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**Nimbus Publishing** is the largest Canadian book publisher east of Toronto, Ontario. Our office is in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

We produce approximately 50 new titles a year on a range of topics including children's picture books and fiction, literary non-fiction, social and cultural history, nature photography, sports, politics, and biography. In 2005, we introduced our fiction imprint, Vagrant Press. Several novels have since been optioned for film.

In 2012, Nimbus Publishing was awarded the Retail Council of Canada Small Press Publisher of the Year Award. In 2017, *Publishers Weekly* named Nimbus one of North America's fastest-growing publishers.

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# Critical Praise

Book reviewers love Nimbus books!

“It is never too early to begin nurturing a love of books in your child and this series [**Baby Steps, page 16**] will certainly get your infant off to a great start.”

—Atlantic Books Today

“With powerful imagery and heart-felt emotion, **The Land Beyond the Wall [page 18]** will spark discussion and reflection.” —Canadian Materials Magazine

“Each gorgeous turn of the page introduces a new creature and a new winter wonder with lyrical verbal grace and masterful, eye-opening visual genius.” [**The Snow Knows, page 19**] —Canadian Children’s Book Centre Awards

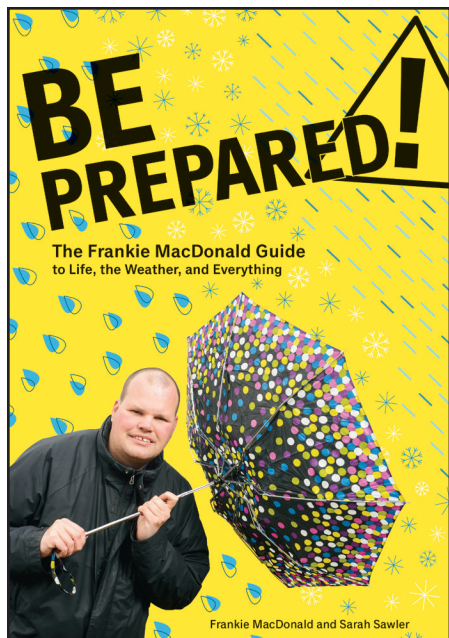
“Perfect for storytime, this musical hit parade strikes all the right chords.” [**Music is for Everyone, page 20**] —The National Reading Campaign

“Definitely worth buying for libraries looking to round out their Canadian content. It would also make a nice Canadian contribution to seasonal collections.” [**The Flying Squirrel Stowaways, page 21**] —Canadian Materials Magazine

“Readers young and old with an interest in traditional Aboriginal stories will be entertained and informed by [**The Thundermaker, page 23**]. The heavily textured and boldly coloured work is eye-catching.” —Canadian Review of Materials

“**Wereduck [page 32]** is an engaging, entertaining, and well-told book suitable for its target audience; it deserves a spot on the shelves of classrooms and libraries amongst other enjoyable titles for young readers.” —Canadian Review of Materials

“Author Robert Rayner [**Black Water Rising, page 42**] has crafted a story worthy of reading and discussing, making this an ideal book for educators to consider using in their classrooms.” —The Miramichi Reader



## Be Prepared!

By Frankie MacDonald and Sarah Sawler

Canada's favourite weather reporter offers his one-of-a-kind perspective on all things weather!

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$16.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-575-5

**Age range:** 7–10

**Rights available:** World

Ever wonder where clouds come from? Or how meteorologists predict the weather? This brand new book, starring Nova Scotia's favourite weather reporter, Frankie MacDonald, and written by author Sarah Sawler, shares stories from Frankie's early years, along with facts about all things sunny, rainy, snowy, and stormy. Filled with pictures, graphics, and advice from Frankie himself, this book has everything you need to Be Prepared!



**Frankie MacDonald** is a YouTube celebrity living in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He's studied meteorology from an early age and shares his weather reports with more than 150,000 subscribers living all over the world. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, going to hockey games, and walking along the Sydney waterfront.

**Sarah Sawler** is the author of *100 Things You Don't Know About Nova Scotia*. Her work regularly appears in *Atlantic Books Today*, *Halifax Magazine* and *Atlantic Business Magazine*. She lives in Halifax with her partner, two children, one dog, one cat, and one bearded dragon.





# EveryBody's Different on EveryBody Street

Words by Sheree Fitch

Art by Emma FitzGerald

A playful, rhyming children's  
book celebrating our  
differences.

