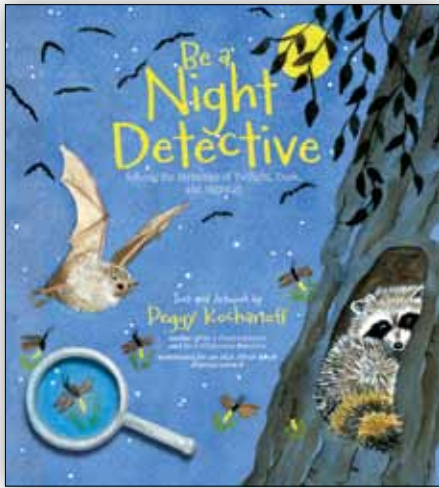
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**Peggy Kochanoff** graduated from Cornell University with a degree in vertebrate zoology and spent a summer working at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. She is the author and illustrator of several books for children, including *Be a Pond Detective*, *Be a Beach Detective*, and *Be a Wilderness Detective*.

**Keywords:** animals, Atlantic Canada, illustration, exploration, night

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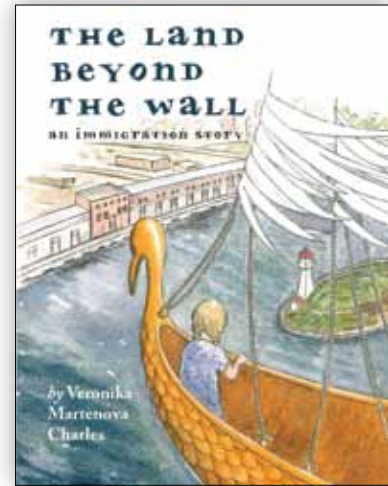
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## The Land Beyond the Wall

Veronika Martenova Charles

*Emma discovers her voice through art.*

**E**mma lives on the gray, lonely side of a wall, unable to go to the beautiful other side. After Emma's parents disappear, she is sent to live with her aunt Lily, who does not approve of Emma's dream of becoming an artist. Everything changes when a strange boat captain arrives, and Emma leaves her world behind. Following Emma's arrival at Halifax's Pier 21 and the discovery of her voice through art, *The Land Beyond the Wall* is a beautiful allegory that uses magical realism to confront the hard realities of immigration and the universal struggle of finding one's voice and one's place in the world.

**Veronika Martenova Charles** is reflected in the character of Emma, having grown up in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and having had her own dreams of becoming an artist dashed by her grandmother. After coming to Canada, she became an award-winning author and illustrator, and she is currently researching the future of children's storytelling in her doctoral studies. For more information, visit [www.veronikacharles.com](http://www.veronikacharles.com).

**Keywords:** immigration, Pier 21, Iron Curtain, magic, adventure

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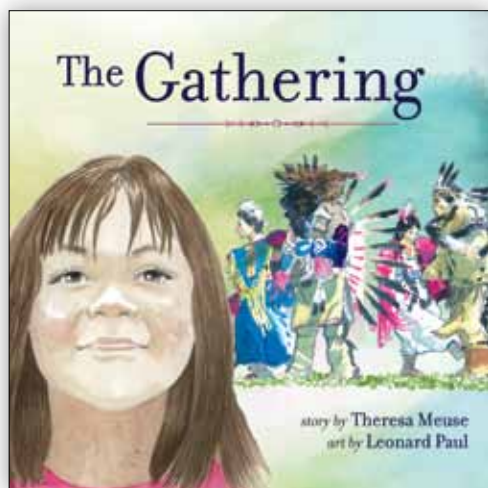
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## The Gathering

Theresa Meuse  
Illustrated by Leonard Paul

*Alex's Mi'kmaw culture helps her find her voice.*

Alex is attending her first Mi'kmaw spiritual gathering, or *mawioimi*. Meeting Elders along the way, they learn about traditional Mi'kmaw culture: the sacred fire, drumming, tanning and moccasin decorating, and basket and canoe making. Most important, Alex finds her voice in the talking circle.

With contemporary illustrations by renowned artist Leonard Paul, *The Gathering* is an inclusive story that will educate and entertain Indigenous and non-Indigenous readers alike.

Born and raised in the Bear River First Nation community, **Theresa Meuse** is a First Nations educator and advisor. She is the author of *The Sharing Circle* and *L'nu'k* and has contributed to the *Mi'kmaq Anthology* and the book *L'sitkuk: The Story of the Bear River Mi'kmaw Community*. Theresa lives in Elmsdale, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.sharingculture.ca](http://www.sharingculture.ca).

Known internationally for his detailed portrayals of nature, **Leonard Paul**, a Mi'kmaw artist, was born in Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.leonardpaul.com](http://www.leonardpaul.com).

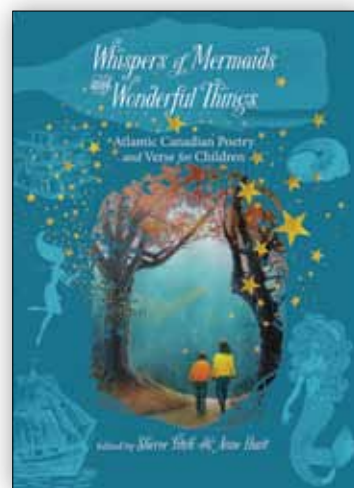
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**Sheree Fitch** has won numerous awards and received three honorary degrees. She is working to open her own book store in River John, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.shereefitch.com](http://www.shereefitch.com).

**Anne Hunt's** passion for childhood education has led her in various directions, from writing and implementing curricular programs to editing children's poetry anthologies.

**Keywords:** poetry, children's poetry, poetry anthology, Atlantic Canada

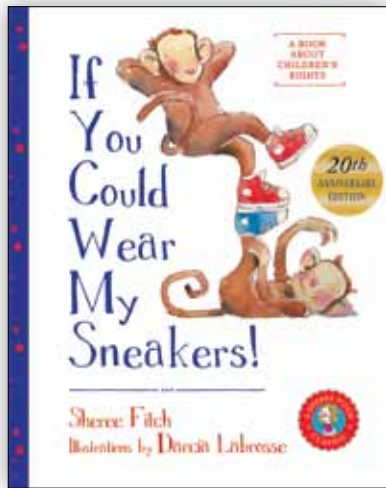
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Sheree Fitch

Illustrated by Darcia Labrosse

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**Sheree Fitch** is a child at heart who wants to see all children offered equal opportunities. She has won awards for her poetry and children's stories and continues to write while working to open her own bookstore. For more information, visit [www.shereefitch.com](http://www.shereefitch.com).

**Darcia Labrosse** has published more than forty books for children. She has won several literary awards, including the Governor General's and the International White Raven Literary Award from the German Jugendbibliothek in Munich. She lives happily in the Gatineau Hills, Quebec, with her husband.

**Keywords:** children's rights, children's books, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, picture books

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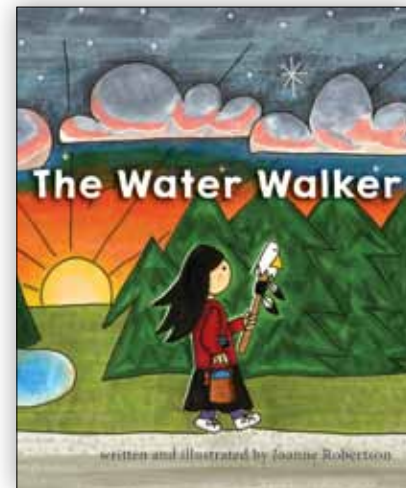
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## The Water Walker

Joanne Robertson

*Our grandmothers walk to protect our water and to protect all of us.*

**T**he determined story of an Ojibwe grandmother (*nokomis*), Josephine Mandamin, and her great love for *nibi* (water). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect *nibi* for future generations and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men and youth, has walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example she challenges us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water, the giver of life, and to protect our planet for all generations.

**Joanne Robertson** is AnishinaabeKwe and a member of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek in Ontario. She continues to help water walkers through live GPS spotting to make sure they are safe on their journeys.

**Keywords:** water protection, environmentalist, Indigenous rights, grandmothers, activism, Great Lakes, Ojibwe

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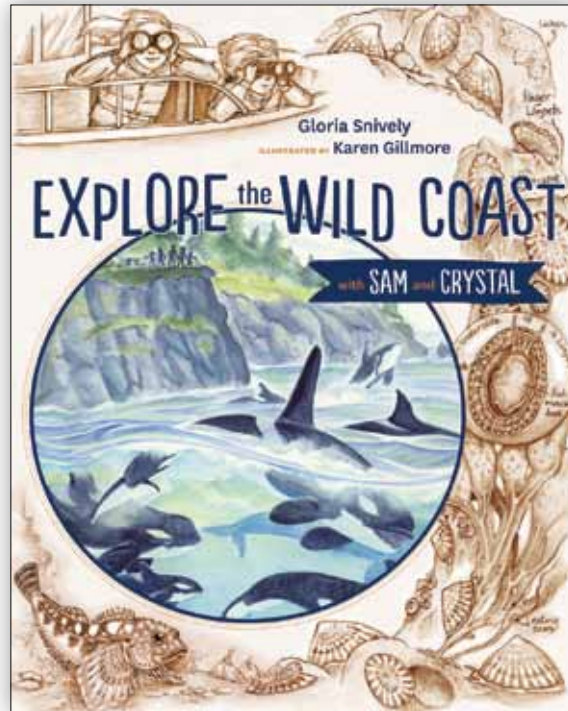
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Gloria Snively

Illustrated by Karen Gillmore

*A fun, fact-filled and beautifully illustrated coastal adventure.*

**J**oin eleven-year-old Crystal and her seven-year-old brother, Sam, as they travel by boat along the rugged Pacific coastline to visit their aunt Kate, a marine biologist, and uncle Charlie, a retired fisherman, at their home in a sheltered inlet called Eagle Cove. As Aunt Kate takes the children for walks along the beach and teaches them about marine life, tidal zones and habitats, they meet a dazzling range of sea creatures and learn the importance of observing, respecting and preserving nature. Colorful, engaging and educational, *Explore the Wild Coast with Sam and Crystal* is both a delightful story and an indispensable learning tool.

**Gloria Snively** is a professor and former classroom teacher who loves to teach kids about the stunning seashores of the west coast through fun, educational stories. She lives in Sooke, British Columbia.

