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Selected
and evaluated
by teacher-
librarians



2007 – 2008 Catalogue

Dear teacher-librarians,

Once again, the Association of Book Publishers of BC (ABPBC) is pleased to offer BC schools a selection of the best of books published in the province suitable for school libraries. This year we are very excited to also offer you FREE books if you take just a short amount of time to give us some feedback on the catalogue. This essential information will help us obtain funding to continue the catalogue into the future.

Over the years we have listened to your suggestions and incorporated them where possible into the format of the catalogue. Titles are organized alphabetically by title according to the appropriate grade level: Elementary or Secondary, with a Cross Grades section accommodating books that will be useful at both levels. An index will help you locate books. A checklist of all the books in the catalogue is available on our website at <http://books.bc.ca/images/pdfs/BcBooksCheck07.pdf>. We understand from teacher-librarians that this helps to organize your order to your supplier of choice. Unfortunately the ABPBC cannot process orders.

The ABPBC is indebted to the team of teacher-librarian evaluators who selected the books in this catalogue from submissions, wrote the annotations and applied the curriculum areas and grade levels for us. Their professionalism ensures the integrity and usefulness of the catalogue.

The production and distribution of this catalogue would not be possible without the support of The Canada Council for the Arts, the Government of Canada through the Book Publishing Industry Development Program of Canadian Heritage and the BC Arts Council.

Teacher-librarians are crucial to student achievement and student literacy, which is why the ABPBC supports the BC Coalition for School Libraries, an important group that aims to raise awareness of the role of school libraries and teacher-librarians in our society. Our members also hope that this catalogue helps to ensure that appropriate Canadian materials serve these same objectives and that our books will find a place in our school libraries.

Yours truly,

Margaret Reynolds
Executive Director,
Association of Book Publishers of BC

October 2007

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BC Books for BC Schools 2007/08

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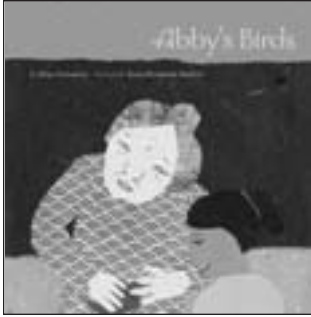
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Abby's Birds

**Ellen Schwartz
Sima Elizabeth Shefrin**
Tradewind Books

This award-winning book uses patterned Japanese origami paper, textured cut-paper and rice paper in collage style to create intriguing artwork. Abby learns valuable life lessons from Mrs. Naka, her elderly Japanese neighbour. Through their shared love of the backyard robin family, Abby experiences the joys and sorrows of the life cycle. When Mrs. Naka is hospitalized, Abby is able to express empathy and love for her in a poignant way with the origami paper cranes her neighbour had taught her to fold. Instructions for creating paper cranes are printed inside the book jacket cover.

Ellen Schwartz is a Burnaby, BC author who has written twelve children's books. Sima Elizabeth Shefrin lives in Vancouver and on Gabriola Island, BC.

**SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-3
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, FINE ARTS:
VISUAL ARTS**

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 32 pp. 10"x19"
coloured cut-paper collage
ISBN: 1896580866 \$19.95 HC



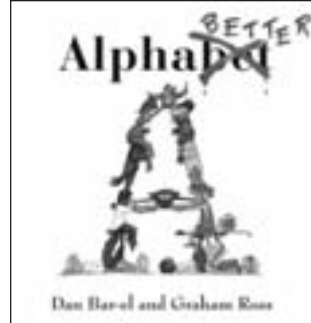
The Airplane Ride

**Howard White
Greta Guzek**
Nightwood Editions

A young boy's first airplane trip across North America with his parents is described in this lively, easy-to-read picture book. This is a great story to prepare children for their first experience with flying from boarding to disembarkation. The singing rhyme, appropriate for younger audiences, unfolds the descriptions of the changing views below: "shrinking cities, flat oceans, dense forests, flat farmlands, huge lakes, and twinkling lights." The colourful full-page illustrations bring the story to life.

**SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-1
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS**

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 32 pp. 9.25"x9.25"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9780889712249 \$16.95 HC



Alphabetter

**Dan Bar-el
Graham Ross**
Orca Book Publishers

The dust jacket reads: "Dan Bar-el believes that the highest compliment a preschool child can pay is to call one silly... Nothing gets a giggle like the absurd." This is a silly book that will make young students giggle. It works this way: the page for the letter E features Edward who has an egg. However, the illustration shows poor Edward playing football and the egg just doesn't fit the bill. What he really needs is a...football. Get it? The students will! *Alphabetter* will actively engage students. Without knowing it, they will learn the alphabet. The illustrations are colourful and humorous. For good measure, and more fun, Ross hides a letter on each page for children to find.

Dan Bar-el is the author of *Things are Looking Up, Jack* and *Things are Looking Grimm, Jill*. Graham Ross is the illustrator of *By a Thread* by Ned Dickens.

**SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-1
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS**

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 32 pp. 9"x9"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781551434391 \$19.95
HC/9781551438610 \$9.95 PA



The Aunts Come Marching

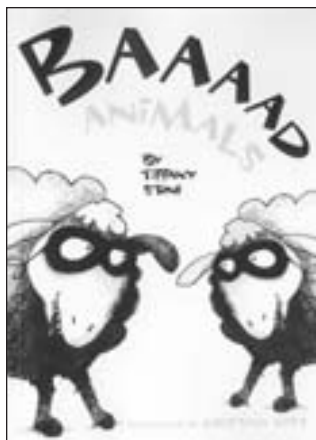
**Bill Richardson
Cynthia Nugent**
Raincoast Books

On a quiet, relaxing day, solitude is broken with the arrival of a number of musical relatives. Numerous aunts, with musical accompaniment, march in to take over the peaceful household to the delight of the children. As the succession of musical aunts arrive with their big bass drums, piccolos, sousaphones, cymbals, trumpets, bagpipes, bassoons, harps, kazooes, trombones and saxophones, Dad sends them upstairs to the great room. After the last group led by Auntie Gwen arrives and ascends the stairs, Dad makes his exit to seek solace once again. *The Aunts Come Marching* is illustrated with large full-page illustrations of imaginatively attired aunts. Children will love counting the aunts, singing the lyrics (music provided) to the story and moving to the rhythm.

**SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-3
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, FINE ARTS**

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 32 pp. 8.5"x11"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781551929903 \$19.95 HC

ELEMENTARY



Baad Animals

Tiffany Stone
Christina Leist
Tradewind Books

The poems in this book are quirky and comical and encourage active listening. Young children love to move to the rhythm of poetry and to chime in with that final rhyming word. Especially if the poem is very silly. "If you Knew What the Gnu Knew" invites children to play with homonyms. How about emulating this poem with Hare/Heir/Hair or Bear/Bare or Horse/Hoarse? Is your class studying magnets? Use "Don't Give a Magnet to an Elephant" to create a poem about all the things that might get stuck to a magnet. How about adding members to "Our Club" of animals with weird-sounding names as part of a science or geography unit? This book of poems invites children of all ages to play with words and images. It shows them that poetry can be fun.

Tiffany Stone also wrote *Floyd the Flamingo and His Flock of Friends*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 61 pp. 8.5"x6"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 9781896580364 \$9.95 PA



Behind the Sorcerer's Cloak

Andrea Spalding
Orca Book Publishers

The fourth installment in The Summer of Magic Quartet is a well-told fantasy and mystery involving four children in past and present events on the Isle of Man. The previous volume ends with Adam lost in a magic portal in the Dark Being's domain, unable to return. The other children and their adult companions go to the Isle of Man, where Holly had, in a dream, seen the Lady being buried. Holly is the only one who can order the beads to waken the sleeping Lady. There is much action between the forces of Dark and Light, and a long-awaited confrontation does not have a clear winner. Adam is saved and there is reconciliation between the two forces. The children return to their home where Chantel and Adam's parents do not resolve their differences, but both will listen to their children's wishes.

The author has been nominated for the Silver Birch, Hackmatack and Manitoba Reader's Choice Awards.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 192 pp. 5"x7.5"
ISBN: 978151436272 \$9.95 PA



Big Snapper

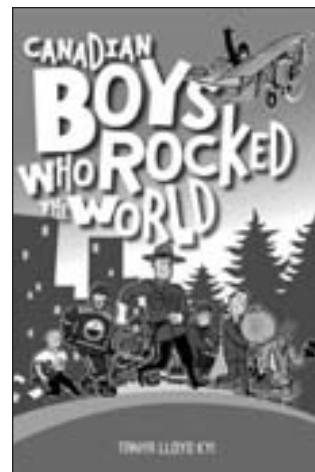
Katherine Holubitsky
Orca Book Publishers

In Haida Gwaii, ten-year old Eddie spends summer days fishing with his granddad, who entertains Eddie with tall tales about a giant snapper. Eddie believes that by catching the giant snapper, his family's fortunes will change. His family is poor. His father left for the city and has not called home for months. When his granddad falls ill and must be hospitalized in the city, Eddie feels twice abandoned. To make ends meet, Eddie's family opens a B & B. Children from the city complain that there is "nothing to do" on the island. True, there are no shopping malls, movie theatres, McDonald's or computers. But Eddie begins to realize the riches he has in community, family, fishing and nature. Eddie's father comes to the same realization and returns home. Together they catch the big snapper, only to release it.

Katherine Holubitsky also wrote *The Mountain That Walked, Alone at Ninety Foot* and *The Hippie House*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 144 pp. 5"x7.5"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 978151435633 \$7.95 PA



Canadian Boys Who Rocked the World

Tanya Lloyd Kyi
Walrus Books

This book for boys has thirty biographies of historical and contemporary Canadian male heroes from the world of sports, wars, performing arts, business, exploration and sciences. The chapters of the book contain high-interest sidebars: a "Fast Fact" sidebar about the person whose life story is being written; a "Boys Around the World" sidebar about another famous male hero; and a "How Will You Rock the World?" sidebar written by a contemporary Canadian boy about his dream for the future. This book can encourage boys to aspire, do compatible research and write about family members and themselves.

Tanya Lloyd Kyi is the author of eight children's books, including *Canadian Girls Who Rocked the World*. She has won the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 128 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs, line drawings
ISBN: 9781515285799 \$12.95 PA



Dogabet

Dianna Bonder
Walrus Books

This title is the third alphabet-themed book by the popular Dianna Bonder. Twenty-six different common to obscure breeds of dogs are represented by one letter and zany alliterations on each page, beginning with "A - Aristocratic Afghan Hounds attend abstract art auctions." The challenging vocabulary can enrich the read-aloud quality. The illustrations fill each canine's page and feature several smaller pictures starting with the same letter, plus a hidden letter, cat and bone to find near each dog. The hidden letters can be compiled to reveal a secret message. The back cover reinforces the alphabet theme with a gallery of the twenty-six breeds starting with Afghan Hounds, British Bulldogs, Chihuahuas and Dachshunds.

Dianna Bonder lives on Gabriola Island, BC and has illustrated several children's books including *A Pacific Alphabet*, *Accidental Alphabet* and *Eleven Lazy Llamas*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-4
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 32 pp. 11"x9.25"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781552857972 \$19.95
HC/9781552859223 \$8.95 PA



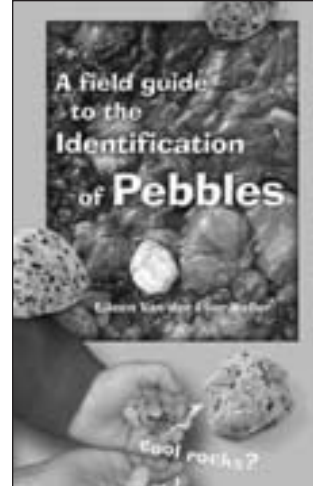
The Eco-Diary of Kiran Singer

Sue Ann Alderson
Millie Ballance
Tradewind Books

Written in spirited verse in diary format, spanning a one-week period, the subject of *Eco-Diary* is the ecological environment of the Camosun Bog in Vancouver, which has existed for over two thousand years. A young girl joins her mother in a group called the Crazy Boggers in their attempt to restore the bog and save it from the encroaching urban landscape. Rich watercolour illustrations accompany each selection dealing with various aspects of the bog. Numerous topics include descriptions of vegetation, such as moss, sedges and lilies; the sounds of inhabitants, including insects, birds and animals; and several unique species of flowers.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 64 pp. 8.5"x6"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781896580470 \$18.95 HC



A Field Guide to the Identification of Pebbles

Eileen Van der Flier-Keller
Harbour Publishing

This laminated leaflet provides photographs and basic information to identify common rocks and pebbles found in BC. It gives information on the three major types of rocks and explains how pebbles are formed from them. Useful as a first step, it will probably send young rock hounds looking for more in-depth material.

Laminated foldout format will be difficult to process and shelve in a library.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-6
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCE

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 8-Fold 4.5"x9"
colour photographs
ISBN: 9781550173956 \$7.95
Pamphlet



The Gathering Tree

Larry Loyie with
Constance Brissenden
Heather D. Holmlund
Theytus Books

Two Aboriginal children get a better understanding of the risks associated with HIV infection when their older cousin comes to visit. A tribal gathering offers prayers and ceremonies for healing and presents a forum for accurate information on the disease. Questions are posed and answered at the back of the book along with contact information for further clarification. Supported by the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Larry Loyie and Heather D. Holmlund won the Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-Fiction for their book *As Long as the Rivers Flow*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, PERSONAL PLANNING, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2005 48 pp. 10"x10"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781894778282 \$19.95
HC/9781894778428 \$15.95 PA

ELEMENTARY



The Golden Boy

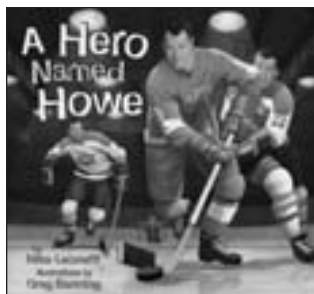
**Beverley Wood
& Chris Wood**
Raincoast Books

Still grieving for his mother, killed in a car accident, Tomi is mad at his father for remarrying and he doesn't want to go on a "family honeymoon" so he runs away. Chasing after a mysterious bull terrier, Tomi finds himself back in time in 1939 Juneau, Alaska, where his mechanical abilities make him useful but his Japanese heritage makes him an object of suspicion. With the help of the terrier, Patsy Ann, and some new friends, Tomi is able to repair the broken mechanical Golden Boy doll and solve the riddle of a missing gold mine. Along the way he learns some interesting stories about his own family background and comes to terms with the changes in his life.

This is the third book in the Sirius Mystery series following *Dogstar* and *Jack's Knife*. A teacher guide is available free online from Raincoast Books at www.raincoast.com.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, PERSONAL
PLANNING

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 392 pp. 5"x7.75"
ISBN: 978151929538 \$12.95 PA



A Hero Named Howe

**Mike Leonetti
Greg Banning**
Raincoast Books

In this newest addition to the Hockey Heroes series, a Detroit Red Wings fan, young Charlie, has an exciting opportunity to attend the team's hockey school. One of Charlie's instructors is his hero, Gordie Howe, a great hockey icon whose career spanned fifty years. During that career Howe led the league in points, had a powerful snap shot and broke the NHL all-time scoring record. Charlie listens well and practises everything taught to him for the duration of the hockey school. During a Detroit versus Montreal hockey game, Charlie meets another hockey great, Foster Hewitt. Hewitt was renowned for his unique style of play-by-play descriptions and his famous goal call.

The bold print of various words throughout the book distracts rather than offers any enhancement.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-5
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 32 pp. 10.25"x9.5"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 978151929316 \$21.95 HC



Honey Cake

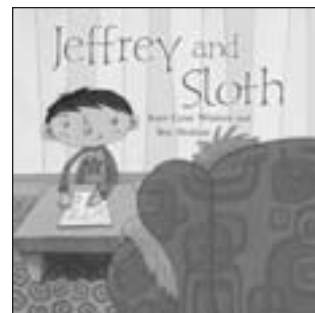
**Joan Betty Stuchner
Cynthia Nugent**
Tradewind Books

Honey cake is a treat baked once a year by nine-year-old David's mama, even though his papa is a respected baker in Copenhagen. For their Jewish family, the cake helps to welcome a "sweet New Year" at Rosh Hashanah. In this short, historical-fiction, novel based on the Nazi occupation of Denmark from 1940-1943, the honey cake also comes to symbolize "the sweet taste of freedom" for the many Jews who escaped to Sweden in fishing boats thanks to the non-Jewish Danish people. One day, David must unexpectedly assist his older sister's courageous Resistance work. This book is enhanced by an afterword explaining the Danish Resistance movement, a honey cake recipe and letters between David and his best friend.

