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\$22.95, 256 pp., PB, March 2018

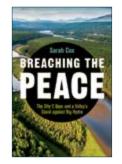


BREACHING THE PEACE: THE SITE C DAM AND A VALLEY'S STAND AGAINST BIG HYDRO

by Sarah Cox | UBC Press | 9780774890267

From award-winning journalist Sarah Cox comes the inspiring and astonishing story of the farmers and First Nations who are fighting the most expensive megaproject in BC history, and the government-sanctioned bullying that propelled it forward.

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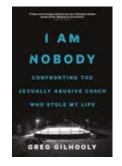


I AM NOBODY: CONFRONTING THE SEXUALLY ABUSIVE COACH WHO STOLE MY LIFE

by Greg Gilhooly | Greystone Books | 9781771642453

An honest, tragic account of child sexual abuse and a powerful resource for individuals struggling with recovery. Gilhooly clearly highlights the shortcomings of the Canadian justice system's approach; hopefully, one day, the punishment will fit the crime.

\$32.95, 340 pp., HC, March 2018



STRANGE NEW COUNTRY: THE FRASER RIVER SALMON STRIKES OF 1900–1901 AND THE BIRTH OF MODERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Geoff Meggs | Harbour Publishing | 9781550178296

This compelling account of the Fraser River salmon strikes of 1900–1901—told with journalistic flair by award-winning author Geoff Meggs—illuminates this pivotal event in BC history, creating discussion about issues such as inequality, racism, immigration, and economic power that remain relevant today.

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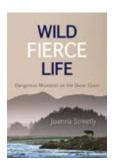


GRIZZLIES, GALES AND GIANT SALMON: LIFE AT A RIVERS INLET FISHING LODGE

by Pat Ardley | Harbour Publishing | 9781550178319

When Pat Ardley packed up her belongings and left Winnipeg for Vancouver, looking for adventure at the age of 19, little did she know that she'd spend the next 40 years in the wilderness, running a world-renowned fishing lodge in Rivers Inlet with her husband and family.

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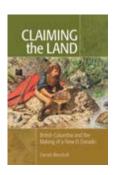


WILD FIERCE LIFE: DANGEROUS MOMENTS ON THE OUTER COAST

by Joanna Streetly | Caitlin Press | 9781987915655

From a near-death experience while swimming at night to an enigmatic encounter with a cougar, these stories capture the joys and dangers of living in a wild environment. Streetly's vivid storytelling evokes a sincere respect for nature, both its fragility and its power.

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CLAIMING THE LAND: BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE MAKING OF A NEW EL DORADO

by Daniel Marshall | Ronsdale Press | 9781553805021

Marshall focuses on the 1858 Fraser River gold rush and its littleunderstood Canyon War between the California mining culture and that of the First Nations, with the British struggling to keep the peace—resulting in the formal inauguration of colonialism, Indigenous reserves, and the expansion of Canada to BC.

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VOICE IN THE WILD: A MEMOIR

by Laurie Sarkadi | Caitlin Press | 9781987915754

After plans to live in Africa shatter, young journalist Laurie Sarkadi moves to the subarctic city of Yellowknife seeking wilderness and adventure. Lessons from the natural world arrive weekly, if not daily: black bears roam her dreams, as well as her deck, teaching introspection; wolves inspire her to persevere.

\$24.95, 212 pp., PB, May 2018

KUEI, MY FRIEND: A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND RECONCILIATION

by Deni Ellis Béchard & Natasha Kanapé Fontaine I *Talonbooks* I 9781772011951

Kuei, My Friend is an engaging book of letters: a literary and political encounter between Innu poet Natasha Kanapé Fontaine and Québécois-American novelist Deni Ellis Béchard. Choosing the epistolary form, they decided to engage together in a frank conversation about racism and reconciliation.

\$19.95, 176 pp., PB, April 2018



eds. Richard J. Hebda, Sheila Greer, & Alexander P. Mackie I Royal BC Museum I 9780772666994

Many years ago, a young man set out across the mountains. He never reached his destination. This comprehensive collaboration describes not only a portrait of an individual and his world, but also how diverse ways of knowing can complement each other to provide new understanding of our complex histories.