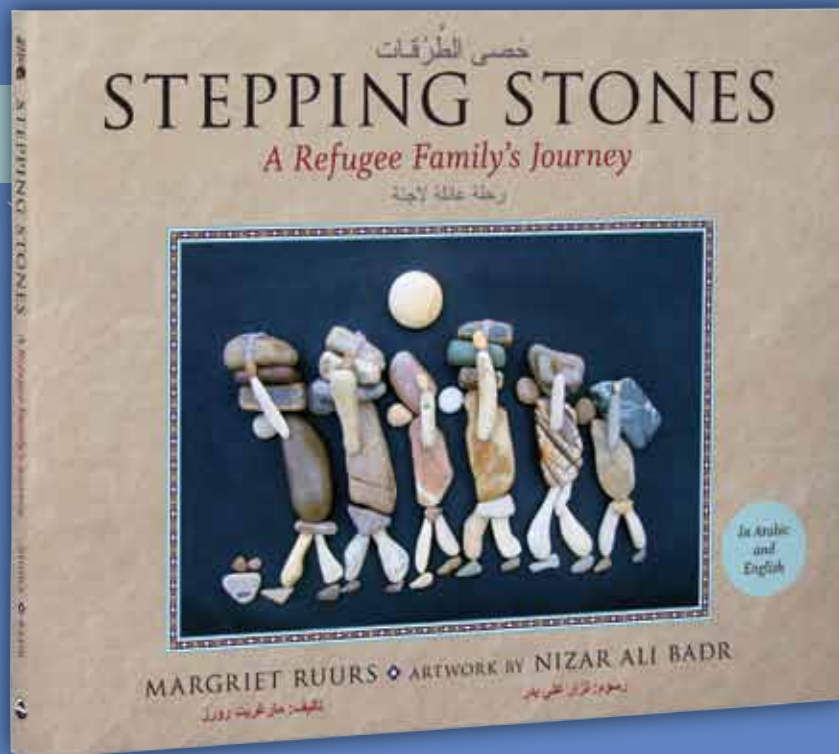
**Karen Gillmore** has been an artist since she could hold crayons. In addition to being a children's book illustrator, she also draws and writes comics and illustrates graphic novels. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.karengillmoreart.com](http://www.karengillmoreart.com).

**Keywords:** west coast, Pacific Northwest, seashore, coast, coastline, tides, tidal pools, orcas, whales, sea lions, dolphins, puffins, sea otter, bald eagle, shorebirds

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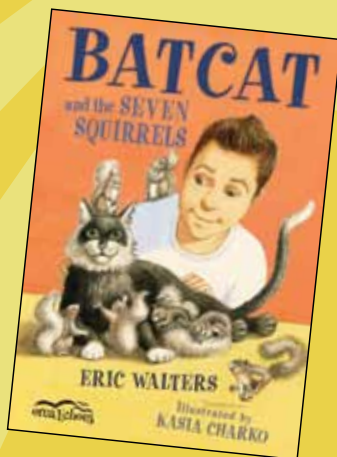






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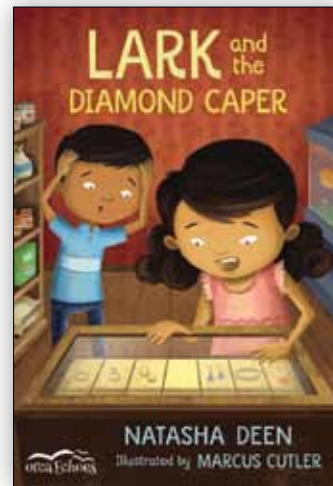


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Natasha Deen  
Illustrated by Marcus Cutler

*Who made the diamonds disappear?*

Rookie detectives Lark and Connor Ba are back on the case! When a pair of diamond earrings goes missing from the neighborhood general store, Lark and Connor just happen to be in the right place at the right time. Carefully mining the adults for clues, the twin sleuths work together to solve the mystery.

*Lark and the Diamond Caper* is the second title in the Lark Ba Detective series, following *Lark Holds the Key*.

Award-winning author **Natasha Deen** moved to Canada as a child to escape the racial and political violence of Guyana, South America, and she has called many places home, including Ontario, British Columbia and New York. Her books include *Burned*, from Orca's Retribution series, *Sleight of Hand* and *Across the Floor*. Natasha lives in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information, visit [www.natashadeen.com](http://www.natashadeen.com). Follow her on Twitter @natasha\_deen.

**Keywords:** caper, sleuth, mystery, detective, private eye, twins, siblings, dyslexia, magic

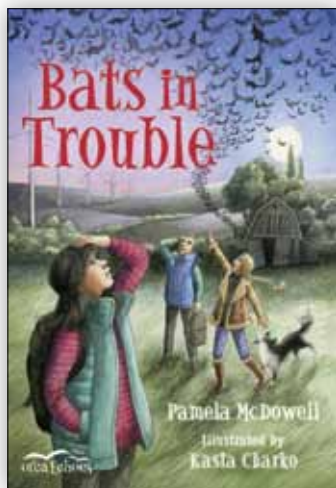
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## Bats in Trouble

Pamela McDowell  
Illustrated by Kasia Charko

*What's killing the bats?*

Cricket McKay and her best friend, Shilo, are enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation when they discover that something is killing bats around Grandpa McKay's farm. Could the new wind turbines be the cause? The kids do some detective work and then jump into action coming up with a plan to save the bats.

*Bats in Trouble* is the third book featuring animal-activist Cricket McKay, following *Ospreys in Danger* and *Salamander Rescue*.

**Pamela McDowell's** first career was in education, teaching junior high and high school. She began writing when she left teaching and has now written more than forty nonfiction and fiction books for children. Pamela lives in Calgary, Alberta, with her husband, two kids and an Australian shepherd. For more information, visit [www.pamelamcdowell.ca](http://www.pamelamcdowell.ca).

**Keywords:** bats, migratory routes, conservation, ecology, nature, wildlife preservation, wind turbines, renewable energy

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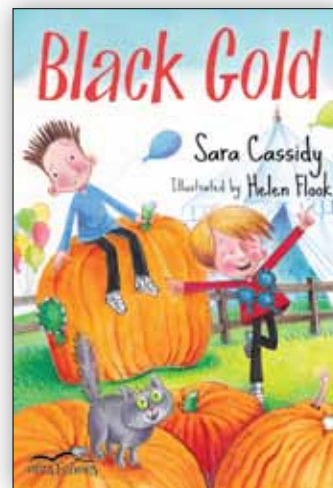
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## Black Gold

Sara Cassidy  
Illustrated by Helen Flook

*Black is the new gold.*

Cyrus and Rudy spend the last days of summer selling dahlias, blackberries and tomatoes at their roadside stand. When a neighbor drops off a bin full of red wrigglers, California earthworms that turn compost into fertilizer, Rudy and Cyrus become worm moguls as they discover just how in demand the *Eisenia fetida* are.

*Black Gold* is the third book featuring Cyrus and Rudy's adventures on the farm, following *Not for Sale* and *Blackberry Juice*.

**Sara Cassidy's** poetry, fiction and articles have been widely published, and she has won a Gold National Magazine Award. *Black Gold* is her ninth children's novel. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her three children. For more information, visit [www.saracassidywriter.com](http://www.saracassidywriter.com). Follow her on Twitter @SaraCassidyWrit.

**Keywords:** humour, country living, farm, competition, friendship, discovery, back-to-school, rural, worms, country fairs, agricultural fairs

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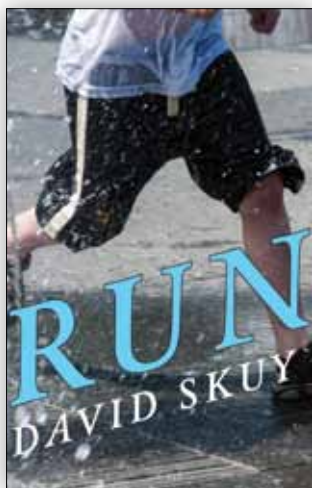
*Passover this year was not at all what Miriam expected.*

In 1930 eleven-year-old Miriam travels by train from Brooklyn to her grandparents' farm in upstate New York. Her grandparents are kind, generous people, but they aren't exactly ideal playmates for a lonely girl. When Miriam is not doing homework in the kitchen with Bubby or helping prepare meals for the migrant workers that Zayde hires to help out on the farm, she plays with the barn kittens born just before she arrived. Those kittens are her only friends, until the day Miriam discovers a young girl hiding in the barn. Cissy and her brother, Joe, who's one of Zayde's farm hands, are on the run from an abusive uncle back in Mississippi. Miriam and Cissy hit it off immediately. But their friendship is tested when Miriam is forced to choose between keeping a promise and doing the right thing.

**Debby Waldman** is the author of a number of children's books based on Jewish folktales, including *A Sack Full of Feathers*, which was named a 2007 Best Book for Kids and Teens by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, and *Clever Rachel*, declared by *Resource Links* to be one of the Year's Best for 2009. She is also the co-author of two books for parents of children who are hard of hearing. Debby lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband, two children and a really chill chocolate labradoodle named Chip. For more information, visit [www.debbiewaldman.com](http://www.debbiewaldman.com).

**Keywords:** Passover, Seder, Purim, Jewish, friendship, culture, tradition, secrets, upstate New York, festival, farm life





## Run

David Skuy

*Lionel's new talent for running makes his bullies even angrier.*

Overweight and bullied, Lionel tries to attract as little attention as possible. Then he discovers something about himself: he's a fast runner. He joins the running group and is recruited for the school track team. But being on the track team and getting more attention brings Lionel closer to the bullies he's been avoiding and makes him a target.

Based in Toronto, Ontario, **David Skuy** writes fiction for young readers. His books explore youth issues with the backdrop of sports such as hockey, soccer and running. For more information, visit [www.davidskuy.com](http://www.davidskuy.com).