The author and illustrator both live in Vancouver. Cynthia Nugent is the award-winning illustrator of *Mr. Got To Go* by Lois Simmie.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 96 pp. 8.5"x5.75"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 9781896580371 \$16.95 HC



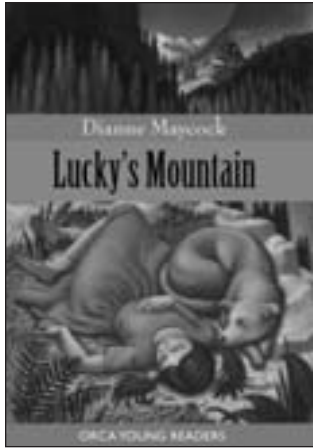
Jeffrey and Sloth

**Kari-Lynn Winters
Ben Hodson**
Orca Book Publishers

A recently created doodle takes on a life of its own in this easy-to-read, large print picture book. Faced with the task of writing, young Jeffrey finds himself staring at a blank page. The longer he mulls over his task, the more he doodles... until he hears a voice. The Sloth, which he has just created, speaks to him. The more the Sloth talks to and bosses around Jeffrey, the more inspiration and empowerment Jeffrey acquires for his writing and his artistic expression.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-3
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 32 pp. 10.5"x10.5"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781551433233 \$19.95 HC



Lucky's Mountain

Dianne Maycock
Orca Book Publishers

In this Orca Young Reader, Sadie's life is turned upside down when her pa dies in a British Columbia coalmine disaster during the Great Depression. The family must now move to a boarding house in Vancouver. Sadie can cope with leaving behind the class bully behind and even the majestic mountains that she has called home, but she just doesn't want to leave Lucky—her three-legged dog that Pa had given to her. After asking her classmates to look after her dog, she approaches the mine owner, whose solution is for her to leave Lucky in the hands of Crazy Louie, a tramp living on the edge of the mine that some say committed murder. Crazy Louie will have to earn Sadie's trust so she can leave Lucky behind and move on with her life.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 114 pp. 5"x7.5"
ISBN: 9781551436821 \$7.95 PA



Never to be Told

Becky Citra
Orca Book Publishers

Twelve-year-old Asia lives with Maddy and Ira who have looked after her since her young mother abandoned her at a young age. After Ira suffers a heart attack, Maddy and Ira's son Harry comes to look after things. He wants his parents to live with him in California but Asia isn't included in the plans. He is able to track down Asia's grandmother in Vancouver. Beth Cumfrey is a widow who is willing to look after her new-found granddaughter. A parallel story is told in chapters interspersed throughout Asia's story. Miranda Williams is a ghost who has appeared to Asia. She lived in Cold Creek in the early 1900s and looked after a little girl whose drifter father had left her behind when he went out looking for work. A satisfactory resolution and a solving of Miranda's mystery end the novel.

The author is a primary school teacher as well as a writer.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 224 pp. 5"x7.5"
ISBN: 9781551435671 \$8.95 PA



Race to the Rescue

Sharon Siamon
Walrus Books

In this third and final book of the Saddle Island series, thirteen-year-old Kelsie, Nova Scotia's young horse rescuer, suspiciously acquires a skittish young thoroughbred mare named Diamond. After finding out Diamond may be pregnant, Kelsie and her friend Jen arrange to transport the mare to Saddle Island where Kelsie's other four horses are being kept for the summer. While taking Diamond across the cove, the waves pick up, and Diamond is tossed overboard. A strange man appears in a kayak, saves Diamond, then disappears. He later reappears at the barn where Jen is settling the horses. Jen. She accompanies him to his camp to get warm where she discovers the horrifying truth of his mission—to kidnap the mare and her unborn foal.

Sharon Siamon (sharonsiamon.com) has written many other books for 8-12 year olds, including the *Mustang Mountain* and the *Fishing For Trouble* series.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 176 pp. 5.25"x7.25"
ISBN: 9781552858554 \$8.95 PA



Secret of the Dance

**Andrea Spalding
& Alfred Scow
Darlene Gait**
Orca Book Publishers

Although fictional, this story is based on events in the childhood of Kwick'wa'sut'eneuk elder Alfred Scow, whose childhood name was Wat'l'kina. In 1935 Wat'l'kina's family took part in a forbidden Potlatch. They pretend to be going out fishing, but secretly prepare for the ceremony. At a small village the children are told to go to bed while the elders meet. Not content to wait, Wat'l'kina sneaks up to the Gookji (Big House) where he sees the characters from the old stories come to life. The illustrations are a combination of traditional and modern artwork, with traditional west coast Aboriginal designs. Includes a glossary of Kwa'kwa'la words and an historical note.

Spalding's other works include *Solomon's Tree* and the *Summer of Magic Quartet*. *Solomon's Tree* was the First Nation Communities Read 2004 Book of the Year. Scow is a retired judge.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 2-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 32 pp. 11"x11"
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781551433967 \$19.95 HC



Shadows on the Train

Melanie Jackson
Orca Book Publishers

In this fifth book in the Dinah Galloway series, Dinah travels to Toronto to perform in a talent show. She is pursued on the train by two mysterious characters, the Whisperer and Bowl Cut. They seem to be after a treasure that she doesn't have. References to Dinah's father add some drama and seriousness to the novel. A series of farfetched and hilarious events follow the spunky amateur detective. Between nurses getting poison ivy and her sister believing her fiancé is two-timing her, people disappearing off trains, and characters who aren't what they appear, Dinah and her friends have adventure after slapstick adventure.

The author is a creative writing mentor for the Vancouver School Board. She has won the Ontario Silver Birch Award and been nominated for the Rocky Mountain Book Award and the BC Chocolate Lily Award.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 192 pp. 4.25"x7"
ISBN: 978151436609 \$8.95 PA



The Summer of the Marco Polo

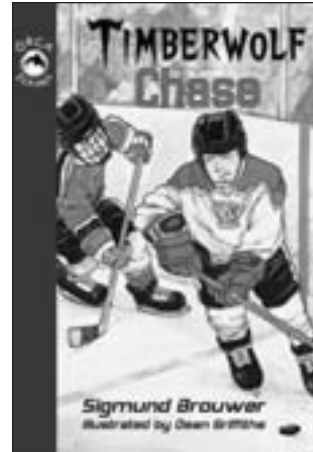
Lynn Manuel
Orca Book Publishers

Lucy Maud Montgomery was a child in 1883 when a famous clipper ship, the Marco Polo, ran aground near her home in Cavendish, PEI. The captain and crew were rescued by the local islanders and spent the summer among them. The captain lived with young Maud and her grandparents. Shy Maud befriended the captain and crew and recorded her memories about this very special summer in her journal. The meticulous, realistic images show us life on the island in the late nineteenth century. PEI's red soil, rolling farmland, beaches and details of the famous clipper ship are clearly depicted. A short glossary is included.

Other titles by Lynn Manuel include *Lucy Maud and the Cavendish Cat* and *Camels Always Do*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 2-5
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
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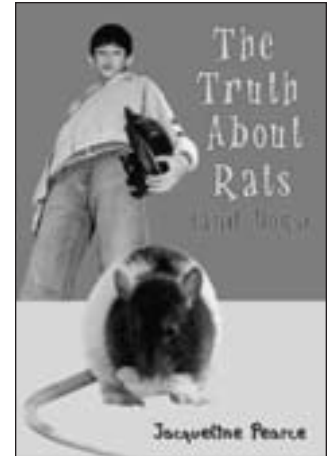
Timberwolf Chase

Sigmund Brouwer
Orca Book Publishers

In this Orca Echoes series title, the howling Timberwolves Hockey Team acquires a new player, Tom Morgan. Veteran team members Johnny Maverick and his best friend, Stu Duncan, soon discover Tom's ability to play but his inability to be a team player. Tom bullies Stu and is determined to get him off the team. Johnny devises a plan and suggests a race between Stu and Tom, with winner take all. If Tom wins, Stu quits the team and if Stu wins, Tom must wear a dress to the next hockey game. Having familiarity on his side, Stu wins the race. However, to prove to Tom how a team pulls together, the team surprises Tom and everyone! The high interest level will delight young readers along with the black and white illustrations by Dean Griffiths.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-5
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 64 pp. 5"x7.5"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 978151435480 \$6.95 PA



The Truth About Rats (and Dogs)

Jacqueline Pearce
Orca Book Publishers

Connor wants a pet and he doesn't want to play the piano. When the Animal Club volunteers at the SPCA shelter, Connor finds himself fostering a pet rat without his parents' permission. Keeping the secret is even harder than trying to keep up with his musical genius sister and, predictably, Connor gets found out. Although trouble ensues, Connor's parents do start to see him as he is rather than how they would like him to be. The ending is both satisfactory and believable.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, PERSONAL PLANNING,

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 176 pp. 5"x7.5"
ISBN: 978151434735 \$8.95 PA



Welcome to the World of Spirit Bears

Diane Swanson
Walrus Books

The spirit bear is a black bear that is white. They are not albino and not polar bears. Another name is Kermode. They live only in northwestern British Columbia, especially on Princess Royal Island. The spirit bear became an emblem of British Columbia in 2006. This volume in the Welcome to the World series includes chapters relating facts about appearance, habitat, food and young. "Fun World" tells of the importance of play in the young bear's life. There are colour illustrations on each double-page spread and each chapter has a sidebar on interesting facts. The spirit bear legend tells of a time when snow buried the earth. The raven wanted people to remember this time, so flew among the black bears and turned every tenth one white.

The author has been recognized with many awards, including the Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-7
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 32 pp. 8"x8"
colour photographs
ISBN: 978152858479 \$6.95 PA



Welcome to the World of Wolverines

Diane Swanson
Walrus Books

Putting down dung and ooze from scent glands to leave signals is one of the many facts about the wolverine presented in this volume. The wolverine is the strongest mammal for its size. It is sometimes mistaken for a bear cub with its little eyes, rounded ears and boxy snouts. It is a fierce animal that commonly eats kill from other animals, but is capable of providing its own food. It snacks on berries, roots, eggs and hunts small animals. In winter it hunts larger animals that become stuck in the snow. The chapters provide a description of the animal and information on habitat, communication and newborns. Unique to this book is "World of the Scavenger" chapter. Each double-page layout has at least one large colour photograph. There is an informative sidebar with related facts in each chapter.

The author has been recognized with many awards, including the Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-7
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 32 pp. 8"x8"
colour photographs
ISBN: 978152858400 \$6.95 PA



What a Hippopotami-Mess!

Pat Skene
Graham Ross
Orca Book Publishers

This is an intriguing book filled with humorous rhymes about various aspects of nature. Two hippopotami joke with a little boy and save him from crocodiles and creepy critters, such as wiggling worms, spindly spiders, slithering snakes and clinging centipedes. A smiling lizard and his two friends, otter and frog, are amazed to see three characters staring back at them from the pond. A sleeping tree, a moose called Blue Muckles Brown and notorious dandelions all round out the playful characters. An additional feature is the informative facts on all the subjects of the poems in a question and answer format. The black and white line drawings by Graham Ross enhance the entertaining stories.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 2-5
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 64 pp. 5"x7.5"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 97815151434025 \$6.95 PA



When the Curtain Rises

Rachel Dunstan Muller
Orca Book Publishers

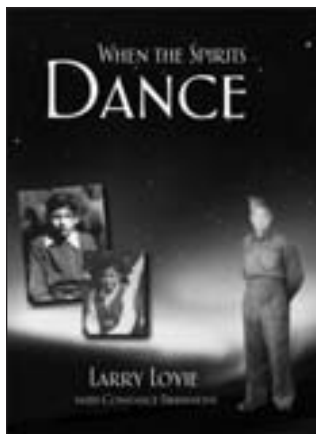
When Chloe receives an invitation to spend a summer with her twin great aunts, initially she decides not to go. But when she hears her father's stories of secret passageways and mysteries surrounding the aunts' old Victorian mansion, she changes her mind. She is also curious about the tiny gold key that had arrived with the invitation. Chloe is a gifted pianist suffering from a bout of embarrassing performance anxiety. Once at her great aunts', Chloe is consumed by the mysteries of the house and the unexplained disappearance of her magician great-grandfather. Chloe discovers a rosewood box, mentioned in her great grandfathers' memoirs as a wish-giving box. After making a few frivolous wishes, each with dire consequences, Chloe realizes the danger of the box, and does to it what should have been done long ago.

Muller is the author of *Ten Thumb Sam*, an Orca Young Reader.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, FINE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 144 pp. 5"x7.5"
ISBN: 97815151436159 \$8.95 PA

ELEMENTARY



When the Spirits Dance

Larry Loyie with
Constance Brissenden
Theytus Books

This is the second book in the “Lawrence” series, based on the author’s life. It is set in Northern Alberta in the early 1940s when his father is conscripted to fight in World War II. The book tells how Lawrence and his extended family obtain most of their food from their surroundings. Lawrence is allowed to camp alone when they are out tapping birch for syrup. Aboriginal peoples honour the birch for its gift. The epilogue gives details of life in Rabbit Lake, near Slave Lake. The book also references the 6 300 Canadian army deserters, American soldiers who passed though on their way to build the Alaska Highway and that Aboriginal veterans were denied rights and benefits until recently.

First Nations author Larry Loyie won the Norma Fleck Award for Non-fiction for *As Long as the Rivers Flow*, for which *When the Spirits Dance* is the prequel.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 3-7
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES 4

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 44 pp. 7.5”x10.25”
colour and b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781894778404 \$19.95 HC



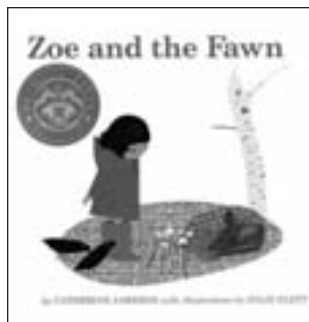
Yossi's Goal

Ellen Schwartz
Orca Book Publisher

In this Orca Young Reader, Yossi’s family immigrated to Montreal from their small village in Russia in the spring of 1891, after Russian soldiers had started attacking Jewish settlements. The family lives in a run-down tenement, and they are poorer than they were before. It seems that no matter how hard they work, they never have enough money. There is talk of a union forming and the possibility of a strike to improve working conditions. Yossi works when he can by selling newspapers and delivering garments from the sweatshop his father works at. When his father suddenly becomes extremely ill, it is up to Yossi to decide if he should use his hard-earned money to help his family, or buy the ice skates he desperately needs so that he can play hockey with the French boys.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-6
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No
2006 144 pp. 5”x7.5”
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 9781551434926 \$7.95 PA



Zoe and the Fawn

Catherine Jameson
Julie Flett
Theytus Books

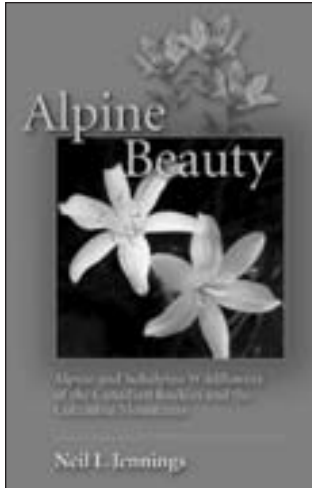
Zoe and her father come upon a fawn in the forest. Zoe wonders where the fawn’s mother is. Together, Zoe and her father search for the mother deer, first asking about each animal “Is that _____ the fawn’s mother?” and then revisiting each animal on the return trip stating, “That _____ is not the fawn’s mother.” When they arrive back at the meadow, the mother deer is with her fawn. The repetitive pattern and rhythm of this book will encourage beginning readers to read independently. The illustrations are delicate, simple and uniquely textured with fine details. Their earth tones capture the colours of the forest. The Native Okanagan (Syilx) names for each animal are written in parentheses throughout the story.

The author and illustrator are both of native heritage. This title was a BC Book Prize Honour Book.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: K-2
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 32 pp. 8”x8”
colour illustrations
ISBN: 9781894778435 \$12.95 PA





Alpine Beauty
Alpine and Subalpine
Wildflowers of the Canadian
Rockies and the Columbia
Mountains

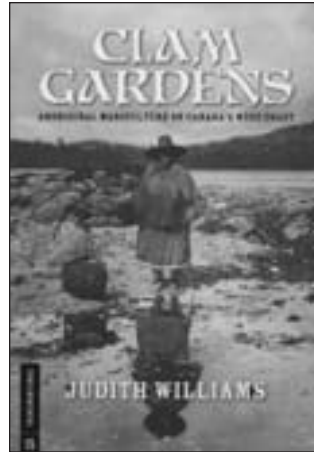
Neil L. Jennings
Rocky Mountain Books

This pocket guide is for hikers and amateur naturalists. The wildflowers and flowering shrubs depicted are arranged first by colour and then by family. Due to varying weather conditions plants that exist at higher elevations differ from those found at lower elevations, where more low shrubs and herbs are found. Each entry includes a general description and where the plant can be found. Also included are the scientific name, historical information and highlights, such as poisonous effects, Aboriginal uses, and what animals favour the fruits.

Jennings photographs and writings have appeared in a number of outdoor magazines.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCE

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 224 pp. 5"x8"
colour photographs
ISBN: 9781894765831 \$22.95 PA



Clam Gardens
Aboriginal Mariculture on
Canada's West Coast

Judith Williams
New Star Books

The author's struggle to have the Northwest Coast Aboriginals recognized as farmers, although marine farmers, is documented in this book. She describes the clam gardens in Waiatt Bay and her archaeological explorations into the making and use of these areas. Excellent descriptions of the clam terraces and how they are maintained are enhanced with photographs. Included are Aboriginal oral stories of how clamming came to be, as well as reports left by European explorers. This is not only a history of Aboriginal mariculture but of clamming on Vancouver Island and the surrounding areas.

