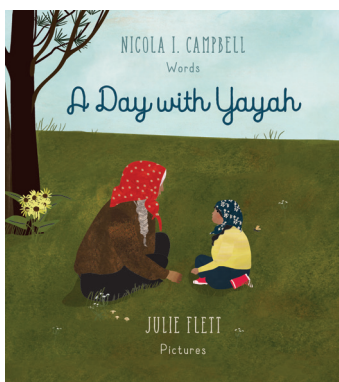


## WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL BC BOOK BOX FOR SCHOOLS

Books can have a huge impact on education and learning opportunities, and not just in reading ability and comprehension. They can be useful in sharing different perspectives, engaging with big ideas, and creating connections. Local books can also help reflect and shape readers' sense of where they are from. There is a lot of great material available, but we realize you only have so much time to locate and evaluate these resources.

That's where the BC Book Box for Schools comes in! These books have all been evaluated by a teacher-librarian and we have highlighted BC-specific curriculum connections in this brochure.

We hope you're inspired by this box to share and discuss the enclosed resources with your coworkers and colleagues, and to explore the diversity of BC-published books suitable for the classroom.



### *A Day with Yayah*

Nicola Campbell; Julie Flett, illus.

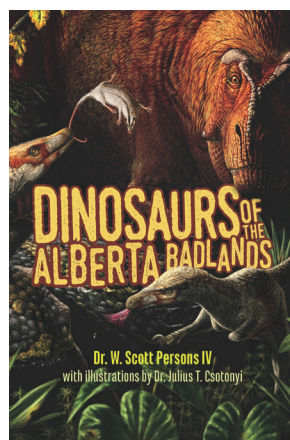
Set in the Nicola Valley, British Columbia, a First Nations family goes on an outing to forage for edible herbs and mushrooms. The grandmother—Yayah—passes down her knowledge of the natural world.

Grades K–4 | Art Education, English Language Arts, Indigenous Language Studies, Social Studies  
Themes: community, environment,

family, forage plants, Nicola Valley, place

Tradewind Books | ISBN 978926890098, HC, \$19.95

Author available for school visits



### *Dinosaurs of the Alberta Badlands*

Dr. W. Scott Persons IV; Dr. Julius T. Csotonyi, illus.

Paleontologist Dr. Persons travels back in time 76 million years to the Late Cretaceous period, when prehistoric creatures roamed the swamps and flood plains that would eventually become the badlands of Alberta. Explore notable dig sites, learn how fossils form, and what paleontologists do when they find them.

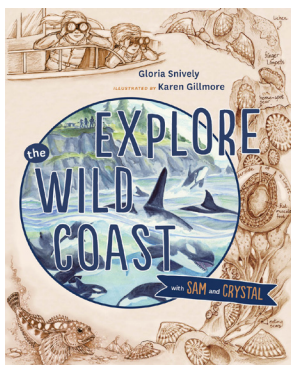
Grades 3–7 | English Language Arts, Science

Themes: Paleontology, prehistoric times

Harbour Publishing | ISBN 9781550178210, PB, \$14.95

E-ISBN 9781550178227

Author available for school visits



### *Explore the Wild Coast with Sam and Crystal*

Gloria Snively; Karen Gillmore, illus.

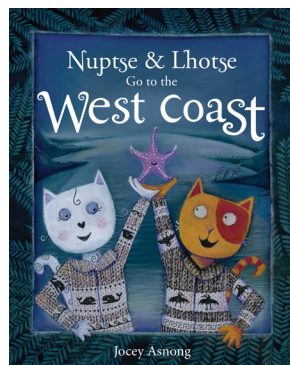
Join siblings Sam and Crystal as they travel the Pacific coastline with their aunt, a marine biologist. Learn about marine life, tidal zones, and the importance of observing, respecting, and preserving nature. Created by a professor of environmental education at the UVic, the story includes beautiful and scientifically accurate illustrations.