**Keywords:** running, athletics, self-esteem, bullying, friendship

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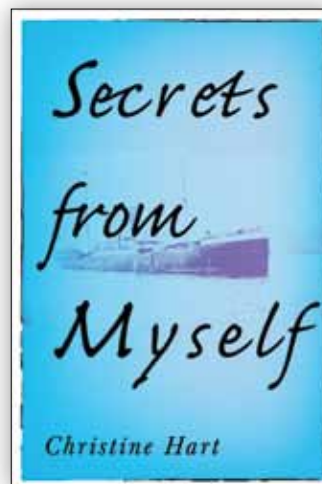
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## Secrets from Myself

Christine Hart

*The past is calling Katelyn for help.*

Eleven-year-old Katelyn has always had voices and visions. She's long suspected she is hearing from past lives. But when she runs away from home and hides out with an old friend in Vancouver, her visions become more real. She finds herself writing the words of someone else in a diary, the words of someone whose fate was deeply impacted by the *Komagata Maru* incident. As Katelyn learns more about the *Komagata Maru* and the person communicating with her, she realizes that she must correct a wrong from the past.

**Christine Hart** is the author of middle-grade, young adult and new adult fiction. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

**Keywords:** immigration, racism, paranormal, *Komagata Maru* incident

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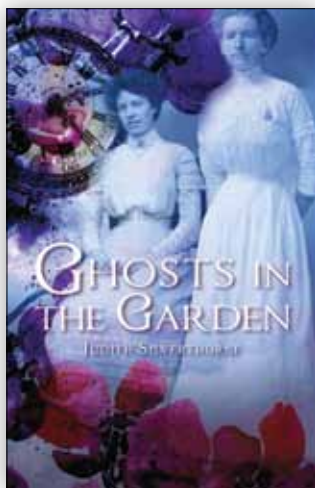
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## Ghosts in the Garden

Judith Silverthorne

*Can Sam and J.J. help a ghost find peace before they get stuck in the past?*

On a field trip to Government House, Sam and J.J. discover that things aren't as they appear, as they find themselves travelling from the present to the past and back, and see the ghost of a woman who mouths "watch" to them. The girls must navigate the grounds of Government House as they search to discover who the mysterious woman is and what she wants...before they're stuck in the past for good.

*Ghosts in the Garden* is the sequel to Judith Silverthorne's *The Ghosts of Government House*.

**Judith Silverthorne** is the author of numerous children's books and young adult novels, including *Convictions*, *The Secret of Sentinel Rock* and the *Dinosaur Adventure Series*, all published by Coteau Books. For more information, visit [www.judithsilverthorne.ca](http://www.judithsilverthorne.ca).

**Keywords:** ghosts, supernatural, Government House, Saskatchewan, provinces, Canada, historical, friendship, romance, love

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## Cammie Takes Flight

Laura Best

*Can Cammie trust her new friend to help her find her mother?*

Visually impaired and abandoned by her parents, Cammie Turple was raised by her tenacious bootlegging aunt in rural Tanner, Nova Scotia. After Cammie and her best friend, Evelyn Merry, destroy the local moonshine still, forcing Evelyn's alcoholic father to sober up but nearly killing Evelyn in the process, Cammie convinces her aunt to send her to the Halifax School for the Blind. *Cammie Takes Flight* finds Cammie navigating life at her new school, armed with an envelope with her estranged mother's address on it. Unsure if she can trust her new friend, Nessa, Cammie enlists her help in tracking her mother down.

Despite working, gardening, editing, grandparenting and knitting, **Laura Best** still manages to find time to keep writing. She is always excited to work on new projects and loves to be deeply involved in the editing process.

**Keywords:** physical disability, blindness, family

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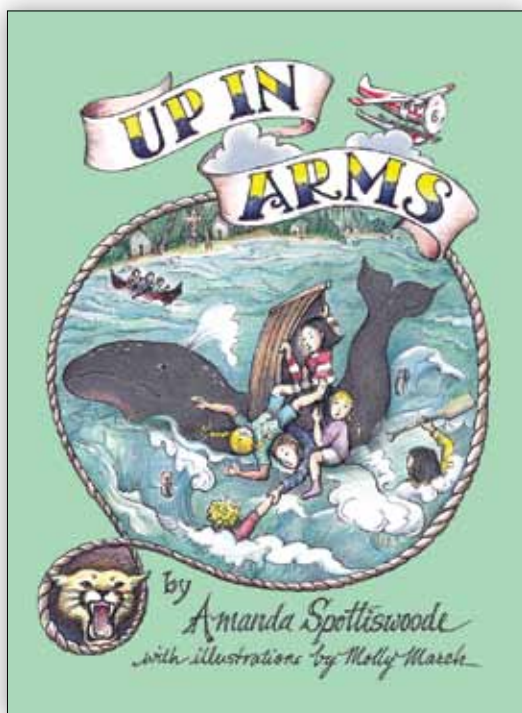
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## Up in Arms

Amanda Spottiswoode  
Illustrated by Molly March

*Leaving the war behind got them into even more trouble.*

A lot has changed in the world since Sophie, Molly, Mark, Harriet, Leticia and Posy's last adventure in *The Silver Lining*. Now it's 1940, and the Second World War is making life back home in the United Kingdom very dangerous indeed. Although our intrepid crew has seen their fair share of precarious situations, from being chased by pirates to making harrowing rescues in abandoned mine shafts, their parents decide to once again send them across the ocean and into the care of the eccentric Captain Gunn. Instead of sitting out the war in a safe, quiet place, captain and crew embark on their biggest adventure yet!

**Amanda Spottiswoode** is the author of *Brother XII's Treasure* and *The Silver Lining*. *Up in Arms*, the third book in the series, was inspired by the geography and rich history of her west coast home on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.southislander.ca](http://www.southislander.ca).

**Molly March** is an accomplished painter and set designer. She is the illustrator and mapmaker of *Brother XII's Treasure*, *The Silver Lining* and *Up in Arms*, by Amanda Spottiswoode.

**Keywords:** World War II, 1940s, war evacuees, sailing, early aviation, adventure

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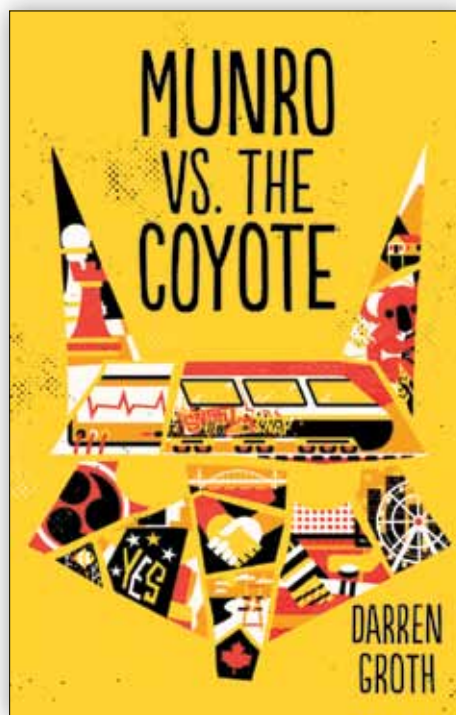
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## Munro vs. the Coyote

Darren Groth

*Munro is caught in the small cruel space between loss and letting go.*

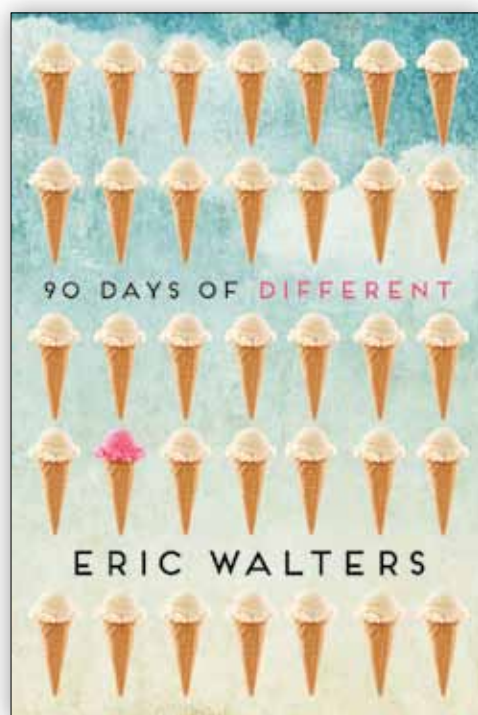
Since the sudden death of his younger sister, Evie, sixteen-year-old Munro Maddux has been having flashbacks and anger-management issues. He also has a constant ache in his right hand. And then there's the taunting, barking, biting voice he calls "the Coyote." Munro knows a six-month student exchange will not be the stuff of teenage dreams, but in Brisbane he intends to move beyond his troubled past. It is there, at an assisted living residence called Fair Go Community Village, that Munro discovers the Coyote can be silenced.

Munro volunteers as a "Living Partner" and gets to know the team of residents he is assigned to. The burden Munro carries, however, is not so easily cast aside. When one of the team makes the decision to leave, the Coyote gets a new life. When a second resident is taken away, the specter of trauma and death looms larger than ever.

Will Munro learn how to silence the voice? Or will the Coyote ultimately triumph?

Originally from Brisbane, Australia, **Darren Groth** now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with his Canadian wife and twins. His books have been published on both sides of the Pacific and include his acclaimed YA novel *Are You Seeing Me?*. It was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award and the Sheila A. Egoff Children's Literature Prize in Canada and won the Adelaide Festival Award for Young Adult Literature in Australia. Darren is a former special-education teacher and the proud father of a son with ASD. For more information, visit [www.darrengroth.com](http://www.darrengroth.com).

**Keywords:** loss, grief, healing, student exchange, Australia, romance, assisted living, community, Down syndrome, autism spectrum, family, siblings



## 90 Days of Different

Eric Walters

*Okay, Sophie, you've got ninety days to step out of your comfort zone.*

**O**n the last day of high school, Sophie's boyfriend breaks up with her. It turns out he thinks she is too predictable, too responsible, too mature...too boring.

When Sophie turns to her best friend, Ella, for comfort and reassurance, Ella just confirms what her ex said. And that hurts even more.

Then Ella comes up with a plan to help Sophie find her wilder side. In the ninety days between the end of high school and the start of university, she is going to arrange for Sophie to do amazing, new, different and sometimes scary things. The deal is Sophie has to agree to everything, no matter what. And she has to share her adventures on social media.

Can ninety days of different create a different life? Can stepping outside your comfort zone help you find yourself?

Recently named a member of the Order of Canada, **Eric Walters** began writing in 1993 as a way to get his grade-five students interested in reading and writing. Eric has published almost a hundred novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.ericwalters.net](http://www.ericwalters.net).