\$49.95, 704 pp., PB, October 2017



ON THE LINE: A HISTORY OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LABOUR MOVEMENT

by Rod Mickleburgh | Harbour Publishing | 9781550178265

In prose that is both accessible and engaging, accompanied by more than 200 archival photos, *On the Line* tells the important story of how BC's labour organizations have shaped the economic, political, and social fabric of the province—at a cost of much blood, sweat, toil, and tears.

\$44.95, 312 pp., HC, April 2018



ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND THE LAW: A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION

by Jim Reynolds | *UBC Press* | 9780774880213

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission urged a better understanding of Aboriginal law for all Canadians. *Aboriginal Peoples and the Law* responds to that call, introducing readers with or without a legal background to modern Aboriginal law and outlining significant cases and decisions in straightforward, nontechnical language.

\$29.95, 296 pp., PB, May 2018



FROM ORAL TO WRITTEN: A CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS LITERATURE IN CANADA, 1980–2010

by Tomson Highway, ed. Jordan Abel | *Talonbooks* | PB: 9781772011166 | HC: 9781772011883

Leading Indigenous author Tomson Highway surveys the first wave of Indigenous writers published in Canada, highlighting the most gifted authors and the best stories they have told, offering non-Indigenous readers access to reconciliation and understanding, and at the same time engendering among Indigenous readers pride in a stellar body of work.

\$29.95, 432 pp., PB, July 2017



FIGHTING FOR SPACE: HOW A GROUP OF DRUG USERS TRANSFORMED ONE CITY'S STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION

by Travis Lupick | Arsenal Pulp Press | 9781551527123

Winner of the 2018 George Ryga Award for Social Awareness in Literature, *Fighting for Space* is a comprehensive and moving history of how one group of drug users transformed Vancouver's struggle with addiction.

\$24.95, 408 pp., PB, October 2017



SIDETRACKED: THE STRUGGLE FOR BC'S FOSSILS

by Vivien Lougheed | Creekstone Press | 9780978319557

A couple of hunters on a trip in BC's Northern Rockies come across a dinosaur trackway. Lougheed tells of its discovery, weaving in stories of other major fossil finds, many of which demonstrate how egos, turf wars, and a lack of resources diminish the science of paleontology.

\$21.00, 193 pp., PB, January 2011



THE LANGUAGE OF FAMILY: STORIES OF BONDS AND BELONGING

ed. Michelle van der Merwe | Royal BC Museum | 9780772670526

In this provocative collection of personal narratives, poems and essays, twenty contributors from across British Columbia—museum curators, writers, and thinkers young and old from First Nations, LGBTQ, Japanese Canadian and Punjabi communities, among others—share their differing perspectives on what family means and open a door to new thinking.

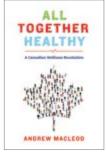
\$27.95, 208 pp., PB, June 2017

ALL TOGETHER HEALTHY: A CANADIAN WELLNESS REVOLUTION

by Andrew MacLeod | Douglas & McIntyre | 9781771621885

Meticulously researched and enlivened with interviews and personal stories, award-winning author Andrew MacLeod digs deep to discover how to build a healthy society, examines inequities within Canada, and draws on international comparisons to assess why Canada's high spending on health care has failed to achieve better results.

\$22.95, 240 pp., PB, May 2018



BAKELAND: NORDIC TREATS INSPIRED BY NATURE

by Marit Hovland | Greystone Books | 9781771643108

A quirky, beautifully photographed collection of delicious and creative Nordic baking recipes inspired by nature. This gorgeous recipe book is a remarkably innovative and delicious homage to the beauty of the world around us that will delight lovers of baking, crafting, nature, and all things Scandinavian.

\$35.00, 208 pp., HC, April 2018

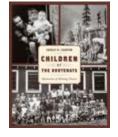


CHILDREN OF THE KOOTENAYS

by Shirley Stainton | Heritage House Publishing | 9781772031850

A warm-hearted memoir of a childhood lived in various mining towns in the Kootenays throughout the 1930s and 40s. *Children of the Kootenays* paints a lively portrait of this forgotten period in BC history—of mining towns that are now ghost towns—told from a unique perspective.