Grades 3–7 | English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies

Themes: BC, coastal ecology, Pacific Coast, marine biology, tidal zone

Heritage House | ISBN 9781772031676, HC, \$22.95

Author available for school visits



### *Nuptse and Lhotse Go to the West Coast*

Jocey Asnong

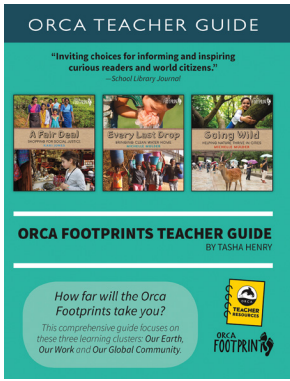
When adventurous cats Nuptse and Lhotse find Salish, a Purple Ochre Starfish, in a puddle, Nuptse and Lhotse are determined to help Salish get back home. The trio will travel across mountains and orchards, explore a coastal city's many attractions, take an extraordinary ferry ride along the bottom of the Salish Sea, hike through the tangled rainforests of the West Coast Trail, and surf the great waves at Long Beach.

Grades K–3 | English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies

Themes: action and adventure fiction, mapping, sea life, transportation, West Coast

Rocky Mountain Books | ISBN 9781771602327, HC, \$18.00

Author available for school visits



**Orca Footprints Teacher Guide**

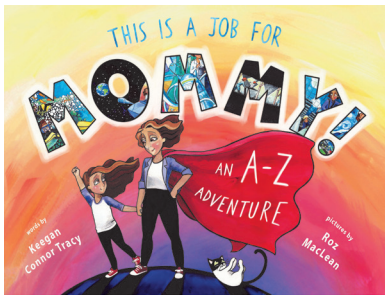
Tasha Henry

Orca Footprints is a nonfiction series for middle readers and talks to students about how to be global citizens. The Orca Footprints Teacher Guide helps educators build inquiry-based unit plans using three learning modules: Our Earth, Our Work, and Our Global Community. The guide includes introductions to 14 Orca Footprints titles with ideas on how to present and use the books with a variety of dynamic activities and thoughtful graphic organizers to support students' learning.

Teacher Resource for Grades 4–7 | Social Studies, Science  
Themes: environmental studies

Orca Book Publishers | ISBN 9781459822207, PB, \$29.95  
E-ISBN 9781459822214

Author available for school visits



**This Is a Job for Mommy!**

Keegan Connor Tracy;  
Roz MacLean, illus.

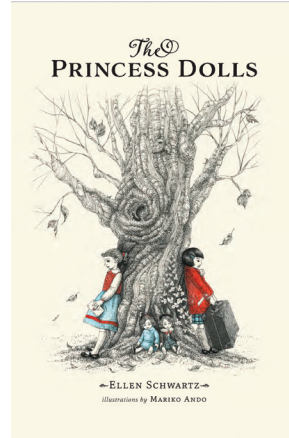
This fully illustrated book is a delightful ABC adventure that shows that moms can do any job. Join a mother-daughter duo (and their kitty!) as they travel through the alphabet,

exploring 26 different careers. With a fun, rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, this book is ideal for reading to children and teaching them not only the basics of the alphabet but also about the big, exciting world out there!

Grades K–2 | Career Education, English Language Arts  
Themes: alphabet book, occupations

Promontory Press | ISBN 9781773740270, HC, \$19.95  
E-ISBN 9781773740171

Author available for school visits



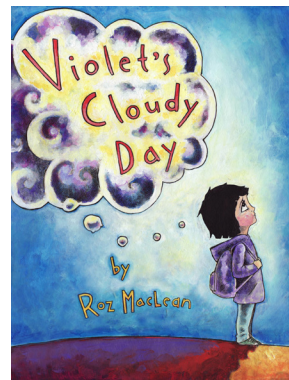
**The Princess Dolls**

Ellen Schwartz; Mariko Ando, illus.

Vancouver, 1942. When best friends Esther and Michiko spot the beautiful Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret dolls in the local toy store window, they long to get the dolls for their birthdays. But when Esther receives the doll and Michiko doesn't, their friendship starts to unravel. This story is set against the backdrop of an atmosphere of increasing hostility and racist attacks upon the Japanese community, culminating in the Internment.