Williams' published works include *High Slack, Two Wolves at the Dawn of Time: Kingcome Inlet Pictographs, 1893-1998* and *Dynamite Stories*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 7-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, SCIENCE: BIOLOGY 11 AND 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 128 pp. 6.75"x9.75"
b/w photographs, maps, drawings, diagrams
ISBN: 9781554200238 \$19.00 PA



The Comox Valley
Courtenay, Comox,
Cumberland, and Area

Paula Wild with Rick James Boomer Jerritt,
photographer
Harbour Publishing

This stunningly illustrated book presents the past and present of the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island in all its natural and man-made glory. Natural history, Aboriginal peoples, early settlers and development are presented in an accessible narrative. Place names are connected to people, events and activities with entertaining anecdotes. Chapters are devoted to the major towns, working the land, and contemporary attractions and issues. This book introduces the history and features of this region with its wide range of environments: marine, lakes, rivers, alpine areas, rainforest.

Wild is also the author of *One River, Two Cultures: A History of the Bella Coola Valley*. James is the author of *Ghost Ships of Royston*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 144 pp. 8.5"x11"
colour photographs, map
ISBN: 9781550174083 \$34.95 HC



The Darwin Expedition

Diane Tullson
Orca Book Publishers

This novel in the Orca Sounding series appeals to reluctant readers through an interesting plot and fast-paced action in scenic settings that involve snowboarding, friendship, the outdoors and danger. The protagonists roll their truck on an old logging road, and realize they must hike out of the backcountry in order to save themselves. They endure cold weather, scarce food and fighting amongst themselves. Their lives are threatened when they cross paths with a grizzly bear and her cub. The two main characters must learn to trust and rely on each other in order to survive. The resolution of the story demonstrates that friends can disagree and even hurt each other, but they can remain friends nonetheless.

Diane Tullson has published six novels for young adults. A free Orca Soundings teachers' guide is available at www.orcabook.com.

Caution: Some inappropriate sexual and sexist references.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 7-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 112 pp. 4.25"x7"
ISBN: 9781551436760 \$9.95 PA

CROSS-GRADES



Dirtbike Daredevils

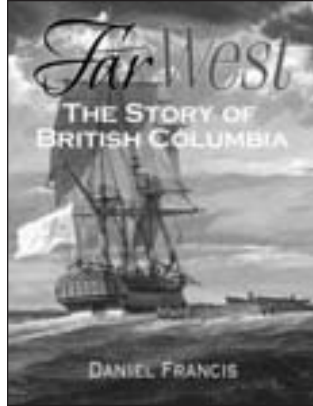
Pam Withers
Walrus Books

In this seventh title of the Take it to the Xtreme outdoor sports adventure series, fifteen-year-old best friends, Jake and Peter, find themselves as junior guides for a 150-acre motocross ranch just outside of Spokane, Washington. Jake loves the mechanical aspect of motorbikes. However, he must find it within himself to gain the confidence needed to ride the bike not only with his body, but also with his soul. Peter enjoys the thrill of the tricks associated with this challenging sport and couldn't be bothered with the mechanical aspects of the bike. The boys must work together when a freak storm hits the ranch putting the owner, his fifteen-year-old female ranch hand and a pair of llamas at risk of dying.

President of Children's Writers & Illustrators of British Columbia, Pam Withers has also been nominated for numerous awards for both her journalistic and fiction writing.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-10
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 200 pp. 4.5"x7"
ISBN: 97815252858042 \$8.95 PA



Far West

The Story of British Columbia

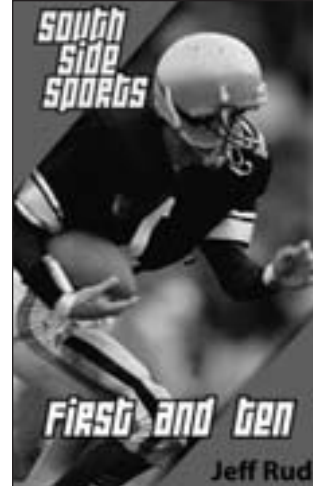
Daniel Francis
Harbour Publishing

This chronological high-interest book provides an overview of the events and people of BC from the first peoples to modern times. Included is information on the Aboriginal people, fur traders, the gold rushes, building the railway, the Confederation union, use of the natural resources, economic and demographic growth in the province and the boom time after World War II. The nine chapters are divided by subheadings making it possible to read it in portions for pertinent information, research or interest. It is filled with colourful graphics and numerous sidebars. The book could also be used as a classroom textbook.

Francis, a Canadian historian, is the editor of the *Encyclopedia of British Columbia*, contributing editor for the *Junior Encyclopedia of Canada*, as well as the author of many textbooks and numerous books.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-10
SUBJECT AREA: SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 176 pp. 8.5"x11"
b/w and sepia photographs, colour reproductions, coloured drawings, maps, charts, graphs
ISBN: 9781550174106 \$36.95 HC



First and Ten

Jeff Rud
Orca Book Publishers

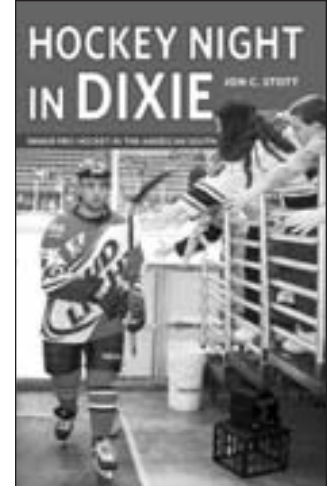
This is Jeff Rud's third book in the South Side Sports series. Football is the focal action to this high-interest book for boys. However, the theme is more complex. Matt faces complicated adolescent moral decisions both on and off the field. His father has unexpectedly returned after a ten-year absence, and now Matt wrestles with forgiving his father and building a new relationship with him. In addition, Matt finds himself involuntarily involved with a teammate's problem of parental verbal and physical abuse. He has some tough decisions to make. Will his actions be the correct ones?

Jeff Rud was a sports writer and columnist at various newspapers in Western Canada. He is now a reporter for the *Victoria Times Colonist* and an author of eight sports-related books.

Caution: includes some mild profanity

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 5-8
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, PERSONAL
PLANNING

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 176 pp. 4.25"x7"
ISBN: 9781551436906 \$8.95 PA



Hockey Night in Dixie

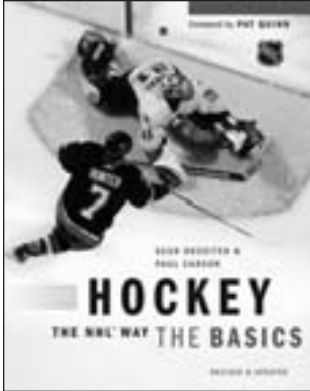
Minor Pro Hockey in the American South

Jon C. Stott
Heritage House Publishing

This text deals exclusively with minor pro hockey in the American south. It is an in-depth examination of the hockey organization's inner dealings and the growth/demise of hockey teams in various states. It begins with an examination of the Roanoke Valley Vipers of the United Hockey League, the Odessa Jackalopes of the Central Hockey League, the South Carolina Stringrays of the East Coast Hockey League, and the Fayetteville FireAntz of the Southern Professional Hockey League. It concludes with a look at minor-league hockey in the southern states from 1988-2005. With extensive statistics, interviews and captioned photographs, the text reveals the passion, disappointment and excitement of hockey fans, owners, coaches, officials and players.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-10
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS:
BUSINESS EDUCATION 8-10,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 224 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781894974219 \$19.95 PA



Hockey the NHL Way The Basics

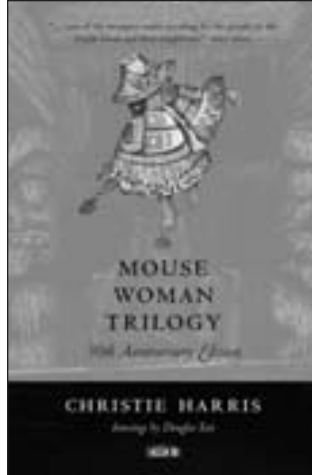
Sean Rossiter
Greystone Books

In this revised and update edition, *Hockey the NHL Way* simply and succinctly lays out the fundamentals of playing hockey for the beginner. Through clear descriptions, colour photographs and sidebars, the new player is shown conditioning drills, individual skill drills, how to play as part of a team (either on defence or offence), and is given strategies on how to apply these skills as a team player. Both beginners and experienced hockey players can benefit from this book. It is an effective review, building upon individual skills the player may have already developed. The book is an accessible read, avoiding technical jargon. Both ice and roller hockey players can improve their game by using this material. In addition, it will also be helpful to new coaches and coaches of young children just beginning the game.

Sean Rossiter is the author of nine *Hockey the NHL Way* titles.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-8,
TEACHER RESOURCE
SUBJECT AREA: PHYSICAL
EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 96 pp. 8"x10"
colour photographs
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The Mouse Woman Trilogy

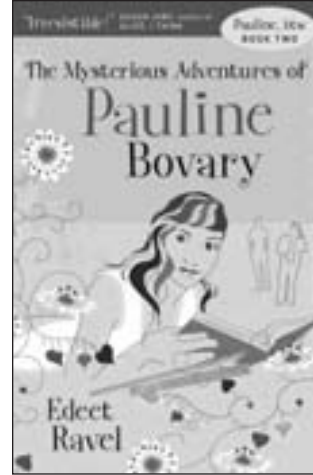
Christie Harris
Douglas Tait
Raincoast Books

This volume brings together three books of short stories: *Mouse Woman and the Mischief Makers*, *Mouse Woman and the Vanished Princess* and *Mouse Woman and the Muddleheads* for a 30th anniversary edition. Altogether there are twenty legends set in Haida Gwaii featuring Mouse Woman, a nar-nauk or supernatural being who gets involved in a number of adventures. She intervenes in people's lives to ensure they "do the right thing". She continues to inspire one towards traditional values and to take care of the Earth. In the third book she has little patience with the Muddleheads of the world. Tait's detailed line drawings illustrate the text.

Christie Harris died in 2002. She was a member of the Order of Canada and had won numerous awards.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS
**STUDIES 12, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES**

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2007 464 pp. 5.25"x8"
b/w line drawings
ISBN: 9781551928807 \$21.95 PA



The Mysterious Adventures of Pauline Bovary

Edeet Ravel
Raincoast Books

In this second of three books in the Pauline, btw series, Pauline Catrelli-Bloom, self-proclaimed teen author, decides the events and annoyances of her life continue to be worthy of recording. Pauline's life takes a turn for the worst: her recently separated mother turns to the internet to find a mate; her best friend moves to Toronto; a wealthy "old" woman buys all of her Dad's artwork and, to Pauline's disgust, aggressively woos him; and Pauline's imprudent fling with a new student costs her more than she had expected. Pauline uses her self-deprecating humour to tell of her efforts to put her life back together. The reward is a more mature, tolerant and introspective Pauline.

This is the second of three books in the Pauline, btw series. The first is reviewed in this catalogue. Ravel has won awards for her adult novels. This is her first series for teens.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 7-10
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
**LANGUAGE ARTS, HEALTH AND
CAREER EDUCATION**

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 224 pp. 5.5"x7.75"
ISBN: 9781551929866 \$11.95 PA



Panther

Roderick Haig-Brown
Harbour Publishing

In *Panther*, a reprint of the 1946 classic, the reader is taken into the world of Vancouver Island cougars around the Wapiti Valley. The author captivantly immerses readers in a world strange, cruel and compelling. The main story is of Ki-yu the cougar and one is able to see and sense how the creature thinks and what is involved in the pursuit of survival. The story of the inevitable confrontation and conflict of this creature in the wild with humans—in the person of David Milton, a cougar hunter—is crafted and told with great care, skill and thought.

Caution: Many references to the killing of animals are included, but not gratuitously.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 7-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 256 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
ISBN: 9781550173413 \$14.95 PA

CROSS-GRADES



Runnerland

John Burns
Raincoast Books

In this first novel, Peter's father dies unexpectedly. Up until then, nothing out of the ordinary has happened in Peter's nearly fifteen years. As he is looking for a hiding place for money his father left him, he discovers a document that shocks him into further confusion. He reacts by running as far from home as the Greyhound bus will take him and arrives on the West Coast. After being robbed and beaten, he begins to experience an imaginary world that he learns to manipulate and control. He survives by panhandling, and is befriended by other homeless teens. Their leader Dekman, who brings Peter under his protection, controls them. When the real and imaginary worlds threaten to collide, will Peter make the choice that will keep his life from spiraling completely out of control?

John lives in Vancouver and works for the Georgia Straight as the managing editor and books columnist. He co-authored *Urban Picnic*, a book of recipes.

Caution: Some references to drugs.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 7-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 256 pp. 5.5"x7.75"
ISBN: 978151929576 \$11.95 PA



Safe House

James Heneghan
Orca Book Publishers

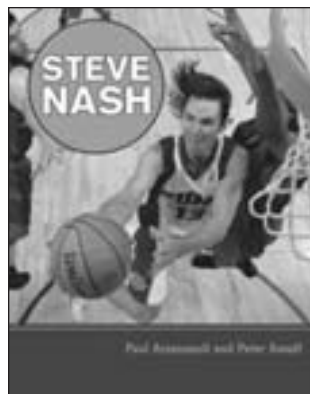
Set in Belfast, this novel explores the problems between Catholics and Protestants in this violence-ridden city. Twelve-year-old Liam Fogarty wakes to the brutal shooting of his Catholic parents. One of the killers, having removed his balaclava, realizes Liam will be able to identify him, and aims to shoot Liam, who narrowly escapes. The killer tracks him down and again attempts to get rid of him, so the police send Liam to live in a "safe house." Unfortunately everyone seems to be connected to the crime, and when the killer shows up at the house, Liam is forced again to run. An exciting chase takes place through downtown Belfast. The tragic ending comes as a blessing for Liam.

Heneghan is the author of several other award-winning books for teens including *Flood, Torn Away and Waiting For Sarah*. This book was nominated for the Sheila A. Egoff BC Book Prize for Children's Literature and the Chocolate Lily Book Award.

Caution: Some vividly described violence

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-9
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, HEALTH AND
CAREER EDUCATION, SOCIAL
STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 176 pp. 5.25"x7.75"
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Steve Nash

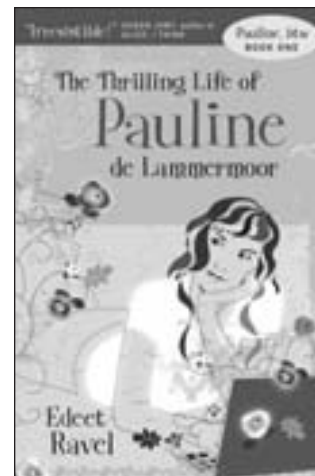
Paul Arseneault & Peter Assaff
Heritage House Publishing

The authors call this very readable and informative book a biographical tribute to Steve Nash's many outstanding contributions both in the sport of basketball and outside the court in his humanitarian and charity causes. Nash has a deep concern and love for children and, though his accomplishments in basketball are many, (including winning the MVP award twice), he believes that his greatest achievement is The Steve Nash Foundation. Success on the basketball court did not come easily and the book divulges some of the setbacks and difficulties Nash had to overcome before his work ethic, "inner calm" and "huge basketball IQ" propelled him to the top of the game. Informative sidebars enhance the text.

Peter Arseneault is a teacher, athlete and referee. Peter Assaff is a sports editor, host and announcer.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE 5-10
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2006 80 pp. 8.5"x9.5"
colour photographs
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The Thrilling Life of Pauline de Lammermoor

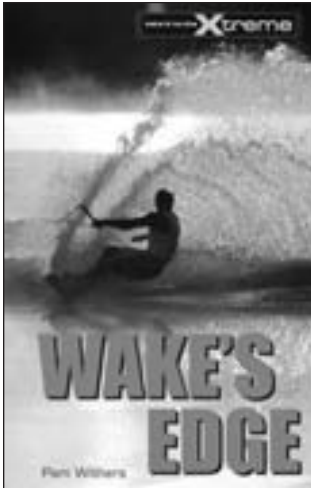
Edeet Ravel
Raincoast Books

Pauline Carelli-Bloom's life is far from perfect. She is a year behind in school due to a kindergarten mix-up. Her Jewish, extraverted, social worker mother, who helps women recently released from prison, is separated from her Italian, self-absorbed, introverted father, who spends his time painting pictures of old shoes when not teaching high school art classes. After receiving the school's prize for writing, Pauline decides to write a novel about what she perceives to be her bizarre and miserable existence. Relying on *Roger's Thesaurus* and the book *You Too Can Write a Great Novel!*, she uses humour and her gift for making the banal entertaining, to recount the events of her life so far.