**Keywords:** coming of age, personal growth, friendship, relationships, social media, adventure

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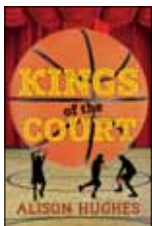
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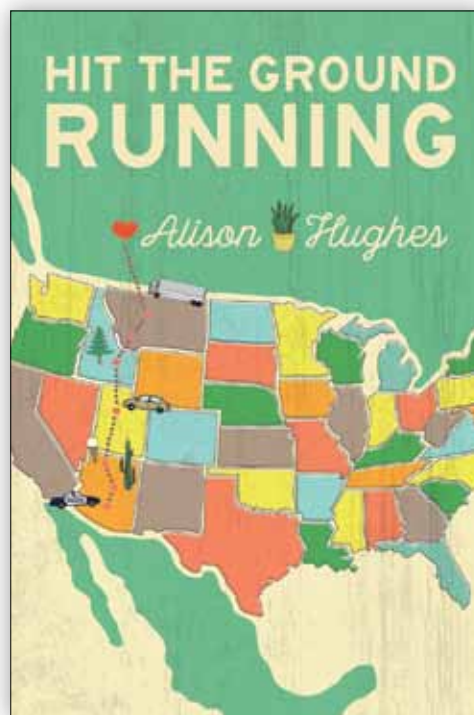
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# Hit the Ground Running

Alison Hughes

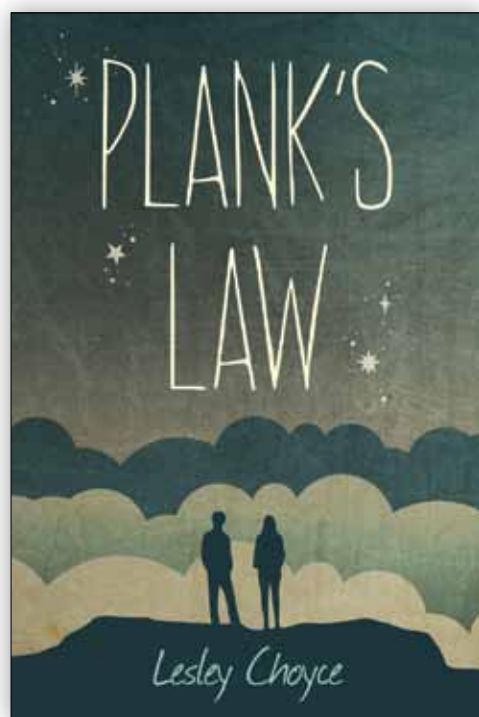
*An ancient car. No driver's license. A run for the border. What could possibly go wrong?*

Sixteen-year-old Dee and her seven-year-old brother, Eddie, have been on their own for six weeks. Their father has seemingly vanished into the baking Arizona desert. Their money is drying up and the rent is coming due, but it's a visit from a social worker and the prospect of being separated from Eddie that scares Dee enough to flee. She dupes her brother into packing up and embarking on the long road trip to Canada, their birthplace and former home. Lacking a driver's license and facing a looming interrogation at the border, Dee rations their money and food as they burn down the interstate in their ancient, decrepit car.

**Alison Hughes** writes for children of all ages and for adults. Her books have been nominated for the Silver Birch, Red Cedar, Diamond Willow and Hackmatack Awards, as well as the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award. When she's not writing, she presents at schools, volunteers with a family literacy organization and bikes in the river valley. She lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband and children, where her three snoring dogs provide the soundtrack for her writing. For more information, visit [www.alisonhughesbooks.com](http://www.alisonhughesbooks.com).

**Keywords:** coming of age, siblings, road trips, family, responsibility, danger, fear, highways, sight-seeing, borders, truckers





## Plank's Law

Lesley Choyce

*First item on the list: live.*

**T**revor has known since he was ten years old that he has Huntington's disease, but at sixteen he is informed that he has about one year to live. One day while he's trying to figure stuff out, an old man named Plank finds him standing on a cliff by the ocean. It's the beginning of an odd but intriguing relationship. Both Trevor and Plank decide to follow Plank's Law, which is "just live." This means Trevor has to finally do the things on his bucket list, like hang out with real penguins, star in a science fiction movie and actually talk to Sara—the girl at the hospital who smiles at him.

With the aid of Plank and Sara, Trevor revises his list to include more important things and takes charge of his illness and his life.

**Lesley Choyce** is the author of over ninety books of literary fiction, short stories, poetry, creative nonfiction and young adult novels. He runs Pottersfield Press and has worked as editor with a wide range of Canadian authors. Choyce teaches creative writing at Dalhousie University and has won the Dartmouth Book Award, the Atlantic Poetry Prize and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. He has also been shortlisted for Stephen Leacock, White Pine, Hackmatack, and Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy awards and, most recently, a Governor General's Literary Award. He was a founding member of the 1990s spoken-word rock band The Surf Poets. He surfs year-round in the North Atlantic. Lesley lives at Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.lesleychoyce.com](http://www.lesleychoyce.com).

**Keywords:** bucket list, terminal disease, hospital treatment, suicide, aging, teenage love, Huntington's disease

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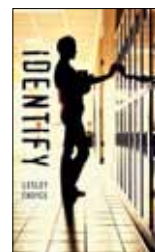
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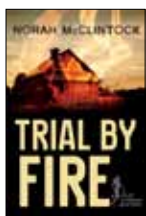
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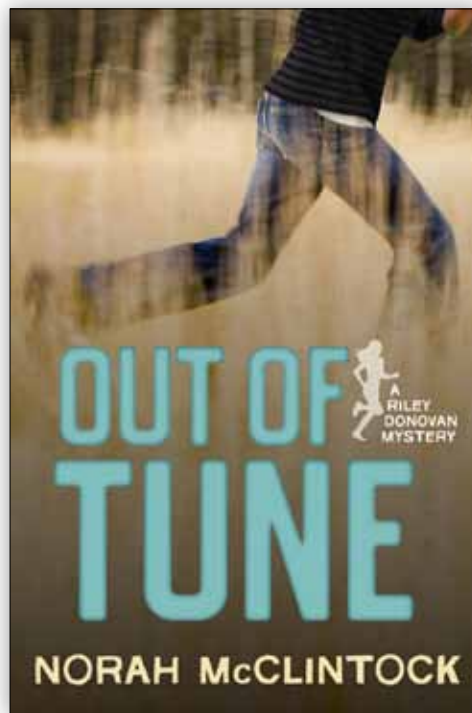
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## Out of Tune

### A Riley Donovan mystery

Norah McClintock

*A dead body. A jealous friend. A mystery solved?*

**W**hen Alicia, a talented violinist at Riley Donovan's high school, is found bludgeoned to death in a field on the outskirts of town, suspicion immediately falls on Carrie, the teen's musical rival. But Riley isn't convinced of Carrie's guilt, and even though her police-officer aunt tells her to stay out of it, Riley goes searching for the truth. Did Carrie really kill Alicia in a fit of jealous rage, or is there another explanation for Alicia's death?

**Norah McClintock** is a five-time winner of the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction for young people. She is the author of more than sixty YA novels, including books in Seven (the series), The Seven Sequels, The Seven Prequels and The Secrets series. This is her third book about Riley Donovan. For more information, visit [www.norahmcclintock.com](http://www.norahmcclintock.com).

**Keywords:** mystery, female detective, thriller, police, murder, domestic violence, competition, music



## Goth Girl

Melanie Mosher

*Victoria needs to decide who she is going to be.*

**F**ifteen-year-old Victoria Markham enjoys three things: English class, her goth look and spray-painting. It isn't long before she's caught red-handed and forced into community service with a bunch of other vandals: there's Rachael, the princess; Russell and Peter, a pair of punks; and Zach, the rich jock who Vic is crushing on. The motley crew has to produce a mural for Halifax. On top of all that, Vic's mother's boyfriend, the only father figure Vic has ever known and the one who taught her to paint, has left them both. Vic is convinced her mother doesn't care enough to find out what's really behind the getup.

**Melanie Mosher** loves collecting sea glass on the eastern shore of Nova Scotia and spending time with her granddaughter, Emma, who encourages her to stay young and to be an individual. For more information, visit [www.melaniemosher.com](http://www.melaniemosher.com).

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## The Marrow Thieves

Cherie Dimaline

*Just when you think you have nothing left to lose, they come for your dreams.*

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**Cherie Dimaline** is a Métis author. *The Marrow Thieves* is her fourth novel, the second for young adults. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

**Keywords:** Indigenous issues, dystopian, European colonialism, environment, family

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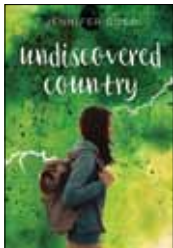
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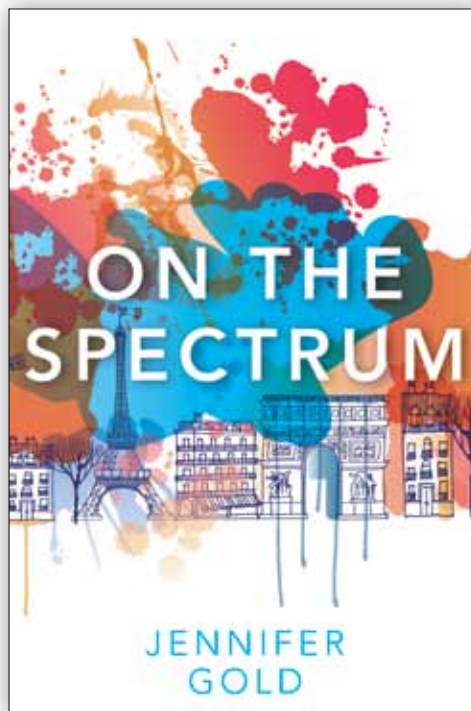
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## On the Spectrum

Jennifer Gold

*Unexpected love can be the best adventure.*

**G**rowing up in the shadow of a famous mother, Clara has never felt good about her body. Now, at sixteen, she has an unhealthy obsession with healthy eating. After a social media disaster, she decides to escape for the summer to Paris to stay with her estranged dad and her six-year-old brother, Alastair, who is on the autism spectrum. Charged with his care, Clara and Alastair set out to explore the city. Paris teaches Clara about first love and gives her a new love of food. And Alastair teaches Clara about patience, trust and the beauty of loving without judgment.

**Jennifer Gold** is a lawyer and mother of two and the author of the YA novels *Soldier Doll* and *Undiscovered Country*. A history buff, she also has degrees in psychology, law and public health. She lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.jennifergold.ca](http://www.jennifergold.ca).