Grades 3–6 | English Language Arts, Social Studies  
Themes: friendship, historical fiction, Japanese Canadians internment, racism, Vancouver, WWII

Tradewind Books | ISBN 9781926890081, HC, \$19.95;  
9781926890296, PB, \$12.95, E-ISBN 9781926890494  
Author available for school visits



**Violet's Cloudy Day**

Roz MacLean

It's Violet's first day at a new school, and she is starting to feel worried. What if nobody likes her? What if her teacher is mean? Unlike your ordinary first day jitters, these thoughts become 'worry clouds' that won't stop following Violet. She must figure out how to be a resilient and empowered thinker, using positive self talk and a self-compassionate attitude to overcome anxiety.

Grades K–3 | English Language Arts, Physical and Health Education |  
Themes: anxiety, resilience, school, social and emotional health

Promontory Press | ISBN 9781927559475, PB, \$11.95  
Author available for school visits

**RESOURCES FOR BOOKING AUTHOR VISITS**

ArtStarts, through the BC Arts Council, provides grants for educators to support arts in education. [artstarts.com/aie](http://artstarts.com/aie)

Authors Booking Service: [authorsbooking.com](http://authorsbooking.com)

Canadian Children's Book Centre [directory.bookcentre.ca](http://directory.bookcentre.ca)

Canadian Society for Children's Authors, Illustrators & Performers (CANSCIAP) [canscaip.org/School/LibraryVisits](http://canscaip.org/School/LibraryVisits)

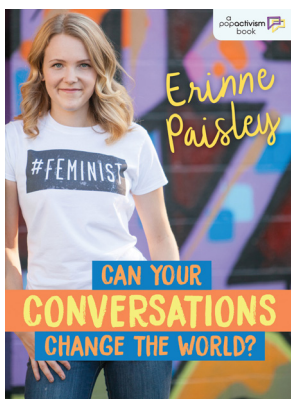
Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC (CWILL BC) [cwillbc.org](http://cwillbc.org)

League of Canadian Poets [poets.ca](http://poets.ca)



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**Can Your Conversations Change the World?**

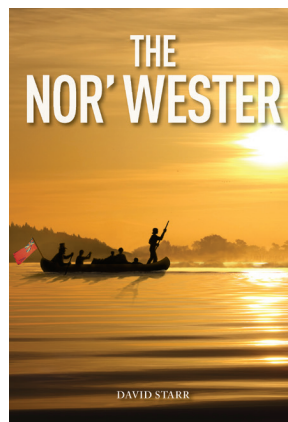
Erinne Paisley

Not everyone is going to agree with your opinions, especially when you are talking about social justice issues. It matters what you say and how you say it. *Can Your Conversations Change the World?* provides insight into the origins and history of feminism, how it plays out on the global stage, and what it means to be a young feminist and activist today.

Grades 7–12 | Exploration in Social Studies, Social Studies, Social Justice  
Themes: feminism, human rights, pop culture, social media

Orca Book Publishers | ISBN 9781459813090, PB with flaps, \$14.95  
E-ISBN 9781459813106

Author available for school visits



**The Nor'Wester**

David Starr

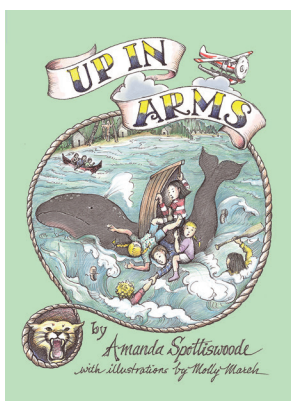
In this gripping novel, Duncan is forced to flee his native Scotland to Canada. Taken on by the North West Company in Montreal, he is sent to join Simon Fraser's crew on their historic 1808 voyage to the sea along what was thought to be the Columbia River, meeting the many Indigenous peoples of the river, facing death, danger, and treason along the way.

Grades 4–9 | English Language Arts, Social Studies

Themes: action and adventures fiction, BC, biographical fiction, Fraser River, historical fiction, immigration, North West Company, Simon Fraser (explorer), stowaways, survival

Ronsdale Press | ISBN 9781553804932, PB, \$11.95  
E-ISBN 9781553804949

Author available for school visits



**Up in Arms**

Amanda Spottiswoode; Molly March, illus.