This is the first of three books in the Pauline, btw series which is supported by a hilarious website (augustaplemarre.com/). Ravel has won awards for her adult novels.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-9
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, HEALTH AND
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Index/Bibliography: No/No
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Wake's Edge

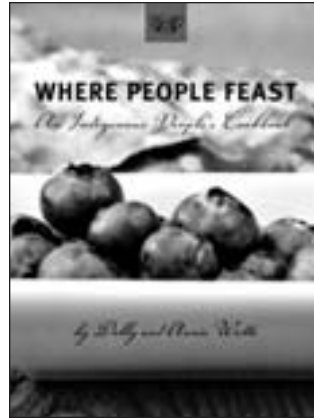
Pam Withers
Walrus Books

In this eighth title of the Take it to the Xtreme outdoor sports adventure series, fifteen-year-old best friends, Jake and Peter, are having a great time perfecting their wakeboarding skills as they take summer jobs at a privately owned lake, just outside of Bellingham. Their boss, Rocky, known as "Party Animal", shows the boys the finer points of wakeboarding as they have the lake to themselves, except for a hippie community on the other side of the lake run by Rocky's sister and her boyfriend. When Rocky's dog turns up poisoned and baby eagles are not hatching, the Wakeboarding School becomes the obvious culprit. The boys, with the help of Rocky's niece, try to determine if it is because of all the toxins the jet skis are emitting into the lake, or if it could have something to do with the abandoned sawmill near the hippie camp.

Besides the Take It to the Xtreme series, Pam Withers is the author of *Breathless*, *Camp Wild* and *The Daredevil Club*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-10
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 200 pp. 4.5"x7"
ISBN: 9781552858561 \$8.95 PA



Where People Feast

An Indigenous People's Cookbook

Dolly & Annie Watts
Arsenal Pulp Press

Where People Feast is a legacy of the highly successful Liliget Feast House, the award-winning restaurant, which ran for twelve years near Vancouver's English Bay and Stanley Park. Chefs and authors, Dolly and Annie Watts have compiled their favourite recipes from the restaurant featuring wild game, fish and local produce. Combining traditional methods and contemporary recipes, the mother and daughter team introduce many delicious treats from Alder Grilled Marinated Elk to Butternut Squash Soup to Sopalili Mousse and Just Like Grandma's Bannock, all with a First Nations twist.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 4-12
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS:
HOME ECONOMICS 11 AND 12,
HOME ECONOMICS 8 TO 10, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 192 pp. 7.5"x10"
colour photographs, b/w line drawings, map
ISBN: 9781551522210 \$24.95 PA



The Whirlwind

Carol Matas
Orca Book Publishers

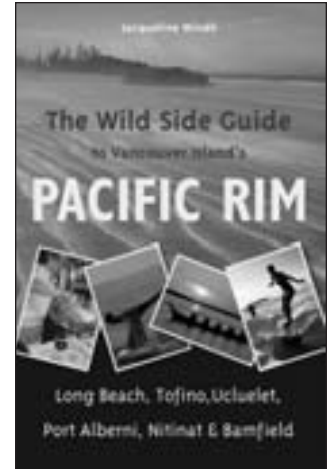
For fourteen-year-old Ben and his family, life in Nazi Germany in the time of Kristalnacht was a nightmare. When the family moves to Seattle to escape persecution, Ben is confident that life will improve. However, after Pearl Harbour is attacked by the Japanese, Ben is sure that his previous experiences are happening again. In his struggles to make sense of wartime and how God could let these awful things happen, Ben learns there aren't any simple answers and Ben comes to some surprising conclusions. The treatment and internment of American and Canadian citizens of Japanese, German and Italian descent is revealed. An historical note is included to help explain Canadian and American policies at home during the war.

Matas has written thirty-five novels for children and young adults. She has won the Geoffrey Bilson, Silver Birch and Jewish Book Awards, and was nominated for the Governor General's Award.

Caution: Some violent scenes are described.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2007 144 pp. 4.25"x7"
ISBN: 9781551437033 \$9.95 PA



The Wild Side Guide to Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim

Jacqueline Windh
Harbour Publishing

This is a handy travel guide to many aspects related to the tourist attractions of the Pacific Rim region with a focus on Long Beach, Tofino, Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Nitinat and Bamfield. Brief accounts of a general nature about the region's geography, ecosystems, flora and fauna and history are provided as well as more detailed descriptions of the features and attractions of each area. Detailed maps are included as well as information on services provided, how to get there, things to do, where to stay and eat and main attractions to see. The book is profusely illustrated with an initial thirty-two pages of colour photographs then many black and white photographs.

Jacqueline Windh lives in Tofino and has also written *The Wild Edge: Clayoquot, Long Beach and Barkley Sound*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-12
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 192 pp. 6"x9"
colour and b/w photographs, maps
ISBN: 9781550173987 \$24.95 PA

CROSS-GRADES



Winds of L'Acadie

Lois Donovan
Ronsdale Press

In this time-slip novel, sixteen-year-old Torontonion Sarah is sent by her work-obsessed mother to spend the summer with her estranged grandparents in small-town Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Sarah expects to have a dull summer but encounters just the opposite. After an awkward first meeting and together surviving a sea-faring disaster, Sarah and Luke, a family friend, form a reluctant friendship. Luke takes her to see the area's Acadian historical sites, spawning Sarah's interest in the 1755 Acadian deportation. Lured by an apparition of a young Acadian girl, Sarah finds herself living with an Acadian family in the year 1755. Returning to the present, Sarah's interest in the Acadians becomes an obsession. She returns to the past, taking skeptical Luke with her, and together they try to save her new Acadian friends from their horrible fate.

Lois Donovan was raised in Eastern Canada and currently resides in Calgary. This is her first novel.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 6-8
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 216 pp. 5.25"x7.7"
ISBN: 9781553800477 \$9.95 PA





The 25 Pains of Kennedy Baines

Dede Crane
Raincoast Books

Kennedy, having recently moved from Fredericton to Victoria with her ultra-conservative father, embarrassingly open mother, computer game-addict brother and annoying four-year-old sister, is a teen who dwells on her miserable life. She seeks refuge in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Kennedy describes 25 "pains" she feels she has to put up with, including babysitting her sister, her Mom's "little talks" and having fat ankles. When her mother's friend arrives with her son Colin, Kennedy's perspective changes. Relinquishing to his sexual advances, Kennedy comes to the painful realization that relationships must be built on more than just physical attraction.

Crane is the author of many short stories and the adult novel *Sympathy*. She was shortlisted for the CBC Literary Award.

Caution: includes some coarse language, sexual content and experimentation with drinking and drugs.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 248 pp. 5"x7"
ISBN: 97815151929798 \$9.95 PA



Above the Falls

John Harris
TouchWood Editions

This engaging and suspenseful novel is based on historical facts, RCMP reports and local trappers' testimony. The main story surrounds the mystery of what might have occurred and what in reality did occur in the deaths, in May 1936, of trappers Bill Eppler and Joe Mulholland around the Nahanni River. The story centres on the pivotal characters of George Dalziel, "The Flying Trapper," and Francis John Wade, a mysterious war veteran suffering from post-traumatic shock syndrome and nightmarish hallucinations. The story culminates in the winter hunt for the killer and the mistaken blame for the deaths.

An afterword includes mini-biographies of many of the characters in the story.

John Harris has written travel literature, fiction and literary criticism, among them *Diary of a Lake* and *Other Art*.

Caution: Some language may be offensive.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 240 pp. 5.5"x7.5"
ISBN: 9781894898553 \$18.95 PA



All Things Said & Done

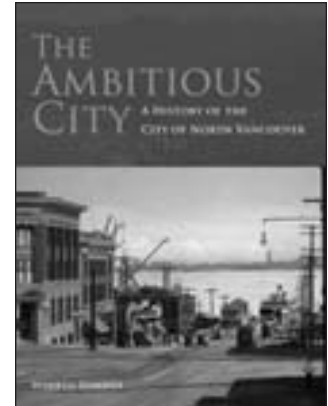
Marita Dachsel
Caitlin Press

In her first poetry collection, Marita Dachsel explores and celebrates various aspects of life. The book is divided into three sections: small town breeding, all things said and done and uncharted territory. Dachsel probes and investigates the problems and implications of life's ups and downs, through glimpses of first crushes, first times, weddings and marriages of women to men like their fathers. New horizons, such as trips and travel, are also scrutinized along with growing up and growing old. Dachsel's poems are bitingly explicit and thought provoking.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Caution: Some coarse language.

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 80 pp. 5.5"x8"
ISBN: 9781894759229 \$15.95 PA



The Ambitious City

A History of the City of North Vancouver

Warren Sommer
Harbour Publishing

This text traces the history of the development of North Vancouver from its origins as the site of Moodyville Sawmill to the city of approximately 49,000 residents. It reveals how a diverse multicultural community emerged from its British beginnings and what effects early developers' dreams had on the layout of the city. The author also explores the shipbuilding, shipping and sawmill industries. He covers the building of the Second Narrows Crossing and recounts the hardships faced by the Aboriginal peoples. This text celebrates those who contributed to the development of the city.

Sommer is the author of *From Prairie to City: A History of the City of Langley* and *From Far and Wide: Cultural Diversity in North Vancouver*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES: HISTORY 12, CIVIC STUDIES 11

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 346 pp. 8.5"x11"
b/w photographs and reproductions, line drawings, maps, diagrams
ISBN: 9781550174113 \$44.95 HC

SECONDARY



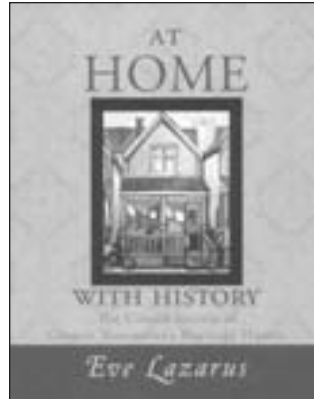
Around One More Point A Journal of Paddling Adventures

Mary Gazetas
TouchWood Editions

This book is a visual account of artist Mary Gazetas' twenty-five years of summer canoe and kayaking trips along the BC coast. Her paddling journals, full of photographs, drawings, diagrams and maps, have been collaged into this appealing "journal sketchbook". Written as a personal account, this collection will inspire others to create artistic memories of trips. Gazetas creates "Beachscapes" with materials beachcombed on each adventure. The book is arranged geographically beginning on the West Coast of Vancouver Island with Barkley, Clayoquot, Nootka, Kyuquot and Quatsino Sounds, then to the Inside Coast with Desolation Sound and Broughton Archipelago and finally to Hakai and Haida Gwaii.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES, FINE
ARTS, VISUAL ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 96 pp. 9"x8"
colour photographs, line drawings,
maps, diagrams
ISBN: 9781894898461 \$24.95 PA



At Home With History The Untold Secrets of Greater Vancouver's Heritage Homes

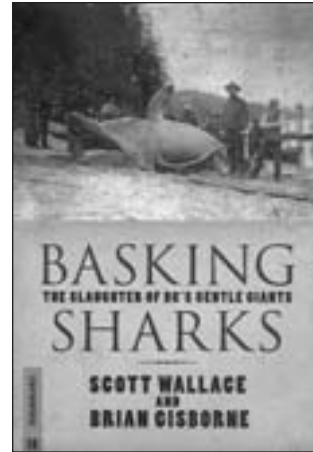
Eve Lazarus
Anvil Press

At Home With History is a social history of the heritage homes of the Lower Mainland. The history of the area comes alive with descriptions of the homes and people who built and lived in them. Included in the book are discussions of noted historical figures such as Alvo von Alvensleben, B.T. Rogers and Ethel Wilson, as well as heritage areas such as Strathcona, New Westminster, Shaughnessy Heights and Mount Pleasant.

Eve Lazarus is a freelance journalist and writer. Her articles on historical homes have been published in *Style at Home*, *REM*, *The Global and Mail*, and *Nuvo*. She is also the author of *Frommer's with Kids Vancouver* and co-authored *Vancouver: the Art of Living Well*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 192 pp. 7.5"x9.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781895636802 \$20.00 PA



Basking Sharks The Slaughter of BC's Gentle Giants

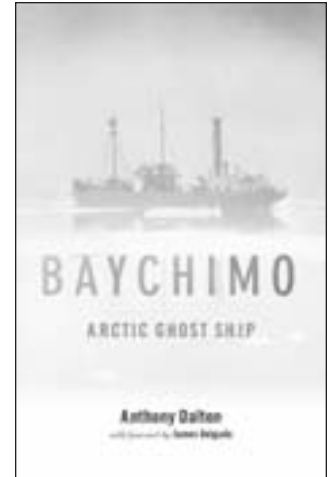
**Scott Wallace & Brian
Gisborne**
New Star Books

The basking shark was once plentiful in BC's waters. The last sighting of one was in 2005 off the coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands. This book begins by describing the life cycle and habitat of the basking shark. It then goes on to discuss the reasons why basking sharks were hunted so extensively in BC's waters between the 1940s and 1960s. The book concludes with an overview of the state of the sharks in BC today. Included are excerpts from newspapers from the day. Extensive endnotes are included.

Wallace is a marine conservationist working for the David Suzuki Foundation. Gisborne has worked as an historian and as a researcher for the Department of Fisheries.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES:
BIOLOGY 11, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 96 pp. 6.75"x9.75"
b/w photographs, maps and
reproductions
ISBN: 9781554200221 \$19.00 PA



Baychimo Arctic Ghost Ship

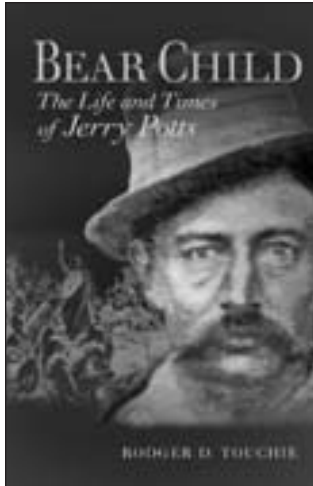
Anthony Dalton
Heritage House Publishing

If a ship could have a biography, that's what this would be. Baychimo was a small, 1300-ton, steam-powered freighter that was born in Sweden and worked in the Baltic Sea during WWI. She became a Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) freighter that traded for furs in Siberia during the Russian Revolution, supplied trading posts in the Arctic and traveled all the world's oceans. Dalton uses HBC archives to reconstruct the life of this remarkable ship and her crew, as well he documents the incredibly difficult life aboard ship and the workings of HBC in the 1920s and 30s. A glossary of ice navigation terms is included.

Anthony Dalton also wrote *Wayward Sailor: In Search of Tristan Jones*. A glossary of ice navigation terms is included. Background knowledge of mapping coordinates and maps of areas in the narrative would be helpful before reading.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 240 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
b/w maps and photographs
ISBN: 19781894974141 \$19.95 PA



Bear Child
The Life and Times of
Jerry Potts

Rodger D. Touchie
Heritage House Publishing

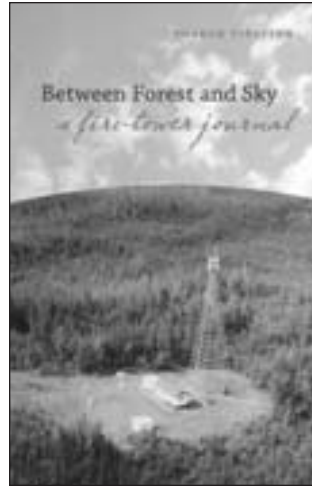
Although *Bear Child* is a biography, it is equally a history of the 19th century development of Western Canada, particularly the southwest prairie region. The author weaves the narrative of Jerry Potts's life as a trader, hunter, scout and interpreter. The book includes the developmental history of the trading empires, the negotiations between the Aboriginal people and their European contacts, the Aboriginal devastation by European diseases, the establishment of the North West Mounted Police, the effects of American policies on Western Canada, the coming of the railway, and the Northwest Rebellion. Sidebars provide additional biographical information, timelines and events.

Touchie has also written *Vancouver Island: Portrait of a Past*.

Caution: The word "Indian" is used in its historical context, but not in a derogative or degrading sense.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2005 336 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
maps, schematics, b/w photographs and reproductions
ISBN: 1894384636 \$19.95 PA



Between Forest and Sky
A Fire-Tower Journal

Sharon Stratton
Heritage House Publishing

Life as a fire-tower observer in Alberta offers the opportunity to interact with an environment that few have experienced. With black and white photographs of breathtaking scenery, Beaufort Wind Scale charts and detailed lists of the flora found throughout her placements, Sutton explains the picturesque moments she experiences over the three summers she worked for the Jordan Forestry Office. With her trusted dogs Dreena and Ted by her side, she recounts her adventures and misadventures, accomplishments and foibles, and the trouble she had searching for solitude in order to enjoy a sense of intimacy with nature. While attending to the task of monitoring the station, Sutton meticulously describes how she was still able to maintain her garden, take long walks and enjoy the serenity the forest offers.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 224 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781894974165 \$18.95 PA



Chainsaws
A History

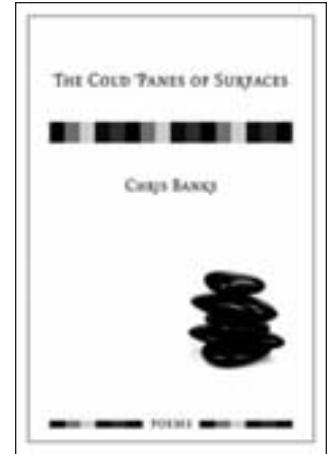
David Lee
Harbour Publishing

This book traces the development and evolution of the chainsaw. From its humble beginnings when it required four operators and used steam, the chainsaw's technological advancement is chronicled to the single-operator machine of today. The book goes behind the scenes to look at the inventors of the chainsaw, their struggles to obtain acceptance from the loggers and eventually to their success as multinational companies. It also includes hundreds of black and white and colour photographs, complete with descriptors, hand drawings, a detailed timeline and interesting factoids throughout.