**Keywords:** body image, autism spectrum, Paris, stepfamily, mother-daughter relationships, ballet

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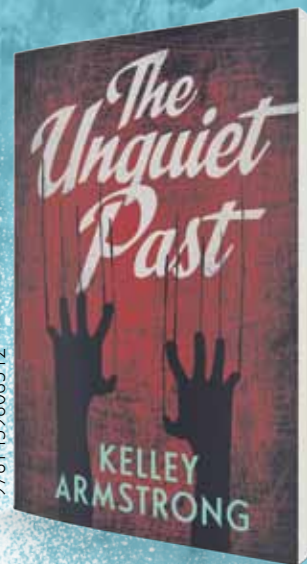
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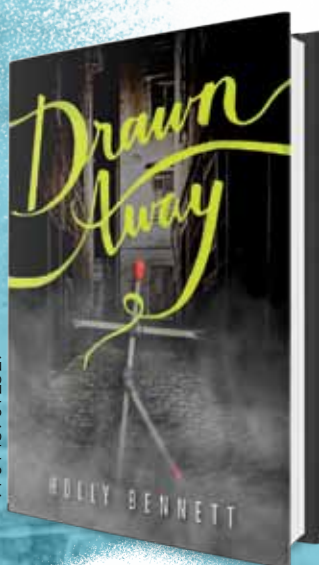


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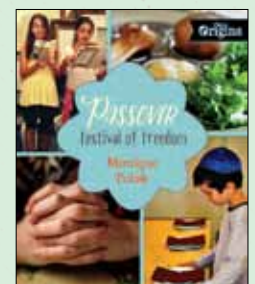
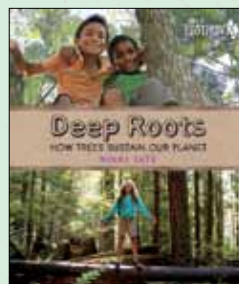
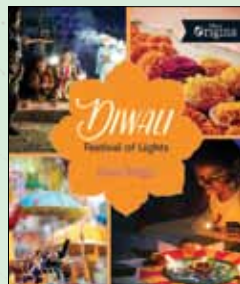
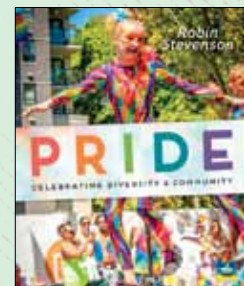
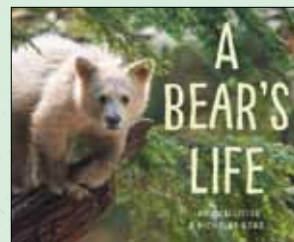
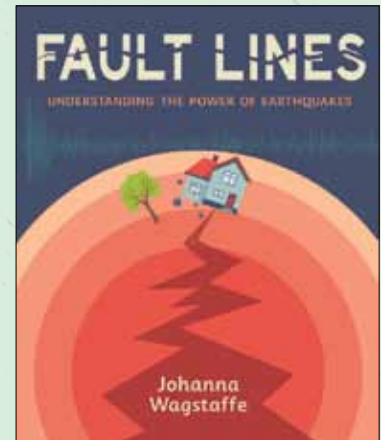
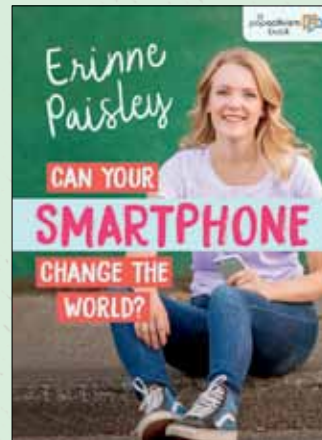
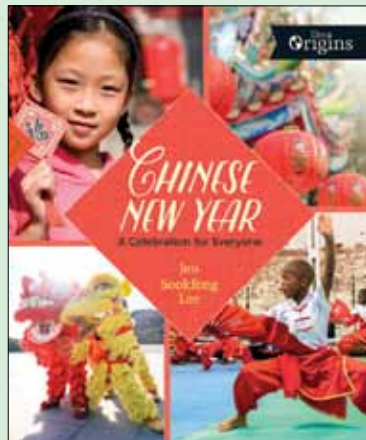
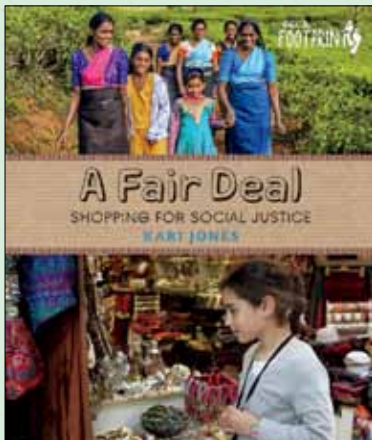


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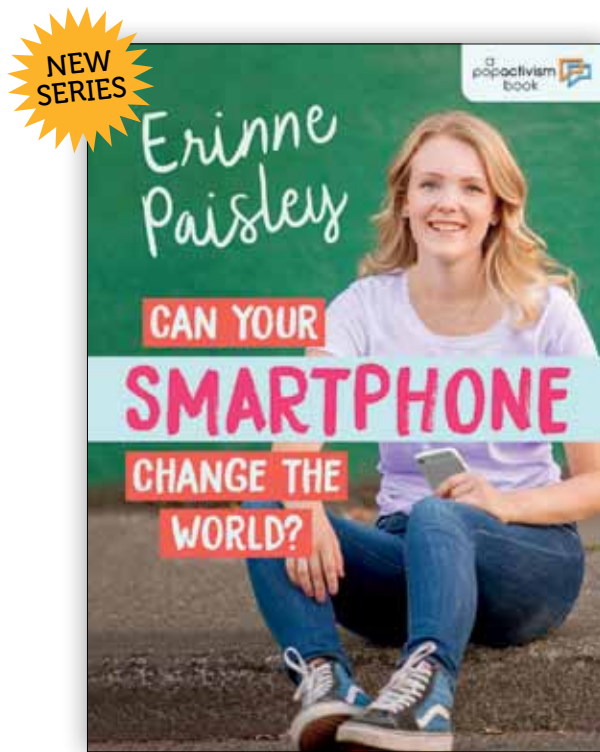
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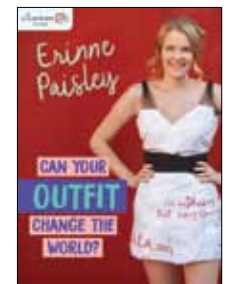
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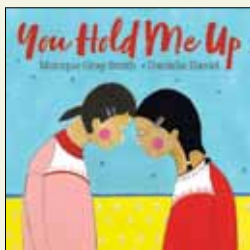
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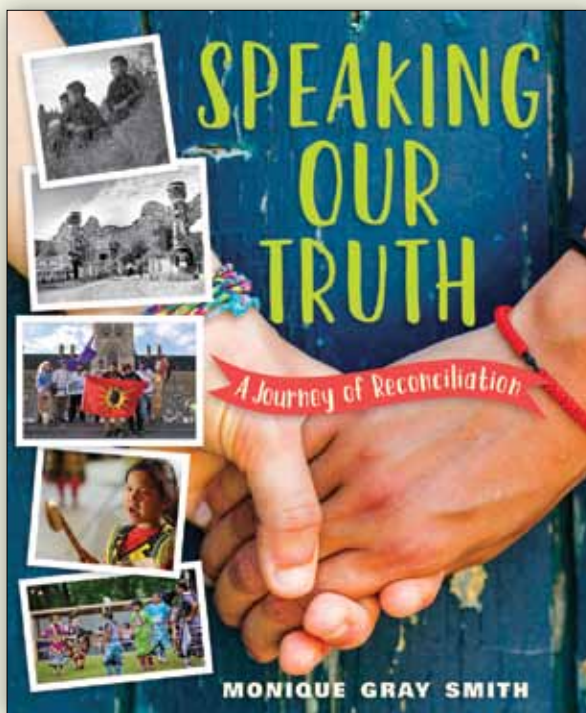
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**MONIQUE GRAY SMITH** is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish ancestry and the proud mother of twins. She is an international speaker, an award-winning author and a sought-after consultant. Her first novel, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, won the 2014 Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature. She has also written the board book, *My Heart Fills With Happiness* and has a new picture book, *You Hold Me Up*. Monique and her family are blessed to live on Lekwungen territory in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.littledrum.com](http://www.littledrum.com).

**KEYWORDS:** residential schools, racism, abuse, Indigenous people, Seven Sacred teachings, reconciliation, colonization, genocide, healing, allies, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, prejudice





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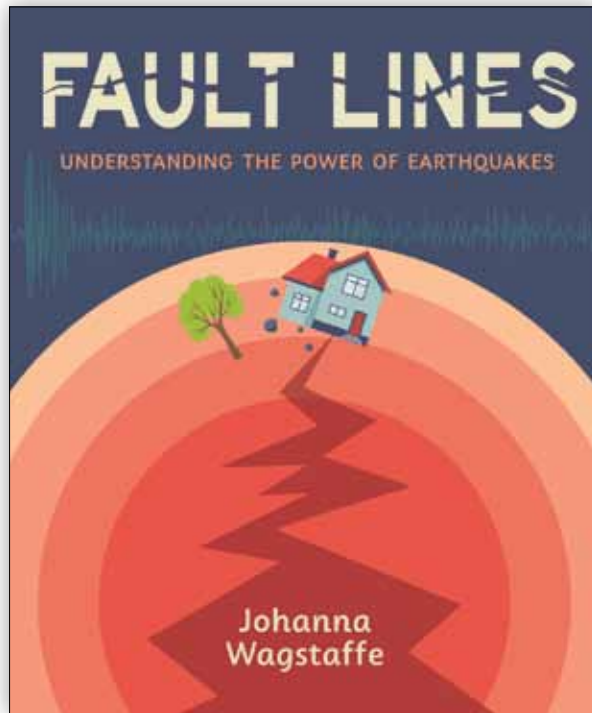
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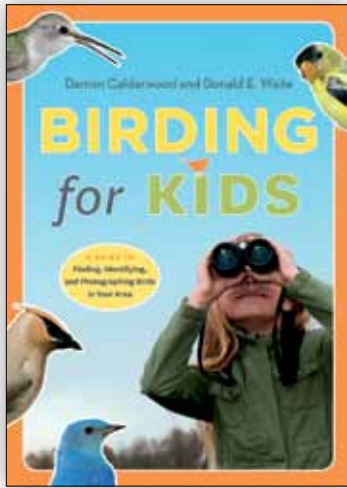
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**Johanna Wagstaffe** is the meteorologist and science host for CBC Vancouver and CBC News Network. With a background in seismology, geophysics and earth science, Johanna has covered a wide range of science stories, from the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire and the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami to the Paris Climate Change Conference. She enjoys sharing her passion for science education with children and on social media. Johanna also seems to know when to hit the slopes on her snowboard for fresh powder or when to pick a sunny morning for a seawall run. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. You can find her on Twitter @jwagstaffe.