The third chapter book adventure of the Phillips and MacTavish children (*Brother XII's Treasure*, *Silver Lining*). The children are sent to join their uncle, Captain Gunn, in Victoria, BC as wartime evacuees. They survive a shipwreck, meet children at the nearby Indigenous village, discover a stolen mask, and encounter a forest fire. This fast-paced book is packed with historical informa-

tion, all delivered with the hindsight of current perspectives.

Grades 3–8 | English Language Arts

Themes: action and adventures fiction, BC, shipwrecks, treasure hunting, WWII

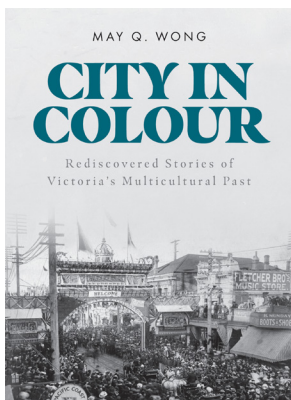
Heritage House | ISBN 9781772032024, PB, \$12.95  
E-ISBN 9781772032031

Author available for school visits

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A suggested list is available at [books.bc.ca/resources/for-librarians-and-educators](http://books.bc.ca/resources/for-librarians-and-educators)



**City in Colour: Rediscovered Stories of Victoria's Multicultural Past**

May Q. Wong

Often described as “more English than the English,” BC’s capital has a much more ethnically diverse background than historical record and current literature reveal. With information about various cultural communities in early Victoria and significant dates, this intriguing collection commemorates the overlooked stories of Victoria’s pioneers, trailblazers, and

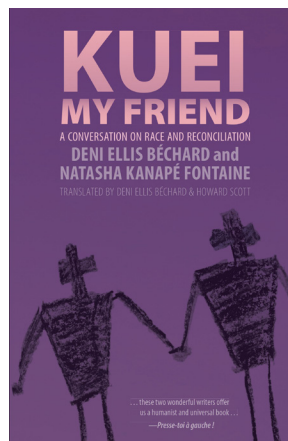
community builders who were also diverse people of colour.

Grades 10–12, Adult | English Language Arts, Creative Writing, Human Geography, Urban Studies

Themes: local history (Victoria), multiculturalism

TouchWood Editions | ISBN 9181771512855, PB, \$22.00  
E-ISBN 9781771512862

Author available for school visits



**Kuei, My Friend: A Conversation on Race and Reconciliation**

Deni Ellis Béchard & Natasha Kanapé Fontaine; Deni Ellis Béchard & Howard Scott, trans.

An Innu poet and Québécois-American novelist engage in a frank conversation about racism and reconciliation. Natasha recounts her discovery of Residential Schools and her life on the reserve. Reciprocating, Deni talks about his father’s racism and his identity as a Québécois living in the English-speaking world.

Grades 10–12, Adult | BC First Peoples,

Contemporary Indigenous Studies, Creative Writing, English First Peoples, English Language Arts, Explorations in Social Studies, Social Justice

Themes: Idle No More movement, Indigenous peoples, letters, racism, reconciliation, Residential Schools, Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Talonbooks | ISBN 9781772011951, PB, \$19.95

Author available for school visits



**One Good Thing**

Rebecca Hendry

1977. When 12-year-old Delilah and her mother relocate to join her father in Yellowknife's historic Old Town, Delilah discovers a sense of place that she's never known before. But then her mom leaves unexpectedly and a new friend disappears. Is there anyone she can trust? In this illuminating novel, Hendry explores the ways we leave—and how, through connection and loss, abandonment and belonging, we find our way home.