Lee also wrote *Four-Wheeling on Southern Vancouver Island* and *The Battle of the Five Spot*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES, APPLIED SKILLS, TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 210 pp. 10"x11"
colour and b/w photographs and reproductions
ISBN: 9781550173802 \$49.95 HC



The Cold Panes of Surfaces

Chris Banks
Nightwood Editions

In this poetry collection, Banks yearns for a world long gone and, through effective use of metaphor, reminisces about his childhood years against the backdrop of rural Ontario. Banks says, "to think of your youth as a lost country is to forget the same path led you from there to here." He examines his relationships with his family and his friends and expresses his distaste for the vulgarities of modern life. Bank's meditative and occasionally humorous poetry expresses one important message: we must be quiet and listen to "a new sound of glass shattering" and to the land "breathe."

Banks is the author of *Bonfires*, which won the 2004 Jack Chalmers Award for Poetry and was shortlisted for the 2004 Gerald Lampert Award.

Caution: occasional coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 96 pp. 5.5"x8"
ISBN: 978088971225 \$16.95 PA

SECONDARY



Crow Medicine

Jane Ray's Wildlife Rescue Series

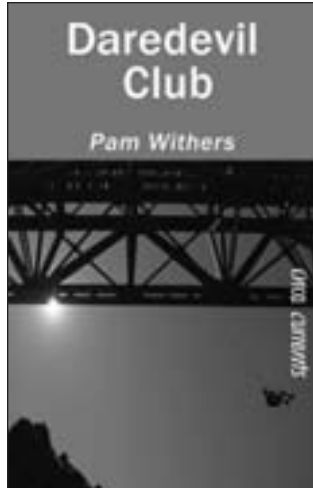
Diane Haynes
Walrus Books

Jane Ray is battling against animal cruelty and corrupt politicians again in this second installment of the Jane Ray's Wildlife Rescue Series. The story begins with a long description of West Nile Virus but this and details of the impact it has had on animals, as well as people's reactions to it, are well written. Readers who enjoy suspense based on real-life situations will be hooked. Jane tries to help the crows, the first victims of the virus, and learns about crow medicine from the Crone, an Aboriginal woman who keeps a crow as a pet. Touching on Aboriginal learning, the book is primarily concerned with environmental action, teenage issues and attempts to stop the coming virus. Endnotes include facts on how to identify the virus.

Haynes won a medal from the Council for the Advancement of Secondary Education.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 352 pp. 4.5"x7"
ISBN: 9781552858066 \$8.95 PA



Daredevil Club

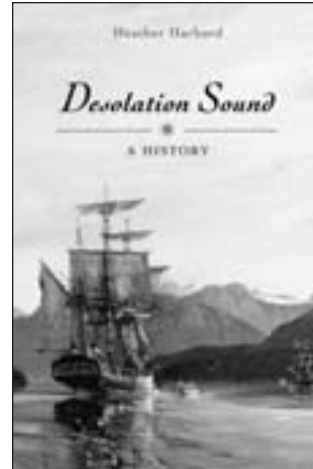
Pam Withers
Orca Book Publishers

In this Orca Currents novel for reluctant readers, Kip is the leader of the Daredevil Club that has seven amazing stunts they wish to complete. However, he was seriously hurt on the fourth stunt and does not know if he can physically keep up with the club anymore. The daredevils are also competing with another group, the Wildmen, who are determined to come up with the ultimate death-defying stunt. Kip must come to grips with the reality that perhaps his daredevil days are over and that he needs to find a new interest.

Other titles by Pam Withers include *Raging River*, which was nominated for the 2004 Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award and the 2004 Willow Award; *Adrenalin Ride*, which was a 2005 "Our Choice" book of the Canadian Children's Book Centre; and *Peak Survival*, which was second place in the 2006 Chocolate Lily Awards and was shortlisted for the 2006 Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 112 pp. 4.25"x7"
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Desolation Sound

A History

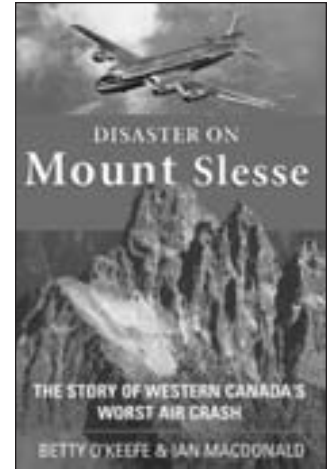
Heather Harbord
Harbour Publishing

This is a comprehensive and lively history of Desolation Sound, a remote wilderness and recreational area 150 kilometres north of Vancouver. Harbord describes the flora and fauna and the Sound's original inhabitants—the Sliammon First Nation. We meet Chief Joe Mitchell, who passes on the oral history of his people, and then the first explorers such as Captain George Vancouver, who gave the Sound its ominous name. Harbord describes the influx of European settlers from the late 19th century, who sought out a life of solitude as well as those who later came to fish and log. Characters described include the Cougar Queen of Okeover Arm and Mike Shutter, a Homer-quoting hermit. A combination of legend and fact, *Desolation Sound* is a valuable addition to BC's history.

Harbord has also written kayaking guides including *Sea Kayak: Desolation Sound and Sunshine Coast*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS
STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 260 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs and maps
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Disaster on Mount Slesse

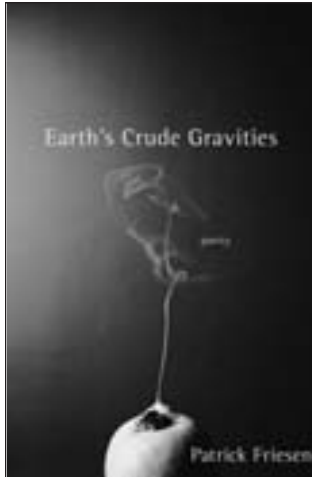
The Story of Western Canada's Worst Air Crash

Betty O'Keefe & Ian Macdonald
Caitlin Press

On December 9, 1956, Western Canada's worst aviation disaster occurred. This book investigates the causes of this tragic event and the search for the downed plane. Trans-Canada Airlines Flight 810, carrying sixty-two persons, collided with the 2500 metre mountain peak of Mt. Slesse. The mountain is known in the area around Chilliwack as the Fang. The five-month search, long before the times of emergency locators and black boxes, and the causes of the accident are described, culminating in the discovery of the wreck on May 12, 1957. In 1995, the BC government placed a protective zone around the area of debris and pronounced it a Heritage Wreck site. This book marks the 50th anniversary of the horrific events.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 250 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs, map
ISBN: 9781894759212 \$21.95 PA



Earth's Crude Gravities

Patrick Friesen
Harbour Publishing

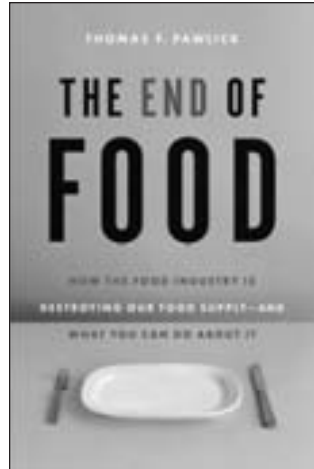
This most recent collection of poems from Patrick Friesen further asserts his position as one of Canada's finest poets. Some of the pieces are set on the Prairies, while others take place in the urban setting of Vancouver, where he now lives. Despite the apparent simplicity of the words he uses, the poems contain resonance and depth. Writing for an adult audience, he explores universal themes such as death and love. His Mennonite background is reflected in some of the pieces, especially those which see him wrestling with what might be deemed his religious beliefs.

Friesen has also published plays, translations and CDs. He has been shortlisted for the Dorothy Livesay Award for Poetry (BC Book Prizes) and for the Governor-General's Award.

Caution: Some communities may take offense from the fact that Friesen does not use capital letters when referring to Jesus or God.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, ENGLISH
LITERATURE 12

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 108 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
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The End of Food

How the Food Industry is
Destroying Our Food Supply –
And What You Can Do About It

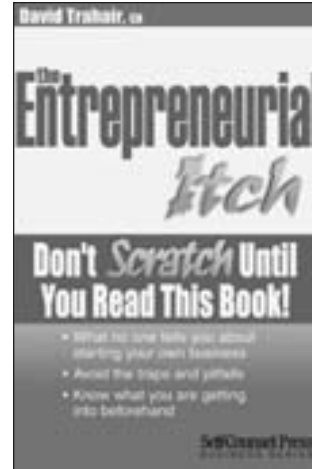
Thomas F. Pawlick
Douglas & McIntyre

This volume is full of informative anecdotes and clearly explained scientific research. It is concerned with the serious shortcomings in our food production methods and the readily available solutions. With personal stories and hard science, the problems with decreasing nutrients, increasing toxins, environmental damage, and loss of farming land and expertise are detailed. The solutions such as planting our own gardens, buying local and organic foods and grassroots support of best practices are presented. The author encourages an appreciation of the growing, harvesting and preparing of our own foods. An eclectic list of practical resources is included.

Pawlick is an award-winning science journalist and experienced organic farmer.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12,
TEACHER RESOURCE
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS:
HOME ECONOMICS, SCIENCES,
SOCIAL STUDIES: CIVIC STUDIES 11

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2006 224 pp. 6"x9"
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The Entrepreneurial Itch

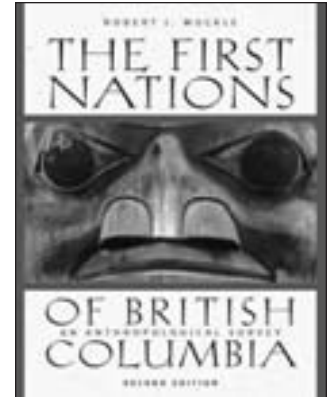
Don't Scratch Until
You Read This Book!

David Trahair
Self-Counsel Press

The Entrepreneurial Itch is a straightforward, anecdote-packed guide to self-employment and running one's own business. Chapters address specific issues such as how to effectively choose one's clients, bookkeeping for sole proprietors, the pros and cons of hourly billing versus set fee and warnings against franchise scams. It teaches what makes a successful business plan, how to get clients and how to "do it right" in order to work less and earn more as an entrepreneur. For the novice starting a small business this book explains about operations, selling and marketing, finances and administration. Drawing on the long experience of a self-employed accountant with small business owners as clients, this succinct, to-the-point, and well-written book offers invaluable guidance on starting and running small businesses.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS:
BUSINESS EDUCATION, CAPP

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 153 pp. 6"x9"
ISBN: 9781551807355 \$17.95 PA



The First Nations of British Columbia

An Anthropological Survey,
2nd Edition

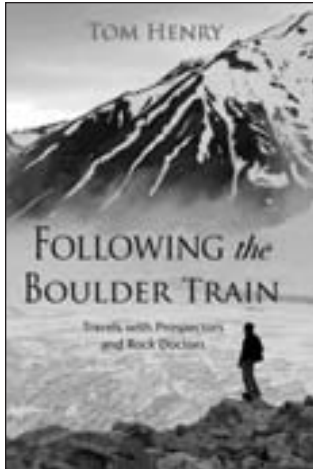
Robert J. Muckle
UBC Press

First published in 1998, this fully revised edition is an excellent introduction to BC's First Nations. It presents a concise and accessible overview of First Nations people, cultures and issues. In addition, information on populations, reserves, bands and language groups are included. It identifies the territories of major groups; discusses the fur trade, gold rushes, settlement, missionaries and residential schools; explains the treaty negotiation process; and summarizes archaeological, ethnographic, historical, legal and political issues.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS
STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/yes
2007 154 pp. 8.5"x5.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9780774813495 \$19.95 PA

SECONDARY



Following the Boulder Train Travels with Prospectors and Rock Doctors

Tom Henry
Harbour Publishing

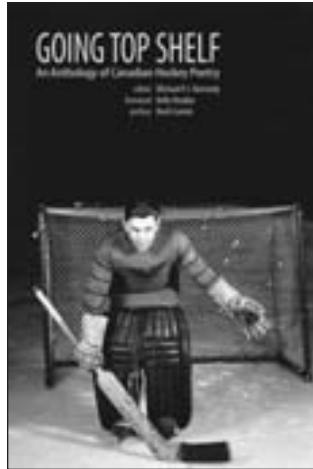
This book relates the adventures and misadventures of prospectors and rock enthusiasts involved in BC's third-largest industry: mining. The story of contemporary geologists and miners is told in a behind-the-scenes narrative. Many intriguing aspects, such as using trace elements of mineral deposits in flowers and dogs to "sniff" out minerals in the earth, are included. Henry traveled throughout BC learning from modern miners in prospecting camps and attended BCIT's prospecting school to prepare for this book.

Henry won the Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award for *Westcoasters: Boats that Built BC*, and the Lieutenant Governor's Award for *The Good Company: An Affectionate History of the Union Steamships*.

Caution: Some language may be offensive.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES:
GEOLOGY 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 250 pp. 6"x9"
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ISBN: 9781550173772 \$34.95 HC



Going Top Shelf An Anthology of Canadian Hockey Poetry

Michael P. J. Kennedy, ed.
Heritage House

This diverse collection celebrates hockey in Canada with poems and song lyrics by more than thirty writers, including poets Michael Ondaatje, Lorna Crozier and Al Purdy and songwriters Stompin' Tom Connors, the Tragically Hip and Kathleen Edwards. Some of the selections reflect the passage of time, others capture the excitement of the fans. Some focus on the athleticism of the players, while others recount the joys of victory and the disappointments of loss. From young boys playing hockey in backyard rinks to Olympic athletes, this collection of poems illustrates how engrained hockey is in Canadian culture. Included is a brief biography on each of the contributors.

Kennedy also edited *Words on Ice: A Collection of Hockey Prose*.

Caution: Occasional coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2005 112 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 1894384997 \$15.95 PA



Good Intentions Gone Awry Emma Crosby and the Methodist Mission on the Northwest Coast

Jane Hare & Jean Barman
UBC Press

This is a collection of letters written by the wife of missionary Thomas Crosby who worked among the Tsimshian people in 1874. While Thomas was away, Emma looked after the children, the school and the Crosby Girls' Home, which became one of the first residential schools. Commentary from the authors provides a background to the letters. The book includes extensive endnotes.

Hare is an assistant professor at UBC. She is a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation. Barman wrote *Stanley Park's Secret*, which won the 2006 City of Vancouver Book Prize.

Caution: The letters of Emma Crosby reflect the public opinion of the time that First Nations people were not to be treated as equals to the white settlers.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS
STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 344 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9780774812719 \$29.95 PA



Half in the Sun An Anthology of Mennonite Writing

Elsie K. Neufeld, ed.
Ronsdale Press

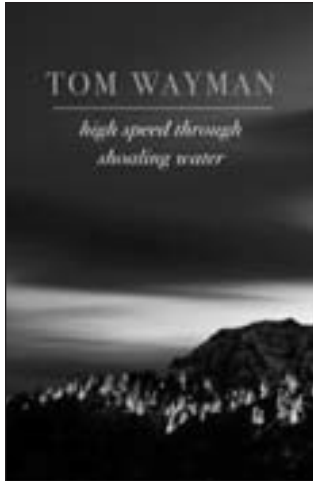
This is a collection of short stories, poetry and non-fiction written by Mennonites living in BC. Many selections have Biblical references, but express different views on the Mennonite experience. Some reflect on traditional Mennonite beliefs such as communal living, pacifism, living one's religion and the importance of family. Others focus on dissent. In "Katja," during World War II, a family is sent from their Mennonite village in the Ukraine to a Siberian slave camp. In "Renovating Heaven" a family is forced to move from their farm in Agassiz to Vancouver. Included in the book are short biographies of the contributors.

Neufeld is the author of *Dancing in the Dark: a Sister Grieves* and *The Past Inside the Present*. Her work has appeared in many Mennonite publications.

Caution: includes some coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 354 pp. 6"x9"
ISBN: 9781553800385 \$21.95 PA



High Speed Through Shoaling Water

Tom Wayman
Harbour Publishing

In his latest collection of lyric poems, Wayman shares his views on issues such as clear-cutting, abuse in the workplace, global warming and free enterprise, but he says that we can collectively learn from our setbacks. Nature to Wayman is his comfort zone. Here he can fly through the air weaving “through the valley between stands and hillsides of larch and pine and fir” and where he can savour the “scent of sugary chlorophyll on the tongue.” Wayman even envies nature because when he is gone and forgotten, “the wind, for as long as the trees abide, will live forever.” Yet, Wayman is not disconnected from a world that is beset by social, political and global concerns.