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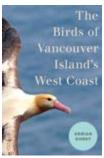
MAPPING MY WAY HOME: A GITXSAN HISTORY

by Neil. J. Sterritt | Creekstone Press | 9781928195016

Gitxsan leader Neil Sterritt shares stories to illustrate Gitxsan resilience and resistance from the days of early European exploration through to the present. As well as memories of growing up in Hazelton, he charts his people's people fight for territory in the ground-breaking Delgamuukw court case.

\$39.95, 354 pp., HC, April 2016





THE BIRDS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND'S WEST COAST

by Adrian Dorst | UBC Press | 9780774890106

This is the essential guide to the region's birds. It presents accounts of all of the species thus far recorded as occurring there—360 in total. Each account includes an introduction to the species, an overview of its total range, and authoritative, first-hand information on behaviour and sightings.

\$39.95, 560 pp., HC, April 2018

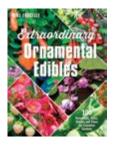


TREES AND SHRUBS IN WINTER: AN IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Rosamund Pojar I Creekstone Press I 9780978319533

With the help of this guide, the reader can identify most trees and shrubs—down to the smallest ground creepers—in winter. The descriptions contain enough detail to satisfy the experts but are written in language accessible to the weekend naturalist. The drawings have been created with identification in mind.

\$20.00, 176 pp., PB, October 2010

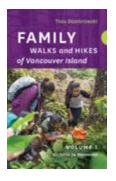


EXTRAORDINARY ORNAMENTAL EDIBLES: 100 PERENNIALS, TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES FOR CANADIAN GARDENS

by Mike Lasccelle | Douglas & McIntyre | 9781771621793

More than just a listing of delicious plants, *Extraordinary Ornamental Edibles* is also a comprehensive guide to the edible landscape as a whole, with information about microclimates, pollinators, pests, ecological concerns, organic gardening tips, container growing, spacesaving ideas, propagation, grafting, pruning, and design essentials.

\$24.95, 288 pp., PB, March 2018



FAMILY WALKS AND HIKES OF VANCOUVER ISLAND - VOLUME 1: VICTORIA TO NANAIMO

by Theo Dombrowski I *RMB* | *Rocky Mountain Books* 9781771602792

Family Walks and Hikes is an exciting new series for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. These accurate, attractive guides feature expertly curated routes, informative maps and colour photographs. This first book assembles an impressive variety of hikes for anyone looking for unique, guided wanderings between Victoria and Nanaimo.

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HIKING CANADA'S GREAT DIVIDE TRAIL (3RD ED.)

by Dustin Lynx | RMB | Rocky Mountain Books | 9781771602624

This popular, full-colour hiking guide has been updated and redesigned for a new generation of hiking enthusiasts. Trekking the Continental Divide is a demanding adventure. In this new edition of the bestselling guidebook devoted to Canada's 1,200-kilometre Great Divide Trail, Dustin Lynx helps piece together the myriad individual routes.

\$30.00, 320 pp., PB, June 2018



105 HIKES IN SOUTHWESTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Stephen Hui | Greystone Books | 9781771642866

The all-new, expanded follow-up to southwestern British Columbia's best-selling hiking guidebook—now featuring trails on the islands and northern Washington.

\$24.95, 256 pp., PB, May 2018



BIKEPACKING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

by Ryan Correy | RMB | Rocky Mountain Books | 9781771602372

The first full-colour guidebook introducing backcountry cyclists to the exciting and increasingly popular world of bikepacking. This book offers ten ambitious, multi-day routes complete with directional cues, maps, a helpful Bikepacking 101 section, rich photography, and personal stories to stoke the curiosity of both the beginner and experienced backcountry rider.

\$25.00, 192 pp., PB, June 2018

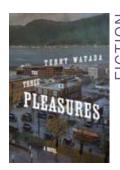


THE THREE PLEASURES

by Terry Watada | Anvil Press | 9781772140958

1940s Vancouver. The Japanese have just bombed Pearl Habor and racial tension is building in Vancouver. The RCMP are rounding up "suspicious" young men, and fishing boats and property are soon to be seized from Steveston fishers; internment camps in BC's interior are only month away. *The Three Pleasures* is an intimate and passionate novel concerning an unsightly and painful period in Canada's history.