Grades 9–12, Adult | Creative Writing,

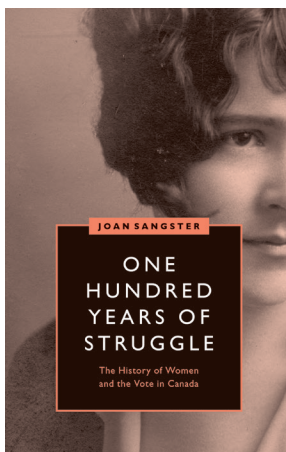
English Language Arts, Physical and Health Education

Themes: coming of age, family life, loss (psychology), identity (psychology), 1970s, northern life, psychological fiction, Yellowknife

TouchWood Editions | ISBN 9781927366776, PB, \$22.00

E-ISBN 9781927366783

Author available for school visits



**One Hundred Years of Struggle: The History of Women and the Vote in Canada**

Joan Sangster

*One Hundred Years of Struggle* is an inclusive, lively, and thoughtful account of women's campaign for political equality. Beginning with debates by anti-slavery advocate Mary Shadd Cary in the 1850s and ending with Indigenous women's struggle to gain the vote in the 1950s and 1960s, Sangster travels back in time to tell a new, more inclusive story for a new generation.

Grades 10–12, teacher reference | Explorations in Social Studies, Political Science, Social Justice, 20th Century World History

Themes: Canadian women, suffragists, voting

UBC Press | ISBN 9780774835343, PB, \$24.95

E-ISBN 9780774835367

Author available for school visits



**Sustenance: Writers from BC and Beyond on the Subject of Food**

Rachel Rose, ed.

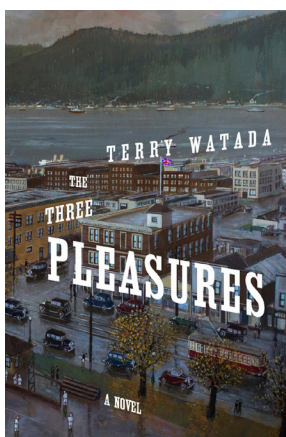
*Sustenance* brings to the table some of Canada's best contemporary writers, celebrating all that is unique about Vancouver's literary and culinary scene. Punctuated by beautiful local food photographs, and interviews with and recipes from some of our top local chefs, each of these short pieces will shock, comfort, praise, entice, or invite reconciliation, all while illuminating our living history through the lens of food.

Grades 10–12, Adult | Creative Writing, English Language Arts, Food Studies

Themes: essays, food, memoirs, poetry

Anvil Press | ISBN 9781772141016, PB, \$25.00

Editor available for school visits



**The Three Pleasures**

Terry Watada

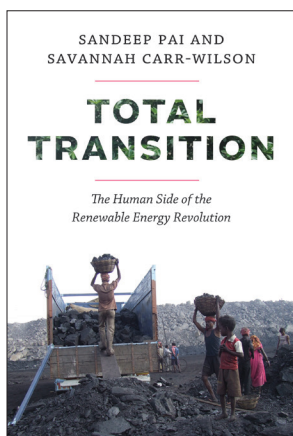
1940s Vancouver. The Japanese have just bombed Pearl Harbour and racial tension is building in Vancouver. The RCMP are rounding up "suspicious" young men, and fishing boats and property are soon seized from Steveston fishers; internment camps in BC's interior are only months away. *The Three Pleasures*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

Grades 11–12, Adult | English Language Arts, Explorations in Social Studies, 20th Century World History

Themes: BC, gangs, Japanese Canadian Internment, historical fiction, newspapers, WWII

Anvil Press | ISBN 9781772140958, PB, \$24.00

Author available for school visits



**Total Transition: The Human Side of the Renewable Energy Revolution**

Sandeep Pai, Savannah Carr-Wilson

Written in the form of a travelogue, *Total Transition* looks at the global growth of renewable energy – highlighting exciting developments in solar and wind energy in Canada, India, Africa, and Europe, and discussing hurdles standing in the way of a total transition. Energy experts and leaders of innovative renewable energy projects share hope and optimism about the future of fossil fuel workers and their communities.

Grades 9–12 | Environmental Science, Science, Social Studies, Explorations in Social Studies

Themes: fossil fuels, renewable energy sources, solar energy, travelogue, wind energy

Rocky Mountain Books | ISBN 9781771602488, PB, \$22.00

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