Wayman was nominated for the Governor General’s Award for Poetry in 2003.

Caution: includes some coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 144 pp. 5.5”x8.5”
ISBN: 781550174014 \$17.95 PA



Home and Away

More Tales of a Heritage Farm

Anny Scoones
TouchWood Editions

Here is another collection of Anny Scoones’ essays about her life, revolving around historic Glamorgan Farm in North Saanich near Victoria. Whether rescuing abandoned dogs and cats, raising rare species of farm animals, representing her community at the United Nations in New York or reflecting on her personal relationships, Anny writes with insight and humour. Her vivid descriptions present a clear sense of place wherever she travels. In this sequel to her earlier book *Home*, she details especially her feelings on leaving her farm to visit faraway places and the joy and relief of coming home.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 192 pp. 5.5”x7.5”
b/w line drawings, colour reproductions
ISBN: 9781894898492 \$19.95 PA



The Human Shore

Russell Thornton
Harbour Publishing

This book of poetry from North Vancouver’s Russell Thornton covers a variety of topics. Many poems are identifiable about places and events in BC, such as a response to the fatal mudslide of 2005 in North Vancouver; others take place around the world. Various poetic forms are used, from clear narrative poems to more abstract poems that express an emotional response to the world.

Caution: some sexual and drug-use references as well as poems about human sacrifice in ancient South America

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 96 pp. 5.5”x8.5”
ISBN: 978550173857 \$16.95 PA



King of the Lost and Found

John Lekich
Raincoast Books

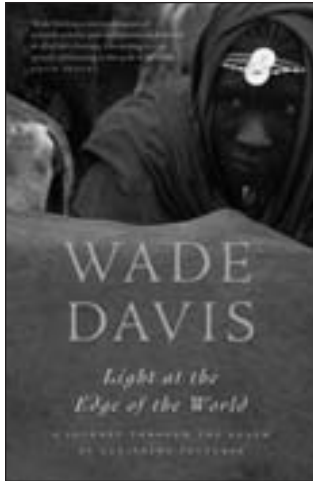
In this novel, Raymond Dunne is probably the biggest geek in his entire high school. He sneezes a lot, he has numerous nosebleeds and he is known to faint without notice. He also enjoys doing favours for the Vice-Principal, including running the lost and found booth. Business is slow, so Raymond must resort to alternate methods to procure items for his booth. That is until he enters into an arrangement with Jack Alexander, a popular grade twelve student. Raymond suddenly becomes very popular—but this popularity comes at a tremendous personal price.

Lekich is the author of five books including *Reel Adventures: the Savvy Teen’s Guide to Great Movies*. *The Losers’ Club*, was a finalist for many book prizes, including the Governor General’s Award and the BC Book Prize’s Sheila A. Egoff Award.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 312 pp. 5.5”x7.5”
ISBN: 9781551928029 \$11.95 PA

SECONDARY



Light at the Edge of the World A Journey Through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures

Wade Davis
Douglas & McIntyre

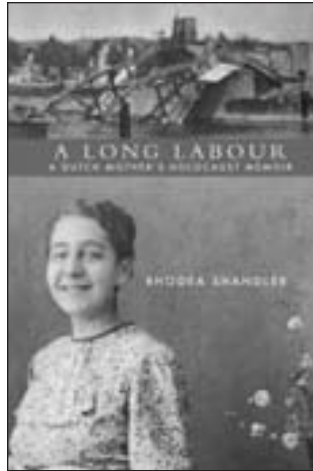
Wade Davis, one of the world's leading anthropologists, makes an impassioned plea in words and photographs to preserve the "ethnosphere"—the diversity of cultures inhabiting our planet. He writes about his experiences living in Tibet, the Amazonian rainforest, the Arctic and Haiti. He accompanies the text with breathtaking photographs that portray unique peoples and their equally stunning environment. His rich and detailed accounts are fascinating as he takes the reader along on this intimate journey into the hearts of some of the world's vanishing cultures.

This is the newly released paper edition.

Caution: This book documents the use of native plants, which act as drugs, to produce altered states by various cultures.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES: BIOLOGY 11 AND 12, SOCIAL STUDIES: COMPARATIVE CIVILIZATIONS 12, GEOGRAPHY 12

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 224 pp. 5"x7.75"
colour photographs
ISBN: 9781553652670 \$16.95 PA



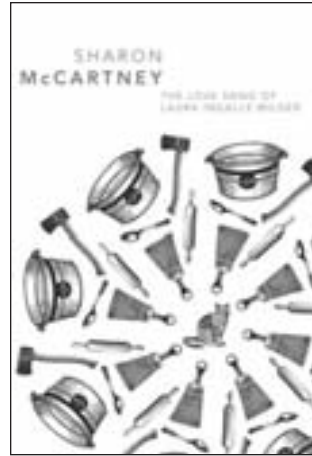
A Long Labour A Dutch Mother's Holocaust Memoir

Rhodea Shandler
Ronsdale Press

A Long Labour tells the story of the author's struggle to survive during World War II. The story begins with her early life in Holland before the war and her training as a nurse. As the war progresses, Rhodea, her husband Ernst, and their children are forced into hiding because they were Jewish. Most of the Dutch Jews did not go into hiding, and were sent to their deaths at extermination camps. The strength of Rhodea's character permeates the pages. She describes being separated from her husband and children for long periods of time and how she endures a pregnancy while in hiding. The memoir ends with the reunited family's decision to emigrate to Canada.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 176 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781553800453 \$21.95 PA



The Love Song of Laura Ingalls Wilder

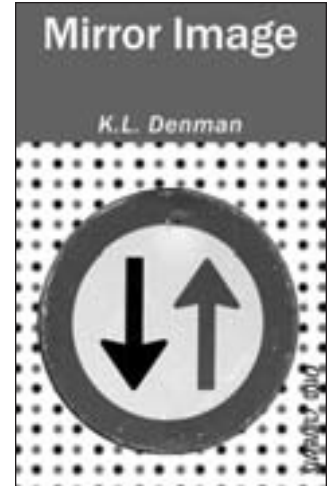
Sharon McCartney
Nightwood Editions

As McCartney points out in the book's foreword, these poems are not an attempt to analyze the works of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Yet she admits that she still reads the Little House books and that the poems are a kind of response to the series. She says, "...the poems use the voices of the characters (human and non-human, animate and inanimate) from the books." Thus, there are poems from the point of view of the dog, the cat, Pa's rifle, even the wind. Consider this excerpt from "Churn": buckets of fresh cream dumped down / my neck, set by the stove to keep warm. / Then the bump, bump, bump of the dash / agitating my thoughts." These plain-spoken poems would serve as excellent exemplars for writings based on other texts, or for examining point of view. They will also appeal to those who are familiar with the series.

Caution: there are a few references to bodily functions.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2007 96 pp. 5.25"x7.5"
ISBN: 9780889712331 \$16.95 PA



Mirror Image

K.L. Denman
Orca Book Publishers

This short novel in the Orca Current series speaks to girls in their own language about issues that concern them. It a highly readable story with laugh-out-loud as well as gut-wrenching episodes. Two grade nine girls are thrown together to work on a school project. Lacey is blonde, beautiful and bubbly; Sable is morose, wears black and walks under a dark cloud. The two girls with nothing in common eventually share their secret fears. Lacey sheds her dark cloud when she has an "ah-ha!" moment and realizes that beauty is powerful. Focusing on scary stuff makes you feel hopeless and weak. "Thinking about creating beauty—that makes me feel stronger," she says. Topics such as mothers, boyfriends, clothes, makeup, hair, school and friendship are covered along with deeper issues such as personal fears and the meaning of life.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-10
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, PERSONAL PLANNING

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 112 pp. 4.25"x7"
ISBN: 9781551436654 \$9.95 PA



Mother Time
Poems New & Selected

Joanne Arnott
Ronsdale Press

Arnott is the mother of six children spanning two decades in age. The acts of giving birth and mothering have played a huge part in her life, and these poems reflect that experience. This collection of old and new work consists of poems that explore Arnott's identity, both as a mother and as a Métis woman. Song is an important element in her work – not meaning poems that rhyme, but song as a way of oral telling and of sharing. The work will be of special appeal in schools that meet the needs of young mothers, as the poems focus on pregnancy, birthing and children.

Arnott's *Wiles of Girlhood* won the Gerald Lampert Award from the League of Canadian Poets for best first book of poetry.

Caution: Since the book is concerned with mothering and birthing, language describing female genitals is explicit.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 138 pp. 6"x9"
ISBN: 9781553800460 \$14.95 PA



Muybridge's Horse
A Poem in Three Phases

Rob Winger
Nightwood Editions

This is a fascinating biographical poem about Eadweard Muybridge, a pioneering British-born photographer. The poem begins with a stagecoach accident that, though it nearly killed Muybridge, fueled his passion for photography. In stark and elegant language, Winger constructs the interior landscape of a mad genius who murdered his wife's lover. After being acquitted for justifiable homicide, he went to Central America to do his greatest works. His most famous feat was to strategically set up fifty cameras during a horse race, which successfully captured the split second where all four legs of the horse are off the ground. This sequence of photographs led to the development of the motion picture.

In 2003 Winger won first prize for the CBC Literary Awards (Poetry) for selections from the still incomplete manuscript of *Muybridge's Horse*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, FINE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2007 96 pp. 5.25"x7.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9780889712317 \$16.95 PA



My Name is Bosnia

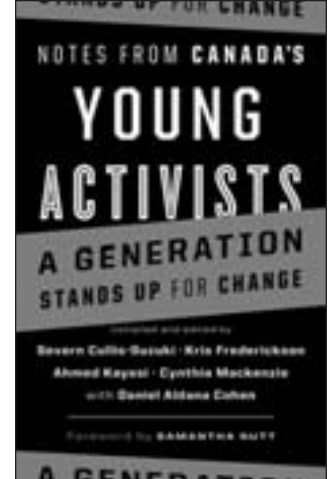
Madeleine Gagnon
Phyllis Aronoff & Howard Scott, trans.
Talonbooks

This novel recounts the journey of a young Muslim woman who leaves war-torn Sarajevo for a new life. After witnessing her father's murder, she renames herself "Bosnia" and joins other young people who are struggling to survive the war. When two of these companions die in an attack, Bosnia resolves to leave her country. She and her husband eventually move to Québec. Gagnon relates the horrors of war: rapes, beheadings and torture. While the story is unsettling for some, its message is one of peace and freedom for all.

Caution: Both priests and imams are viewed as "hypocritical" and restrictions placed on Muslim women are criticized. A detailed description of a rape is included. Domestic abuse, homosexuality and abortion are discussed.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 256 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
ISBN: 9780889225428 \$19.95 PA



Notes from Canada's Young Activists

A Generation Stands Up for Change

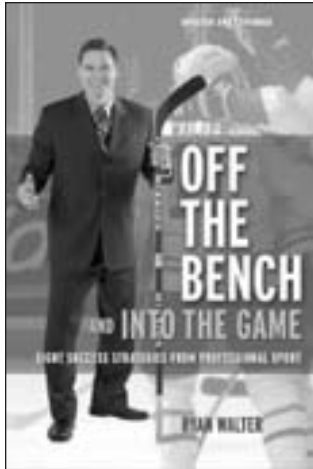
Severn Cullis-Suzuki, Kris Frederickson, et al.
Greystone Books

This is a collection of short pieces written by major youth activists like Simon Jackson, who petitioned for the Kermode Bear, and Craig Kielburger, known for his anti-child labour work. Twenty-five Canadians are featured in this collection. The notes by each author discuss how they became involved in activism and what their major goals were. Ilona Dougherty's shirt with "Question Authority" written on it best states the theme. This book asks youth to question the world around them and urges them to act on issues they feel strongly about.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, CAPP, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, HEALTH AND CAREER EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 240 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781553652373 \$21.95 PA

SECONDARY



Off the Bench and Into the Game

Eight Business Success Strategies from Professional Sport

Ryan Walter

Heritage House Publishing

Walter played for fifteen seasons and in over 100 games in the National Hockey League. With the Montreal Canadiens, he won the Stanley Cup in 1986 and ended his hockey career with the Vancouver Canucks. He has taken the skills he learned as a hockey player and created a strategy for success for individuals wanting to attain their goals and increase their leadership effectiveness. Walters stresses the importance of how we think, talk, focus and perform. He emphasizes the benefits of teamwork and perseverance. He provides interesting and colourful anecdotes and examples from his life.

Walter is the author of *Simply the Best: Insights and Strategies of Great Hockey Coaches*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS: BUSINESS EDUCATION, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2006 192 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781894974233 \$19.95 PA



Old Bones

Ron Chudley

TouchWood Editions

This murder mystery with a cold case file contains a plot with a chain of events each with their own dilemmas and consequences. Roy was caught in the act cheating on Trevor, his lover, a prominent government employee. In a fit of rage and jealousy, Trevor violently attacked the two, brutally beating them. Reacting in self-defense, Roy kills Trevor and buries him with the unusual weapon in the back yard. He flees and tries to build a new life, but the past continues to haunt him and his new relationship. At the same time a body is discovered hundreds of miles away, an accidental victim of a crime committed fifty years previously. A bizarre connection is made between the two events. Will Roy's secret be revealed?

Previously, Ron Chudley was a scriptwriter for film, television, radio, and live drama. This is his second mystery novel.

Caution: Frequent use of vulgar language and several vivid descriptions of both cross- and same-gender sexual encounters.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2005 240 pp. 5.25"x8"
ISBN: 9781894898331 \$12.95 PA



One Muddy Hand

Selected Poems

Earle Birney

Sam Solecki, ed.

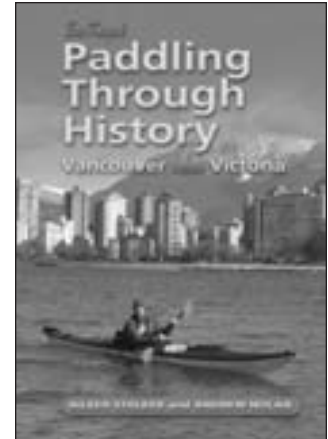
Harbour Publishing

This is a selection of the best work of acclaimed Canadian poet Earle Birney. The poems span Birney's writing career from 1926 to 1987, drawing from more than twenty published collections of poems, two of which won Governor General's Awards. Using *Birney's Ghost in the Wheels: Selected Poems* as a guide, the editor chose the remainder of the poems, including some of Birney's most popular poems, such as "David," "Bushed" and "A Walk in Kyoto." *One Muddy Hand* reflects the wide range of Birney's poems from scholarly to simple, to serious. It showcases the outstanding characteristics of Birney's style: word play, word crafting, word invention, and alliteration. Many playful poems are woven through the collection. *One Muddy Hand* is the only book of Birney's poems currently available.

Sam Solecki is the former editor of *The Canadian Forum*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 208 pp. 6"x9"
ISBN: 9781550173703 \$18.95 PA



Paddling Through History

Sea Kayak Vancouver and Victoria

Aileen Stalker & Andrew Nolan

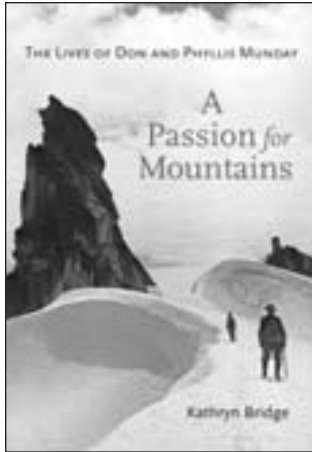
Rocky Mountain Books

Paddling Through History is both a recreational guide and an historical guide to the Lower Mainland and Victoria. Twelve sea kayaking trips are outlined. They all begin with such details as length of trip, difficulty, launch sites, parking, washroom facilities and paddling considerations. After these initial details, the trip is described. Each description includes the historical background of the areas being paddled through and points of interest. It is these details that make this book cross-curricular. *Paddling Through History* concludes with a template for a float plan, as well as a gear checklist.

Aileen Stalker and Andrew Nolan are both avid kayakers. This is their first book.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2005 192 pp. 5"x7"
b/w photographs, b/w maps
ISBN: 9781894765572 \$19.95 PA



A Passion for Mountains

The Lives of Don and Phyllis Munday

Kathryn Bridge
Rocky Mountain Books

Don and Phyllis Munday climbed the mountains and explored the wilderness of BC over a period of forty years from 1910 to 1950, often with their infant daughter. It includes 150+ mountains climbed and at least forty first ascents. Don's WWI experiences and its impact on his later life are described. They climbed north of Vancouver, the coast, the Rockies of BC and Alberta, the Selkirks and the Columbia ranges. Their legacy includes photographs, surveying and journal articles. The book includes an alpha list, with details of all the ascents.