**Keywords:** safety, natural disasters, emergency preparedness, tsunamis, seismology, meteorology, nature, science



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**Damon Calderwood** is an avid wildlife photographer and bird-lover, and the co-author (with Donald E. Waite) of *Baby Birds in the Wild* and *More Baby Birds in the Wild*.

**Donald E. Waite** is an avid bird photographer, author and adventurer, and the co-author (with Damon Calderwood) of *Baby Birds in the Wild* and *More Baby Birds in the Wild*.

**Keywords:** birds, birding, birdwatching, nature, wildlife, photography, habitat, nests, backyard, parks, rural, conservation, endangered species, bird feeders

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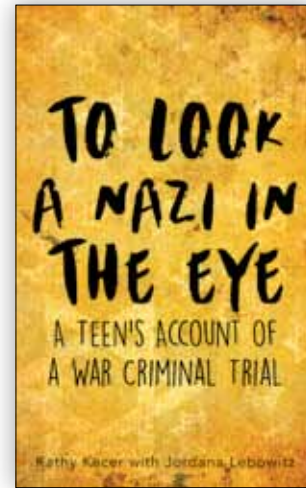
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**Kathy Kacer's** books have won many awards, including the Silver Birch, and the Jewish Book Award. A former psychologist, Kathy now travels the globe, speaking on the importance of keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive. Kathy lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.kathykacer.com](http://www.kathykacer.com).

**Jordana Lebowitz** attended the trial of Oskar Groening in 2015. She is dedicated to Holocaust remembrance. From Toronto, she has worked for Holocaust organizations in Australia and California, and she travels frequently.

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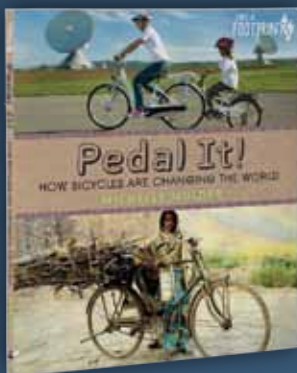
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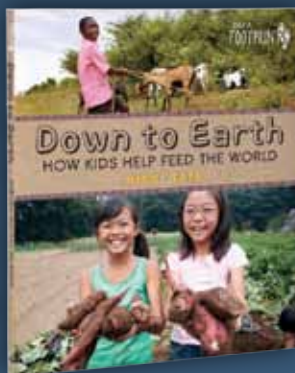
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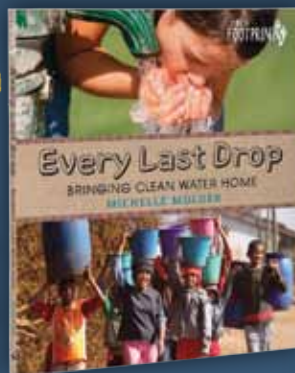
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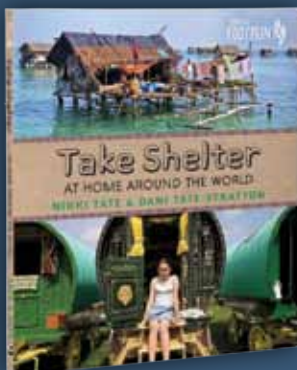
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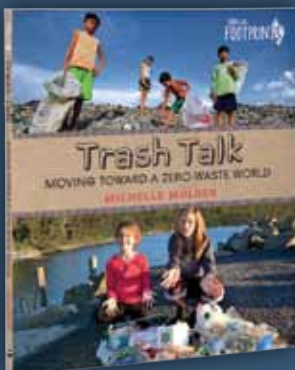
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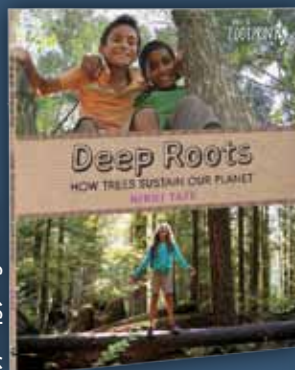
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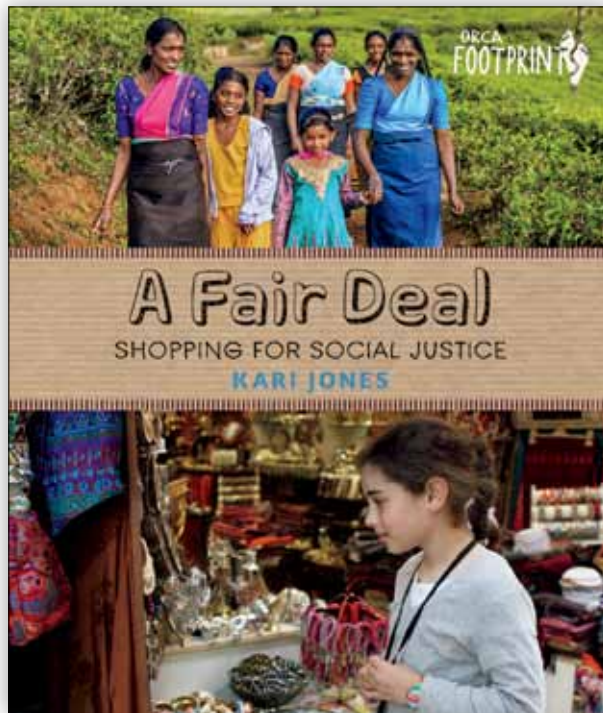
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**Kari Jones** is the author of numerous books for young readers and teens, including two titles in the Orca Currents series and one in the Orca Limelights series. Her latest novel is *At the Edge of the World*. She lives on the west coast of Canada, where she enjoys exploring the coast by kayak with her husband, son and their dog, Tintin. For more information, visit [www.karijones.ca](http://www.karijones.ca).

**Keywords:** trade, social justice, activism, cooperatives, factories, markets, barter, currency

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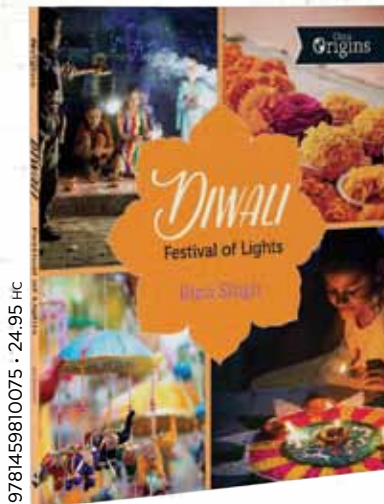
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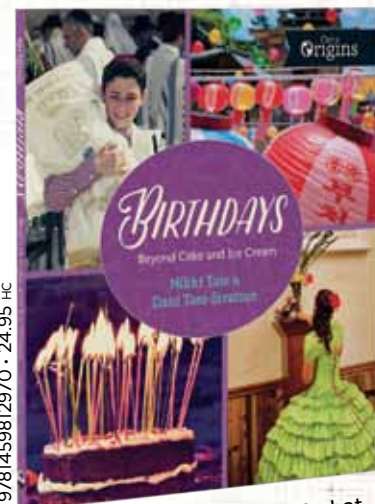
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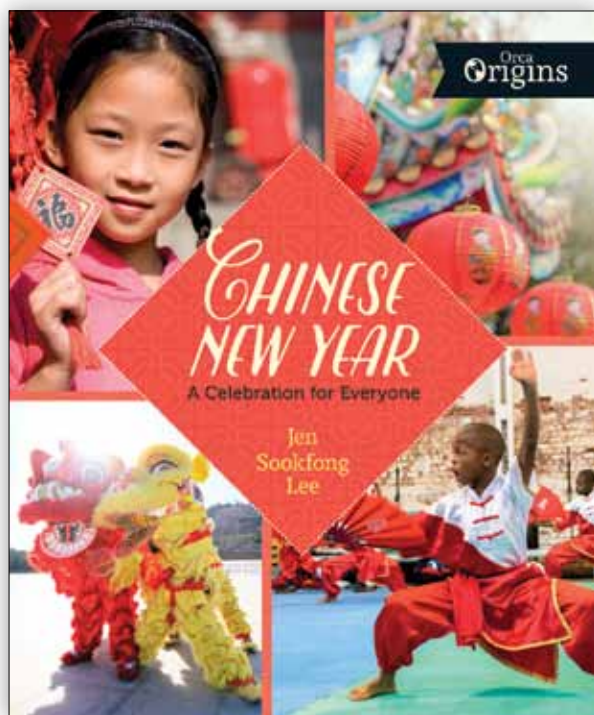


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**Jen Sookfong Lee** was born and raised in East Vancouver, British Columbia, and she now lives with her son in North Burnaby. Her books include *The Conjoined*, *The Better Mother*, *The End of East* and *Shelter*, a novel for young adults. Her poetry, fiction and articles have appeared in a variety of magazines and anthologies, including *Elle Canada*, *Hazlitt*, *Room* and *Event*. A popular CBC Radio One personality, Jen appears regularly as a contributor on *The Next Chapter* and is a frequent co-host of the *Studio One Book Club*. Jen teaches writing at The Writer's Studio Online with Simon Fraser University and with the Continuing Studies department of the University of British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.sookfong.com](http://www.sookfong.com).