\$24.00, 326 pp., PB, October 2017



THE CLOTHESLINE SWING

by Ahmad Danny Ramadan I Nightwood Editions I 9780889713321

A Lambda Literary Award Fiction finalist! Inspired by *One Thousand and One Nights, The Clothesline Swing* tells the epic story of two lovers anchored to the memory of a dying Syria. One is a Hakawati, a storyteller, who keeps life in forward motion by telling stories to his dying partner.

\$21.95, 288 pp., PB, May 2017



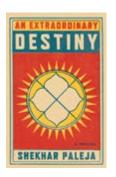
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BEAUTIFUL COMMUNIONS

by Des Kennedy | Ronsdale Press | 9781553805328

This superb novel invokes the "beautiful communions" among a company of people who seem at first to have little in common, from young Chrissie Crosby, split-second smart, to Ginger Flynn, pushing eighty and still seeking answers — all watched over by Shep, the border collie extraordinaire, with his bemused detachment.

\$18.95, 312 pp., PB, May 2018

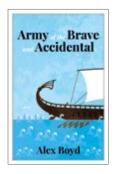


AN EXTRAORDINARY DESTINY

by Shekhar Paleja | Brindle & Glass | 9781927366592

A captivating family saga that begins in 1947 in Lahore during the violence of the partition of India, and interweaves three generations of an Indian family as they strain against ancestral cords and wrestle with the expectations of an unusually auspicious kundali.

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by Alex Boyd | Nightwood Editions | 9780889713413

A genre-bending retelling of *The Odyssey, Army of the Brave and Accidental* is a modern fable: a story about relationships, parenthood, and trying to have an impact on the world told from the shifting perspectives of ten characters. It is funny, deft, wise, and poetic all at once.

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by Joshua Whitehead | Arsenal Pulp Press | 9781551527253

A tour de force debut novel about a Two-Spirit Indigequeer young man and proud NDN glitter princess who must reckon with his past when he returns home to his reserve.

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The second novel by Vancouver Book Award winner Amber Dawn (How Poetry Saved My Life): at once a compelling family melodrama and a lesbian supernatural thriller.

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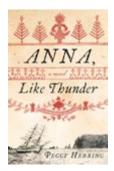


ANNA. LIKE THUNDER

by Peggy Herring | TouchWood Editions | 9781927366745

In 1808, the Russian Ship St. Nikolai ran aground off the Olympic Peninsula and all the crew were taken prisoner by the local Indigenous people. Based on historical record. *Anna. Like Thunder* blends fact and fiction to explore the early days of contact off the west coast of North America.

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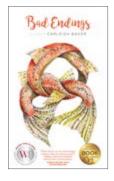


BAD FNDINGS

by Carleigh Baker | Anvil Press | 9781772140767

Carleigh Baker likes to make light in the dark. Whether plumbing family ties, the end of a marriage, or death itself, she never lets go of the witty, the ironic, or most notably, the awkward. Winner of the City of Vancouver Book Award, finalist for the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, and one of CBC's Writers to Watch in 2017.

\$18.00, 168 pp., PB, March 2017



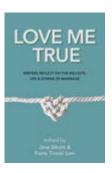


ATOMIC ROAD

by Grant Buday | Anvil Press | 9781772141139

October 22, 1962, the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and New York art critic Clement Greenberg and infamous Marxist Louis Althusser are on a roadtrip to the artists' retreat at Emma Lake, SK. An absurdist romp that charts its own course between historical veracity, fictional invention, and the unfettered egotism of two mad intellectuals.

\$20.00, 224 pp., PB February 2018



LOVE ME TRUE: WRITERS REFLECT ON THE INS, OUTS, UPS AND DOWNS OF MARRIAGE

eds. Fiona Tinwei Lam & Jane Silcott | Caitlin Press | 9781987915662

In Love Me True, 26 creative nonfiction writers and 20 poets explore how marriage and committed relationships have challenged, shaped, supported, and changed them. They write about happiness and frustration, along with love and companionship, whether the long-term partnering is monogamous, polyamorous, same-sex, or otherwise.