Bridge was a manager with BC Archives and author of several books including *By Snowshoe, Buckboard and Steamer* - winner of the 1998 Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Historical Writing.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 240 pp. 6.25"x9.5"
b/w photographs, map, chart
ISBN: 9781894765695 \$26.95 PA



People, Fish and Whales

The Vancouver Aquarium Story

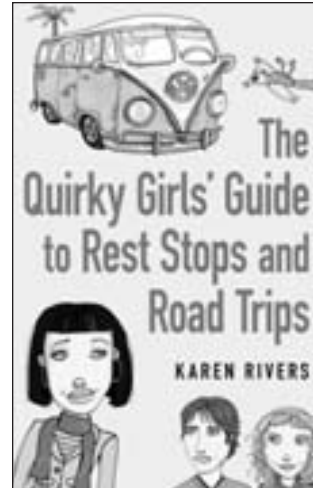
Dr. Murray A. Newman
Harbour Publishing

This book traces the development of the Vancouver Aquarium from its humble beginnings to its current status as the largest aquarium in Canada. It has colour and black and white photography throughout, with sidebars that round out the text and provide readers with additional information. The first section describes how the aquarium developed from a grassroots movement of amateur biologists with little government funding. The next sections deal with the fish and their peculiar habits inside the tanks. It then goes on to discuss the history of the whales and their training in the aquarium. It ends with a look at what goes on behind the scenes at what is now considered one of the top five aquariums in the world.

Dr. Murray Newman also wrote *Life in a Fishbowl*. He was the first curator of the Vancouver Aquarium and remained there for thirty-seven years.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 120 pp. 8"x9"
ISBN: 9781550173826 \$19.95 PA



The Quirky Girls' Guide to Rest Stops and Road Trips

Karen Rivers
Raincoast Books

In this final book of the Haley Harmony trilogy, Haley finds herself being left behind as everyone moves on after completing high school. One of her best friends is off to New York to pursue a modeling career; the other to Harvard. Haley feels like a failure. She decides the best cure for her misery is to leave town on her own adventure. After a short stint as the world's worst waitress, she finally has enough money to hit the road in her dilapidated VW van. She and her newly acquired friend Izzy set out from Victoria to make their way to California. After many hilarious disasters, she finally makes her way back home with a new appreciation for her life.

Rivers also wrote *Surviving Sam*. Other titles in the series are *The Healing Time of Hickeys* and *The Cure for Crushes*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, HEALTH AND
CAREER EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 304 pp. 5"x7"
ISBN: 9781551929071 \$10.95 PA



Rain Before Morning

Michael Poole
Harbour Publishing

This novel combines historical fiction with a coming-of-age love story to carry the reader back in time and space to remote coastal communities in BC and to France during WWI. In the search for a meaningful place in the world two young lovers experience soaring joy together and brutal times apart. The heroine Leah ends up as a nurse close to the front lines in France and her lover, Nathan, ends up finding his way in the coarse world of coastal logging when they are forced apart by the strict moral code of their community. Events bring them into the adult world with a vengeance that tests their beliefs and devotion to each other. In the process the cruel and charming details of life in that time and place are revealed.

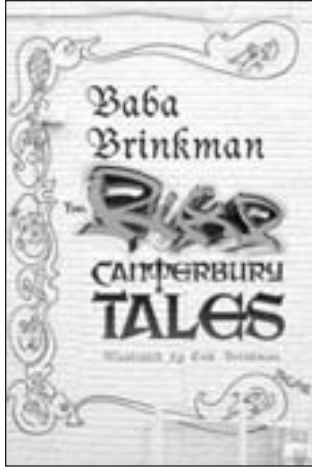
Poole won the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-fiction for *Romancing Mary Jane* and was shortlisted for the Hubert Evans Prize for *Ragged Islands*.

Caution: explicit descriptions of sex, war and rape and some very coarse language.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 320 pp. 6"x9"
ISBN: 9781550174120 \$24.95 PA

SECONDARY



The Rap Canterbury Tales

Baba Brinkman
Talonbooks

A kind of “Coles Notes” for Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales*, this version offers the classic text on left-hand pages, with footnotes that explain vocabulary. Accompanying “rap translations” appear on pages to the right. The author has taken some liberties in adapting the various tales. Illustrations fill out the pages beneath the adaptations. The author believes that Chaucer’s work is oral poetry so he has created a more contemporary rendering of each tale—one meant to be read aloud. Each section is prefaced by an overview, which offers further insights into specifics of the text. He includes introductory remarks on the history of hip-hop. Drama classes might explore interpreting these tales as modern spoken-word poetry. Includes notes on the text and a discography of rap.

Caution: explicit rap lyrics and instances of street language.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: FINE ARTS: DRAMA, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, ENGLISH LITERATURE 12

Index/Bibliography:: No/Yes
2006 352 pp. 6”x9”
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ISBN: 9780889225480 \$24.95 PA



River Queen

The Amazing Story of Tugboat Titan
Lucille Johnstone

Paul E. Levy
Harbour Publishing

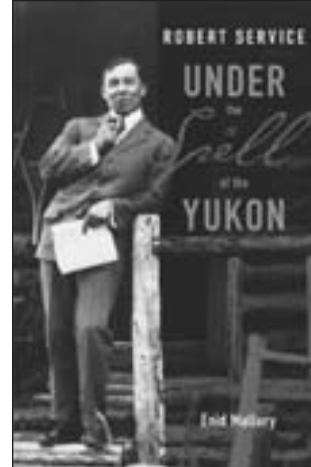
The story of Lucille Johnstone’s meteoric rise from secretary to President and CEO of River Towing is told through narrative mixed with transcripts of taped conversations with Lucille and her colleagues. *River Queen* details the circumstances that led to Lucille taking a job with River Towing and how she helped build it into one of the largest and most diversified private enterprises in British Columbia. Besides her work with River Towing, Lucille also served on the board of directors for Expo ‘86, the Vancouver Airport Authority, BC Ferries, the Fraser River Discovery Centre Society and St. John Ambulance. Lucille’s story is an inspiration to business people everywhere, both men and women.

Levy worked with Lucille Johnstone on the board of the Fraser River Discovery Centre Society.

Caution: Infrequent use of profanity.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS: BUSINESS EDUCATION, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2006 272 pp. 6”x9”
b/w photographs
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Robert Service

Under the Spell of the Yukon

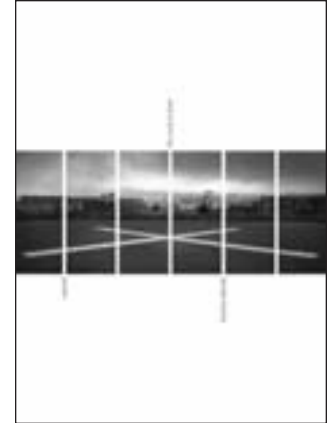
Enid Mallory
Heritage House

This thorough account of Service’s life emphasizes the significance of the time he spent living in the Yukon for his writing, growth as a person and fame. The book documents his early life in Scotland; travels across the Atlantic, Canada and through California; his work in the Yukon as a banker; his years of service in both World Wars; his fame as a published author and poet; and his final days spent at his house in France. Excerpts from several of Service’s narrative poems are included. Anecdotes about the characters he encountered, often the inspiration for his poems, bring this text to life.

Mallory’s other historical accounts include *The Remarkable Years: Canadians Remember the 20th Century* and *Coppermine: The Far North of George M. Douglas*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES: HISTORY 12

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 256 pp. 6”x9”
b/w photographs and reproductions; maps
ISBN: 9781894384957 \$32.95 HC



The Rush to Here

George Murray
Nightwood Editions

This is a collection of fifty-seven sonnets. Murray follows the traditional sonnet format to a degree, but substitutes tonal rhymes with word associations, something he calls “thought-rhymes,” using synonyms, antonyms and homonyms in the place of formal rhyme. For example, in a stanza in “Lullaby” he uses the associations “signal”-“pulse” and “light”-“dawn”. Not only is he inventive in his use of form, but he also chooses contemporary themes, ones that are atypical of traditional sonnets. Murray focuses on the imperfections of our daily lives, the uncomfortable passing of time, and the dark moments of memory that occupy our daydreams. Murray’s “edgy” poems succeed in capturing the complexities of life.

Murray is the author of *The Hunter* and *The Cottage Builder’s Letter*. He was nominated for the Pushcart Prize (2003).

Caution: Some coarse language.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 96 pp. 5.5”x8.5”
ISBN: 9780889712294 \$16.95 PA



Sea Kayak Strokes
A Guide to Efficient Paddling Skills

Doug Alderson
Rocky Mountain Books

This is a clearly written and well-illustrated instructional manual, which would ideally be used to accompany a course led by a qualified coach, about paddling skills. The intent is to help kayakers of all skill levels by providing tips and suggestions for improving and maintaining paddling techniques. The focus is on the following strokes: forward, sweep, rudder, draw and blended. Also presented are instructions on edge control, bracing, brace turns and rolling. Each chapter follows a consistent format that introduces the topic focus and then presents aspects related to safety, application of and key points about the technique(s). Several exercises to improve efficiency are included in each chapter.

Alderson is a senior instructor/trainer in kayaking. He has also written *Sea Kayak Around Vancouver Island* and *Sea Kayaker's Savvy Paddler*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Index/Bibliography: No/Yes
2007 176 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs, line drawings, diagrams
ISBN: 9781894765855 \$19.95 PA



Searching for Billie

Freda Jackson
TouchWood Editions

Set in the Canadian West in 1897, this novel portrays the harsh realities of living in untamed territory. Jane Priddle arrives in Edmonton from London, England. She has been sent to find evidence that the British Child Emigration Movement was doing the right thing by sending orphaned street children to live with and work for Canadian families. Instead Jane finds "Home Children" living in abusive, undesirable situations. Her attempt to track down one runaway child, leads her into the Canadian wilderness, where she discovers her capacity for grief and compassion. After spending a winter at a remote stopping post, Jane returns with all the wisdom and experience of a true homesteader.

Jackson is the author of several short stories and articles.

Caution: Includes some graphic and heart-wrenching accounts of tragic incidents involving wild animals and two scenes of attempted rape, which although not explicitly descriptive, are emotionally charged.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 288 pp. 5.5"x7.5"
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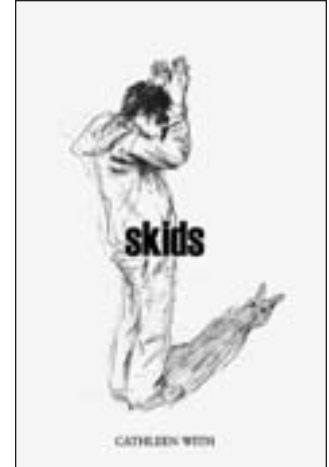
Sharks of the Pacific Northwest
Including Oregon, Washington, British Columbia & Alaska

Dr. Alessandro De Maddalena, Antonella Preti, et al.
Harbour Publishing

This is a useful identification guide to the eighteen species of shark in Pacific Northwest waters. Classification and species identification details are given, including clear and detailed illustrations and diagrams. The biology, ethology and ecology of sharks are presented along with a discussion of attacks on humans and details of shark fisheries. Fascinating creatures such as the prickly shark, longnose catshark and the Pacific sleeper shark as well as the small brown catshark and the rare basking shark are found in these waters. The sharks' evolution, anatomy and physiology are presented as well as details of each species' morphology, size, teeth shape, gestation, habitat and distribution.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES: BIOLOGY 11AND 12, SCIENCE

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 160 pp. 6"x9"
colour photographs, line drawings, maps, diagrams, charts
ISBN: 9781550174182 \$21.95 PA



Skids

Cathleen With
Arsenal Pulp Press

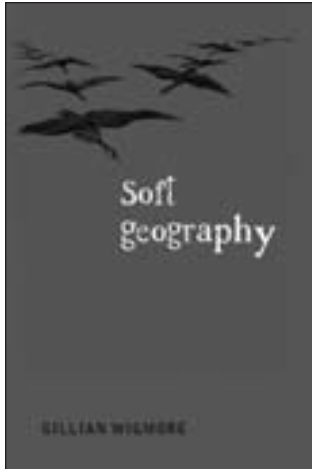
This poignant collection of tales focuses on the street kids primarily living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. They are the homeless and often addiction-driven adolescents who are marginalized by society often because of poverty, race or their sexual orientation. The "skids" try to look out for one another and often form life-long relationships that transcend ordinary friendship. They search for the meaning of life while coping with HIV, sexual abuse, drug addiction and torn families. They are the forgotten in a world that tries to rehabilitate them, but nobody can possibly comprehend the horrors they have been through trying to make it on the streets.

Caution: contains explicit sexual content and coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: CAPP, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 152 pp. 5"x8"
ISBN: 9781551522159 \$19.95 PA

SECONDARY



Soft Geography

Gillian Wigmore
Caitlin Press

Rugged and rough images of nature, its harsh power and cold brutal charms, are what these poems leaves in the reader's mind. The images contain a life of their own, where cars are caves and tents have bones. Everything is made into natural beings and there is a haunting allure to the ideas, cold but full of vitality and thus comforting in its way. Wigmore brings the past and present beauty of BC into relief. Images of death, life, love, sex and time contain the same stark, wintry feeling of the environment that she lives in.

Gillian Wigmore is also the author of *home when it moves you*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 80 pp. 5.5"x8"
ISBN: 9781894759236 \$15.95 PA



Sternwheelers & Canyon Cats

Whitewater Freighting
on the Upper Fraser

Jack Boudreau
Caitlin Press

This is a well-researched history of the steamers that hauled people and freight to Fort George, to isolated railway construction camps and to remote settlements on the Upper Fraser River from 1909 to 1913. The steamers traveled along the Fraser River from Tete Jaune through to Soda Creek, a distance of 765 kilometres. Boudreau chronicles the difficulties of moving freight through canyons and rapids, focusing on the Grand Canyon area where more than 200 people lost their lives. He details the hazardous work of the canyon cats who guided boats. As well, he describes how steamers such as the BC Express and the BX "heralded the dawn of a new age in Central BC."

Boudreau is the author of, among other titles, *Crazy Man's Creek* and *Grizzly Bear Mountains*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 256 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs and maps
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The Story of Dunbar

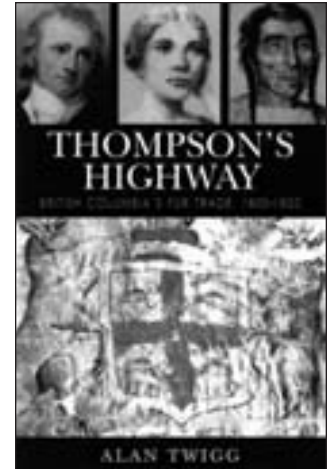
Voices of a Vancouver
Neighbourhood

Peggy Schofield, ed.
Ronsdale Press

This is an informative historical account of the development of the Dunbar neighbourhood in Vancouver. The authors, residents of the area, garnered most of the information from personal recollections and interviews. The twelve chapters, which cover a 100-year period, focuses on the establishment of dwellings, businesses, industries, schools, churches, park, and the transportation system of the neighbourhood. Also included are accounts of the first inhabitants of the area, family life, trends, customs and concerns of the people. Numerous historic black and white photographs, from family albums, complement the text. Short biographical sketches of the authors are incorporated. The extensive bibliography cites sources by chapter offering information on references and interviewees.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-11
SUBJECT AREA: SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2007 446 pp. 8.5"x11"
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Thompson's Highway

British Columbia's Fur Trade,
1800 - 1850

Alan Twigg
Ronsdale Press

Twigg describes the lives of, among others, the fur traders/explorers Alexander Mackenzie, Simon Fraser and David Thompson. Their roles and importance in exploring and opening up the West Coast, as well as Thompson's major achievements as a mapmaker, are documented. A major focus is on Thompson's role in BC history and his route to the Pacific Ocean. Thirty-tree fascinating people are documented including John Jewitt, Paul Kane, Peter Skene Ogden, James Douglas and George Simpson. Fifty forts built along this "highway" between 1800 and 1850 are described in an appendix.

Twigg's *First Invaders* was nominated for the Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize.

Caution: References to Aboriginal peoples as "savages" and "Indians".

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 254 pp. 6"x9"
b/w photographs, b/w reproductions, line drawings, map
ISBN: 9781533800392 \$24.95 PA



Three Against the Wilderness

Eric Collier
TouchWood Editions

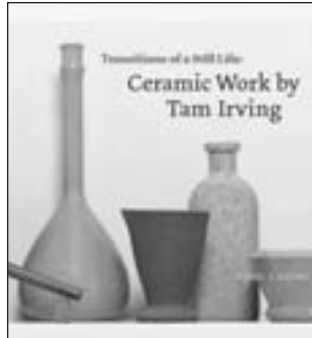
This well-written true story recounts how a young Englishman came to BC, settled in the Chilcotin and kept his promise to bring the beavers back to the Meldrum Valley. In 1930, he, his wife Lillian, and their young son Veasy drove a horse-pulled wagon loaded with supplies to the Meldrum Creek area where they lived in a tent until they finished building a one-room cabin. The family survived by trapping furs, hunting, growing vegetables and preserving food. Eric Collier was a conservationist before his time. He trapped humanely, rebuilt beaver dams and imported beavers that eventually reproduced enough to be trapped once again.

Collier won the Outdoor Life's Conservation Award. This Classic West edition is a reprinting of a book first published in 1959.