**Keywords:** Chinese history, immigration, community, food, festivals, tradition, family, prosperity, elders, mythology, racism

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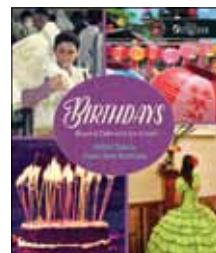
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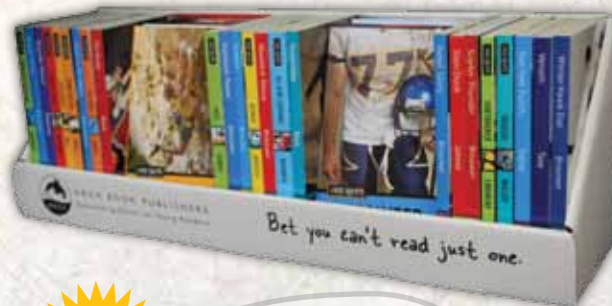
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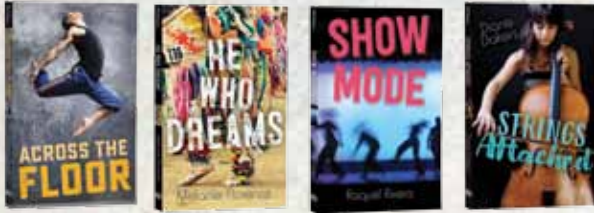
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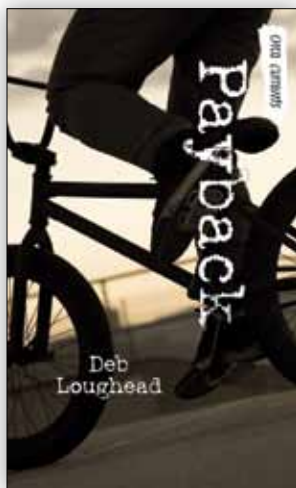
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This is the fourth story featuring Dylan O'Connor after *The Snowball Effect*, *Caught in the Act*, and *Rise of the Zombie Scarecrows*.

**Deb Loughead** is the author of more than thirty-five books for children and young adults. Her books have been translated into seven languages. She has also written and directed children's plays and taught creative writing classes. Deb lives in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.debloughead.ca](http://www.debloughead.ca).

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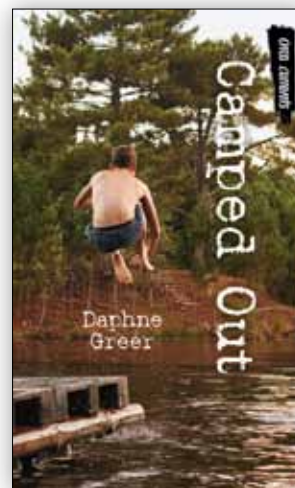
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This is the second story featuring Max and Duncan after *Maxed Out*.

**Daphne Greer** has worked with children with special needs for many years, including at a summer camp much like the one in this book. She is the author of *Maxed Out*, a 2013 YALSA Quick Picks nominee, and *Jacob's Landing*, which was a 2016 Hackmatack and 2016 Silver Birch finalist and was on the Best Books for Kids & Teens list from the Canadian Children's Book Centre. Daphne lives in Newport, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.daphnegreer.com](http://www.daphnegreer.com).

**Keywords:** summer, camp, relationships, siblings, responsibility, friendship, autism

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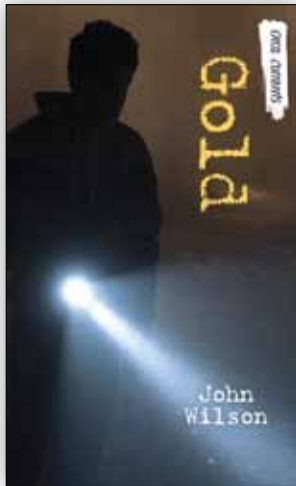
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This is the fourth mystery featuring Sam and Annabel, after *Stolen*, *Bones* and *Lost*.

Born in Scotland, **John Wilson** is addicted to history and firmly believes that the past must have been just as exciting, confusing and complex to those who lived through it as our world is to us. Most of his thirty-four novels and ten non-fiction books for kids, teens and adults deal with the past. John lives on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.johnwilsonauthor.com](http://www.johnwilsonauthor.com).

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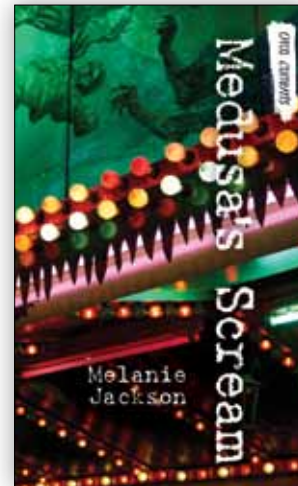
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**Melanie Jackson** is the author of several Orca Currents titles, including *Death Drop* and *High Wire*. She likes hiking, piano, English/Scottish history—and continually learning from the kids she works with as writing mentor. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.melaniejacksonblog.wordpress.com](http://www.melaniejacksonblog.wordpress.com).

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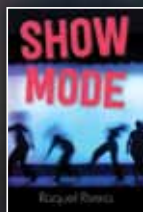
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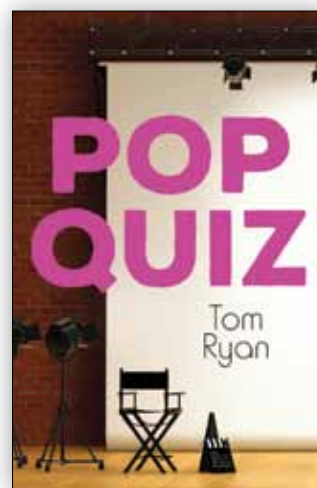


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**Tom Ryan** worked in the television world for several years. He is the author of several books for young readers, including the Orca Limelights titles *Big Time* and *Totally Unrelated*. He has been nominated for the White Pine Award, the Stellar Award and the Hackmatack Award, and two of his novels were Junior Library Guild selections. Born and raised in Inverness, on Cape Breton Island, Tom currently lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with his husband and their dog, Wheeler. For more information, visit [www.tomryanauthor.com](http://www.tomryanauthor.com).

**Keywords:** television, YouTube, high school, child actors, performing arts, crowdfunding, fans

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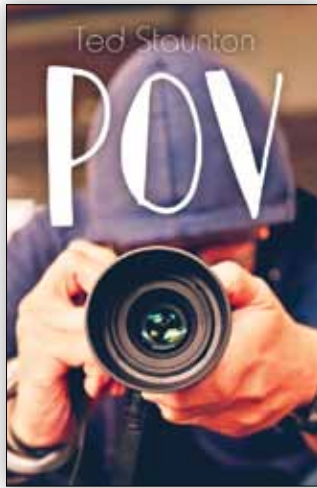
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Ted Staunton

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**Ted Staunton** is the award-winning author of many books for young people, including three others starring Spencer O'Toole—*Speed*, *Jump Cut* and *Coda* from the various Seven series. When not creating stories, Ted writes music and plays in the Maple Leaf Champions Jug Band.

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Mere Joyce

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**Mere Joyce** writes short stories as well as novels and holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario. The library where she works is also a public art gallery that often showcases contemporary forms of art. The organization hosts an annual brush-off competition for teens. Mere lives in Cambridge, Ontario, with her family. For more information, visit [www.merejoyce.com](http://www.merejoyce.com).

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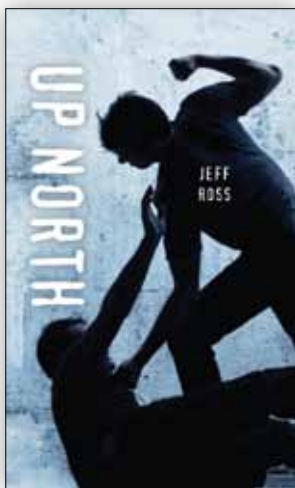
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## Up North

Jeff Ross

*Racial tensions run high in a small town.*

**R**ob Maclean and his mom have moved to a small community in northern Ontario in order to be closer to Rob's imprisoned brother, Adam. One night after a rowdy party, Rob and some friends end up in a van speeding through a First Nations reserve. The driver of the van has a deep hatred for Indigenous people, and he lobbs rotten fruit at a group of young men gathered in front of a community center. The young men chase them down, and Rob's friend Alan is injured and ends up in a coma. Now the police are pressuring Rob to identify their prime suspect.

This is the second story featuring Rob and Adam Maclean after *Coming Clean*.

**Jeff Ross** is an award-winning author of several novels for young adults, including the Orca Soundings titles *Coming Clean* and *A Dark Truth*. He currently teaches scriptwriting and English at Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, where he lives with his wife and two sons. For more information, visit [www.jeffrossbooks.com](http://www.jeffrossbooks.com).

**Keywords:** family, Indigenous, racism, reserve, young offenders, violence, murder, peer pressure, northern community

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**Sean Rodman's** interest in writing for teenagers came out of working at schools around the world. In Australia he taught ancient history to future Olympic athletes. Closer to home, he worked with students from over 100 countries at a nonprofit international school. He is currently the executive director of the Story Studio Writing Society, a charity dedicated to unleashing the creativity of young writers and improving literacy. Sean lives in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit [www.srodman.com](http://www.srodman.com).

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**Norah McClintock** is a five-time winner of the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction for young people. She is the author of more than sixty YA novels, including books in Seven (the series), The Seven Sequels, The Seven Prequels and The Secrets series. This is her third book about Riley Donovan. For more information, visit [www.norahmcclintock.com](http://www.norahmcclintock.com).

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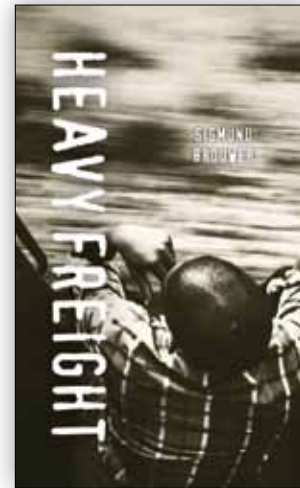
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**Sigmund Brouwer** has written dozens of books for both children and adults, including *Devil's Pass*, *Tin Soldier* and *Barracuda* from the Orca Seven series. Sigmund and his family live half the year in Nashville, Tennessee, and half the year in Red Deer, Alberta. For more information, visit [www.sigmundbrouwer.com](http://www.sigmundbrouwer.com).