\$24.95, 256 pp., PB, February 2018



SUSTENANCE: WRITERS FROM BC AND BEYOND ON THE SUBJECT OF FOOD

ed. Rachel Rose | Anvil Press | 9781772141016

Sustenance brings to the table some of Canada's best contemporary writers, celebrating all that is unique about our literary and culinary scene. Writers have donated their honoraria to the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. A portion of sales from every book will go towards providing refugee and low-income families with fresh, locally grown produce.

\$25.00, 256 pp., PB, October 2017



LISTENING TO THE BEES

by Mark Winston & Renee Sarojini Saklikar | *Nightwood Editions* | 9780889713468

Through the distinct but complementary lenses of science and poetry, *Listening to the Bees* takes readers into the laboratory and out to the field—into the worlds of scientists and beekeepers—to learn about urban and rural bee habitats, and to understand how science intersects with government policy and business.

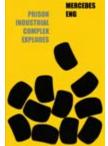
\$24.95, 240 pp., HC, May 2018

PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX EXPLODES

by Mercedes Eng | Talonbooks | 9781772011814

A finalist for the 2018 Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize, *Prison Industrial Complex Explodes* combines text from government questionnaires, reports, and corporate websites, as well as lyric poetry and photography, to examine the prison system in Canada. Eng's long poem is an intimate and complex work examining the systemic racism of the Canadian prison system through the personal lens of her own family history.

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QUARRELS

by Eve Joseph | Anvil Press | 9781772141191

The acclaimed author of the memoir, *In the Slender Margin*, turns her focus back to poetry in this beautiful and condensed work of prose poems. Leaves fall out of coat sleeves, Ghandi swims in Burrard Inlet. Reaching for something other than the truth, the marvelous.

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RAMADAN: THE HOLY MONTH OF FASTING

by Ausma Zehanat Khan I Orca Book Publishers | 9781459811812

Explore the richness and diversity of the Islamic tradition by focusing on an event of great spiritual significance and beauty in the lives of Muslims. Rich with personal stories and stunning photographs, *Ramadan* aims to de-mystify the traditions and emphasize the importance of diversity in a world where Islamophobia exists.

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THE KING'S SHILLING

by David Starr | Ronsdale Press | 9781553805267

In this thrilling sequel to *The Nor'Wester*, Duncan returns to England to find his missing sister. But upon docking in Liverpool, he is press-ganged into serving in the Royal Navy. In an epic battle against Napoleon's fleet, Duncan fights not only for his own survival but for England itself.

\$11.95, 224 pp., PB, March 2018





ALIENS AMONG US: INVASIVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Alex Van Tol, illustrated by Mike Deas I Royal BC Museum 9780772668530

Would you be surprised if you came face to face with a Red-eared Slider? In this informative book, Alex Van Tol identifies more than 50 species of invasive animals and plants, then arms young people with the tools to help stop the spread of these unwanted aliens in British Columbia.

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SWIMMING WITH SEALS

by Maggie de Vries | Orca Book Publishers | 9781459813212

A stunning picture book set in the Pacific Northwest about an alternative, multigenerational family and their love for their granddaughter, niece, and daughter.

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WEST COAST ABCS

by Jocey Asnong | RMB | Rocky Mountain Books | 9781771602853

Jocey Asnong's book teaches letter recognition while celebrating many familiar landmarks and habitats of coastal British Columbia. From Vancouver's harbour to the beaches of Haida Gwaii, this early concept board book features marine mammals and other ocean dwellers, along with birds in showcasing the amazing diversity of this unique region.

\$12.00, 28 pp., BB, May 2018



ON OUR STREET: OUR FIRST TALK ABOUT POVERTY

by Dr. Jillian Roberts & Jaime Casap | *Orca Book Publishers* | 9781459816176

A gentle introduction to the issue of poverty, *On Our Street* explores the realities of people living with inadequate resources, addressing homelessness, mental illness, refugee status, and other aspects of this complex topic.

\$19.95, 32 pp., HC, February 2018



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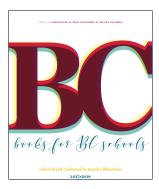
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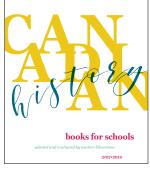


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