Caution: Use of the term "Indian" and other disparaging remarks prevalent at the time.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2007 316 pp. 5.5"x8.5"
b/w photographs
ISBN: 9781894898546 \$19.95 PA



Transitions of a Still Life

Ceramic Work by Tam Irving
Carol E. Mayer
Anvil Press

This book examines the work and life of BC ceramic artist Tam Irving. It was developed to accompany an exhibition of Irving's work at the Burnaby Art Gallery. The book follows the development of Irving's work and style from his early clay sculptures to his work as a production potter, through to his current work of pottery still lifes. Along with specifically profiling Irving, the book also discusses some of the issues in and development of modern ceramics and important figures in the movement. Details of materials and techniques are given. The book is well illustrated, with many close-up colour photographs of Tam Irving's work that complement the text.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: FINE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
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Vancouver Art & Economies

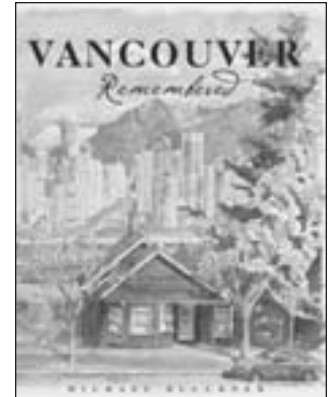
Melanie O'Brian, ed.
Arsenal Pulp Press

Ten academics, artists, curators and writers discuss the art practices of Vancouver's contemporary artists in the context of globalization. The contributors consider Vancouver art and its institutions, commenting on the economies at work and Vancouver's position within local, national and international art economies. They analyze Vancouver's emergence as one of the cultural centres of North America. They also recognize the shared vision among the city's artists, curators and gallery managers. This anthology appraises the historical, critical and political elements that have come together to shape Vancouver's artistic identity. An appendix presents "A Vancouver Commercial Gallery Chronology."

While segmented into chapters, this book is written at a demanding reading level.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12,
TEACHER RESOURCE
SUBJECT AREA: APPLIED SKILLS: BUSINESS EDUCATION, FINE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES: COMPARATIVE CIVILIZATIONS 12

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 236 pp. 6"x9"
colour and b/w photographs and reproductions
ISBN: 9781551522142 \$27.95 PA



Vancouver Remembered

Michael Kluckner
Whitecap Books

Vancouver Remembered is a social history of Vancouver, which concentrates on the time period from 1950 to 1980. The book begins with a brief overview of Vancouver's history and then launches into a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood history. It does not just concentrate on the residential neighbourhoods, but also looks at such areas as Chinatown, Gastown and Yaletown. Included are reproductions of photographs, postcards, cartoons, maps and the author's own watercolours. These illustrations help bring alive the history of Vancouver.

Michael Kluckner is the author of *Vanishing Vancouver*, winner of the City of Vancouver Book Prize and the Duthie Prize for BC Book Prizes, and *Vanishing British Columbia*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
2006 240 pp. 8.5"x11"
b/w and colour photographs, b/w and colour reproductions, maps
ISBN: 9781552858110 \$50.00 HC

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Whales & Dolphins of the North American Pacific Including Seals and Other Marine Mammals

Graeme Cresswel,
Dylan Walker, et al.
Harbour Publishing

This comprehensive guide examines marine mammals found on the West Coast from the Baja to southeast Alaska. It begins with a brief explanation of the geography, climate and oceanography of the North American Pacific before moving on to the definition of a marine mammal. It then discusses when, where and how to identify marine mammals with colour plates, descriptions and special sidebars. A quick reference section on the different types of whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions and sea otters includes how to identify the mammal, similar species, behaviour, and their status and distribution. It concludes with a glossary and useful website links.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 8-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES:
BIOLOGY

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
2007 216 pp. 8.5"x5.75"
colour photographs, maps
ISBN: 9781550174090 \$21.95 PA



What Belongs

F.B. André
Ronsdale Press

In this collection of short stories, the characters are a mix of races and ethnicities. Although many of the stories in the collection focus on people quite removed from adolescent sensibilities (people buying a house, going through a divorce, etc.), there are other pieces that could easily engage students. The characters are adults in adult situations. They face many emotional dilemmas—from untangling the mess left by an apparent double-suicide to dealing with a man in a coma who has two lovers by his bedside. Thrown into the mix are questions about arranged marriages, racial discrimination and illegitimate births. One of the pieces deals with the “mixed” children of BC’s Governor James Douglas. All of the stories are set in BC, many of them in and around Victoria.

Trinidad-born André has lived in Canada since 1971.

Caution: Some situations and language could be considered offensive.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
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ISBN: 9781553800446 \$21.95 PA



What Happened This Summer

Paul Yee
Tradewind Books

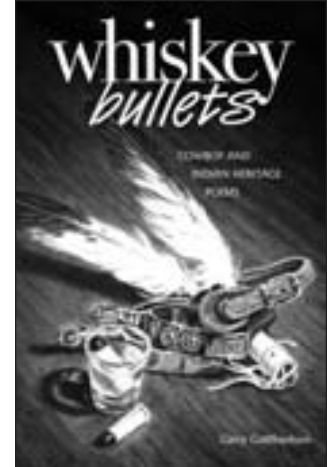
This novel is a collection of stories of Chinese-Canadian teenagers dealing with the conflict arising from being a teen in modern Canada and trying to live within their families’ traditional Chinese culture. The stories involve a group of teens loosely connected by being part of Toronto’s Chinese-Canadian community. Each chapter can be read as a stand-alone story. Most of the teens in the stories are immigrants; some were born in Canada to immigrant parents. The stories deal realistically with the issues these teens face, and do not flinch from dealing with harsh problems.

Paul Yee’s other books include *Ghost Train* and *The Bone Collector’s Son*. He has won the Governor General’s Award, the City of Vancouver Book Award and a BC. Book Prize.

Caution: Coarse language, descriptions of drug use and sexual content.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 178 pp. 5.5"x8"
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Whiskey Bullets Cowboy and Indian Heritage Poems

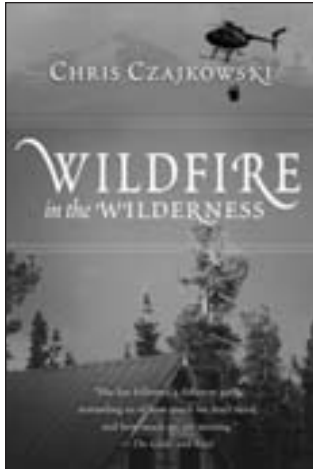
Garry Gottfriedson
Ronsdale Press

Whiskey Bullets offers articulate, moving and witty observations of the duality of Aboriginal and cowboy culture. The poems promote the notion that Indians can be real cowboys. Sensitive, often satirical, this collection is an expression of adaptability, turning tragedy into humour and pain into passion. It addresses the exceptional experience of growing up on a reserve with strong Aboriginal values and traditions, while at the same time being absorbed in the world of cowboys and ranching. Balancing Aboriginal vision and contemporary issues, an invigorating blend of imagery is created. Issues of gender, sexuality, race and politics, infused with Aboriginal attitude, are laid out and examined.

Gottfriedson began writing at the En’owkin Centre. He studied under Allen Ginsberg, Anne Waldman and Marianne Faithful.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS
STUDIES 12, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ARTS

Index/Bibliography: Yes/No
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Wildfire in the Wilderness

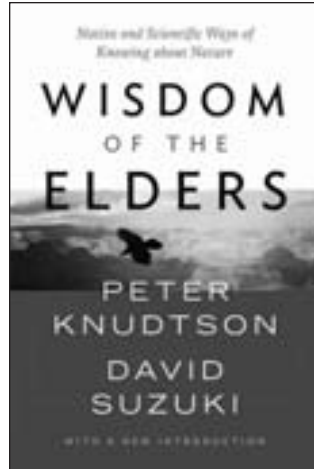
Chris Czajkowski
Harbour Publishing

In this passionate account of wilderness living, Czajkowski, environmentalist and naturalist, tells of the adventures and hardships of living on Spinster Lake, located in the remote West Chilcotin area of northern BC. She describes a life of self-sufficiency and isolation, twenty kilometers from the nearest road, relying on only the few supplies that the occasional floatplane can carry in. She built three cabins without the help of heavy machinery and set up and operated a tourist business for like-minded environmentalists. Her fond memories of summers spent with her canine companions and are starkly contrasted to her recollections of the devastating effects of the forest fires of 2004.

Czajkowski has published several bestsellers, including *Diary of a Wilderness Dweller*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: SCIENCES:
RESOURCES SCIENCES 11 AND 12, BIOLOGY 11 AND 12, SOCIAL STUDIES

Index/Bibliography: No/No
2006 224 pp. 6"x9"
line drawings and sketches, maps
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Wisdom of the Elders

Peter Knudtson &
David Suzuki
Greystone Books

First published in 1992, now released with a new introduction, this book examines the ecological themes that concern both scientists and indigenous peoples. These two groups pursue their knowledge of the natural world in different but complementary ways. Comparing a scientific viewpoint to an indigenous perspective, each chapter focuses on a particular ecological or biological topic. The book is a well-documented gathering of sacred stories and traditions from over twenty-two different indigenous cultures, seven of which are found in Canada.

Suzuki and Knudtson co-authored *Genethics: The Ethics of Engineering Life*.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: BC FIRST NATIONS STUDIES 12, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCES: RESOURCE SCIENCES 11 AND 12, SOCIAL STUDIES: COMPARATIVE CIVILIZATIONS 12,

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Writing Romance

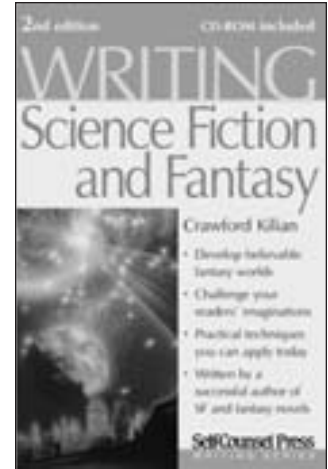
Vanessa Grant
Self-Counsel Press

Writing Romance, 3rd edition, is in the series of genre writing how-to books. This book coaches the reader on everything from naming characters to getting an editor to read the finished manuscripts. Ideas about story development, setting and suspense are included. The text is peppered with helpful examples from the pages (and preparations) of the author's own books. In addition, *Writing Romance* provides aspiring writers with samples of query letters, manuscript formats, synopsis, character sketches, data sheets and internet information for romance writers, publishers and agents.

A companion CD-ROM is included which contains an Excel template for tracking character history and timelines, trial version of MuseNames character-naming software, bonus MP3s from Vanessa Grant's seminars on writing great romance novels and two e-books. Vanessa Grant is the author of thirty romance novels.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 10-12,
TEACHER RESOURCE
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: Yes/Yes
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Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy

Crawford Kilian
Self-Counsel Press

Many of the tips and techniques presented in this title in a series of genre writing how-to books will carry over to other styles of fiction writing. Beginning with an analysis of the sub-genres and formats of science fiction and fantasy, the reader is guided through the process of creating a story with sections on Developing Efficient Work Habits, Research and Soul Search, Elements of a Successful Story, Developing Characters, Plotting, Constructing a Scene, Narrative Voice, Exposition and Dialogue, and Symbolism. A significant part of the book gives practical advice on producing and marketing a manuscript. Ideas are organized in a coherent manner. For the beginner fiction writer, this book offers valuable and helpful content.

A companion CD contains "Ten steps for pre-editing," "Exercises on character and dialogue," essays, and links to relevant websites. Kilian has published twenty books.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 9-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
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SECONDARY



Writing the Tides New and Selected Poems

Kevin Roberts
Ronsdale Press

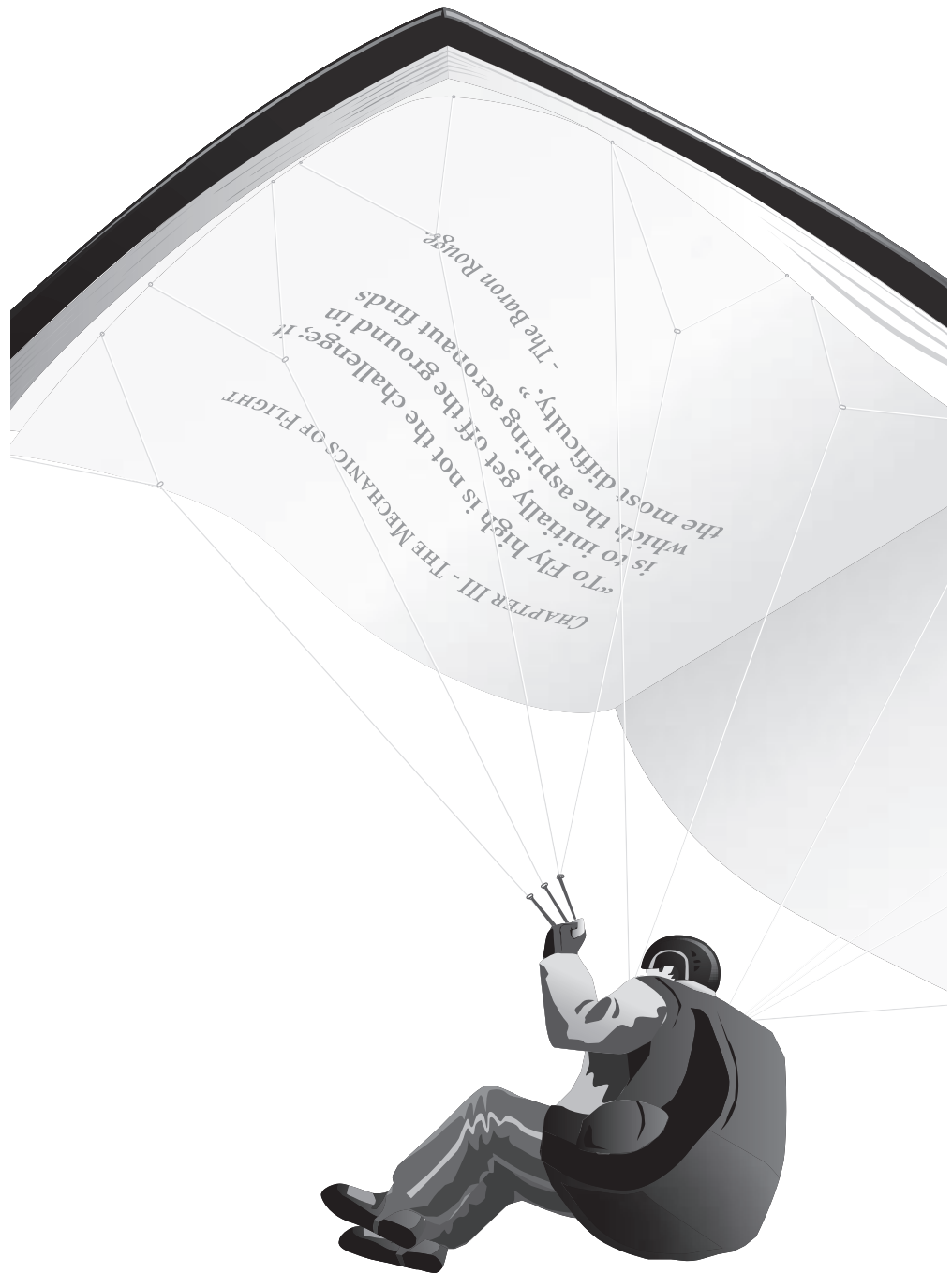
Writing the Tides contains thirty-three new poems and selections from past publications spanning over thirty-five years. With Roberts, we travel to places he has lived or visited, such as British Columbia, Australia, Thailand and Tahiti. And as we accompany him, we learn something about the human condition. Roberts takes us on a journey through life where like the ocean tides our lives “flow and ebb, ebb and flow” and where we “[slip-slide] through the roar of lion waves to some imagined sandy shore.” A dominant theme in this collection of lyric poetry is death, particularly in the section Cobalt 3 where Roberts shares with us his three-year struggle with cancer. Yet, for all of his references to death, he says, “Every dawn [has] a new start” and he continues on his journey.

Roberts has written eleven books of poetry, two books of short stories and two plays.

Caution: some coarse language

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE: 11-12
SUBJECT AREA: ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS

Index/Bibliography: No/No
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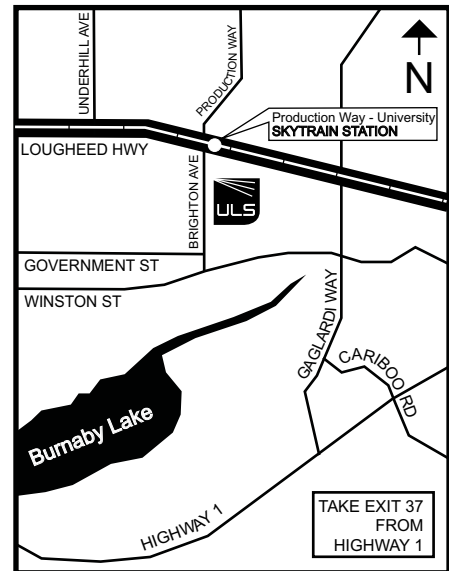
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