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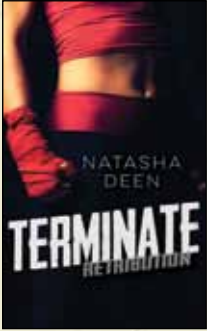
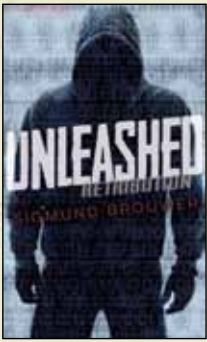
*Cade is in the race of his life.*

Cade's dad thinks triathlons are for wimps. He doesn't think it's a real sport and wishes Cade would play football instead, like his older brother, Trent. So Cade trains in secret and qualifies to compete in the provincial championship at Sylvan Lake. The night before the event, Cade's coach suddenly can't go, and Cade is forced to ask his dad for a ride. He only agrees because Trent has a football game nearby. The road trip takes a nasty turn when his dad swerves to avoid a deer and their car hurtles into an ice-cold river. It's up to Cade to use his skills to save his entire family.

**Eric Howling** is the author of several other sports novels, including Orca Sport's *Gang Tackle*. His books have been shortlisted for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, included on *Resource Links'* Year's Best lists and picked as ccBC Best Books selections. Eric lives and plays sports in Calgary, Alberta. For more information, visit [www.erichowling.wordpress.com](http://www.erichowling.wordpress.com).

**Keywords:** triathlon, bravery, family, accidents, swimming, biking, running, Sylvan Lake





Stay tuned for the 6th book in the Retribution Series, Sigmund Brouwer's *Escalate* which will be released in Spring 2018.

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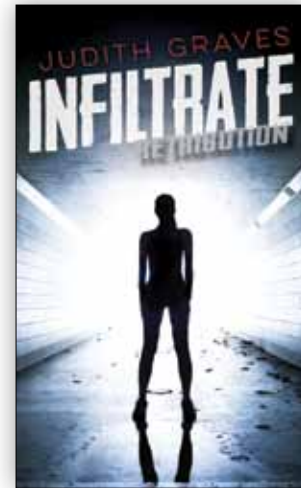
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**Judith Graves** is the author of several award-winning novels, including *Exposed*, her first installment in the Retribution series. She loves tragic romance, werewolves, vampires, magic and all things a bit creepy. A firm believer that teen fiction can be action packed and snarky yet hit all the right emotional notes, Judith writes stories with attitude. She lives in northern Alberta. For more information, visit [www.judithgraves.com](http://www.judithgraves.com).

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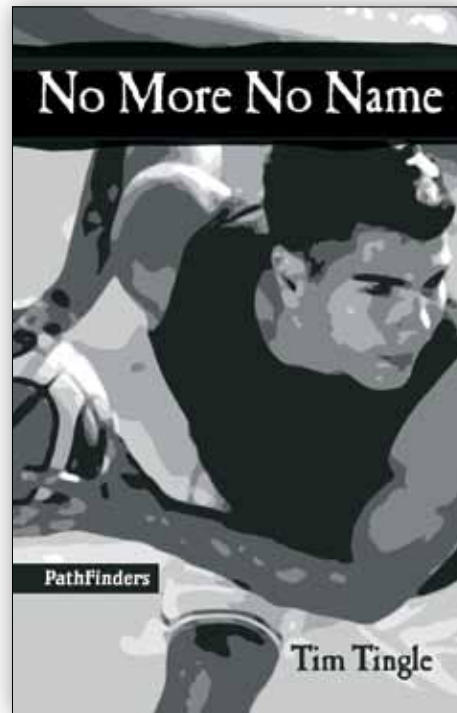
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# No More No Name

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This is the second novel in the No Name series.

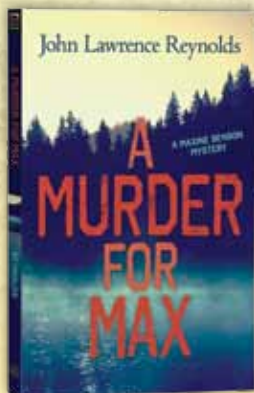
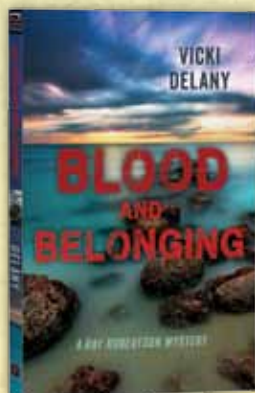
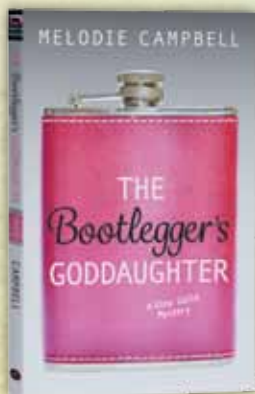
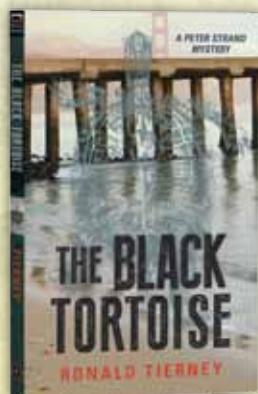
**Tim Tingle** is an Oklahoma Choctaw and an award-winning author and storyteller. *Walking the Choctaw Road*, a collection of stories based on interviews with tribal Elders, was selected as Book of the Year by both Oklahoma Reads! and Alaska Reads! In 2016 his novel *House of Purple Cedar* won the American Indian Youth Literature Award. For more information, visit [www.timtingle.com](http://www.timtingle.com).

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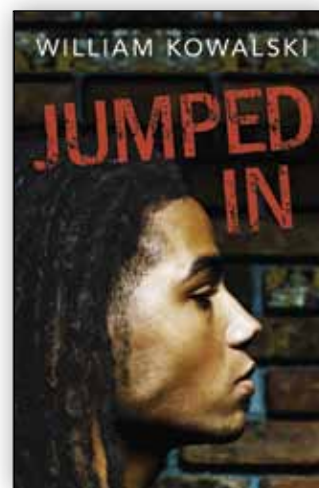
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**William Kowalski** is the author of fourteen novels, including the international bestseller *Eddie's Bastard* and *The Hundred Hearts*. Four of the titles William wrote for the Rapid Reads series have been nominated for the Ontario Library Association's Golden Oak Award. His work has been translated into fifteen languages. He lives with his family in Nova Scotia. For more information, visit [www.williamkowalski.com](http://www.williamkowalski.com).

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By the age of eighteen, **Gail Anderson-Dargatz** knew she wanted to write about women in rural settings. Today Gail is a bestselling author. *A Recipe for Bees* and *The Cure for Death by Lightning* were finalists for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. She also teaches other authors how to write fiction. Gail divides her time between the Shuswap region of British Columbia and Manitoulin Island in Ontario. For more information, visit [www.gailanderson-dargatz.ca](http://www.gailanderson-dargatz.ca).

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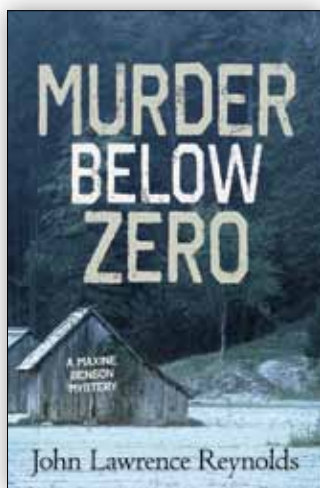
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**John Lawrence Reynolds** has had thirty works of fiction and nonfiction published. His work has earned two Arthur Ellis Awards for Best Mystery Novel, a National Business Book Award and a CBC Bookie Award. His bestselling book *Shadow People*, tracing the development and influence of secret societies through history, was published in fourteen countries and twelve languages. He has also authored several business and investment books. *Murder Below Zero* is the second book in the Maxine Benson mystery series. John lives in Burlington, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.wryter.ca](http://www.wryter.ca).

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**Vicki Delany** is one of Canada's most prolific and varied crime writers. The first book in her Sergeant Ray Robertson series for Rapid Reads, *Juba Good*, was nominated for a Derringer Award, an Arthur Ellis Award and the Ontario Library Association's Golden Oak Award. She is the author of more than twenty crime novels. Vicki lives in Prince Edward County, Ontario. For more information, visit [www.vickidelany.com](http://www.vickidelany.com).

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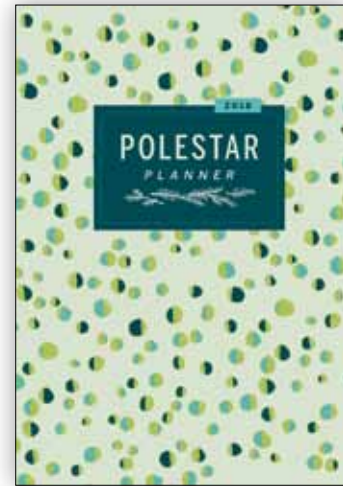
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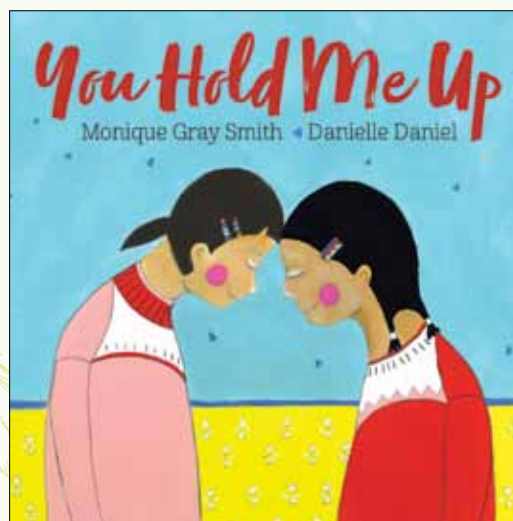
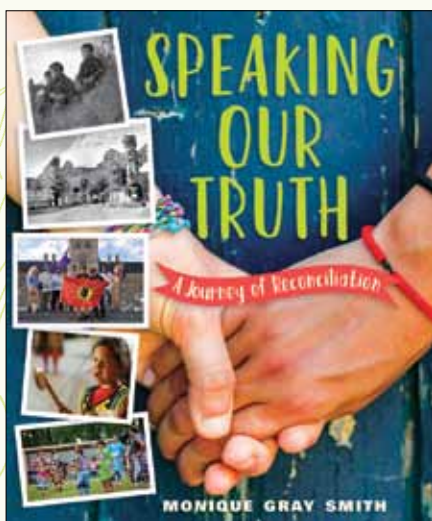


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