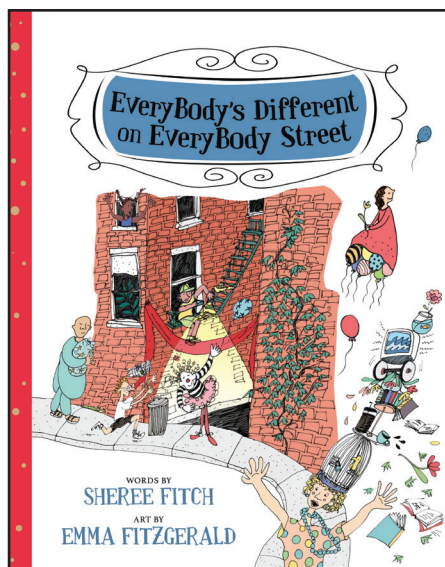
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**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-600-4

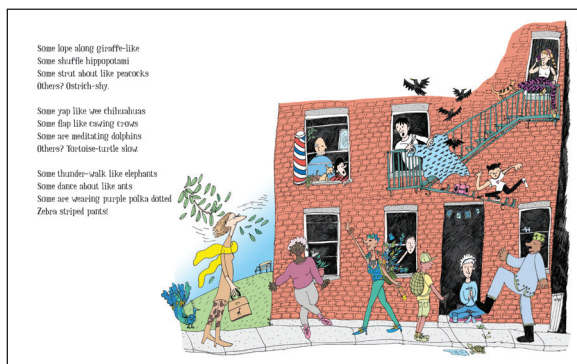
**Age range:** 4–7

**Rights available:** World



*“Fitch [has the] ability to inspire adults and children to giggle together at her wonderful blend of nonsense and commonsense.” —Canadian Review of Materials*

*If ever you go travelling  
On EveryBody Street  
You'll see EveryBody's Different  
Than EveryOne you meet*



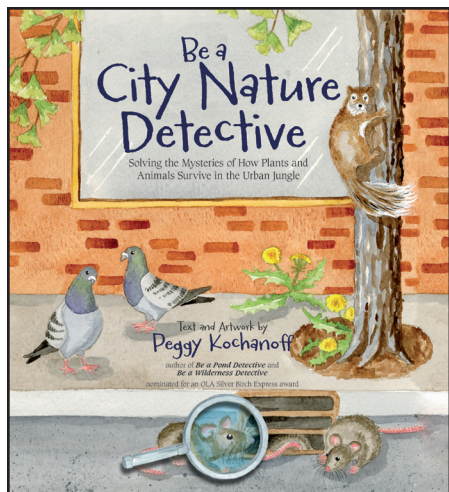
Sheree Fitch's playful words lead you into this beautiful children's book and invite you to celebrate our gifts, weaknesses, differences, and sameness. Fitch displays her wit and mastery of words in quick, rollicking rhymes that are complemented perfectly by Emma FitzGerald's lively illustrations. Designed to bring awareness to mental health and addiction issues.



Sheree Fitch is one of Canada's best-known children's authors. She has won almost every major award and just opened her own bookstore.

Emma FitzGerald was born in South Africa and raised in Canada. Her career has been half art, half architecture. She lives in Halifax.





## Be A City Nature Detective

By Peggy Kochanoff

Silver Birch- and Hackmatack-nominated  
Be A Nature Detective series  
explores creatures of the city.

To be published: Spring 2018

Price: \$14.95 (paperback)

ISBN: 978-1-77108-572-4

Age range: 4–9

Rights available: World

From the author of Silver Birch–nominated Be a Nature Detective series comes a new adventure full of fascinating facts and original watercolours. From scuttling cockroaches to waves of starlings to burdock seed heads on your clothes, Kochanoff takes readers through city streets to show them the amazing nature growing there. Features a glossary, identification page, and further reading.

See other books in the Be a Nature Detective series on pages 24–25.



**Peggy Kochanoff** is a naturalist and artist who graduated from Cornell University with a degree in vertebrate zoology and worked at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. She now lives on a Christmas tree farm in Nova Scotia.

## There Be Pirates!

Joann Hamilton-Barry

An accessible, full-colour history of East Coast piracy for young readers.

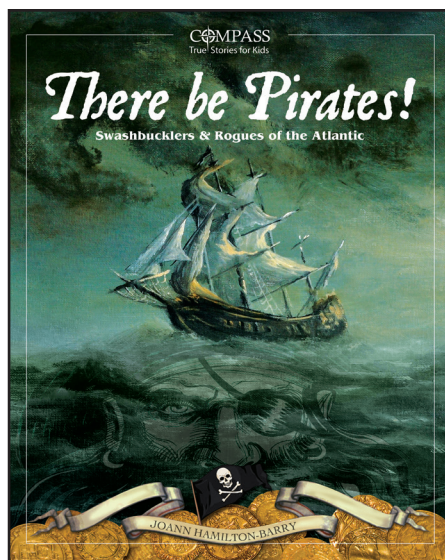
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**Age range:** 7–10

**Rights available:** World



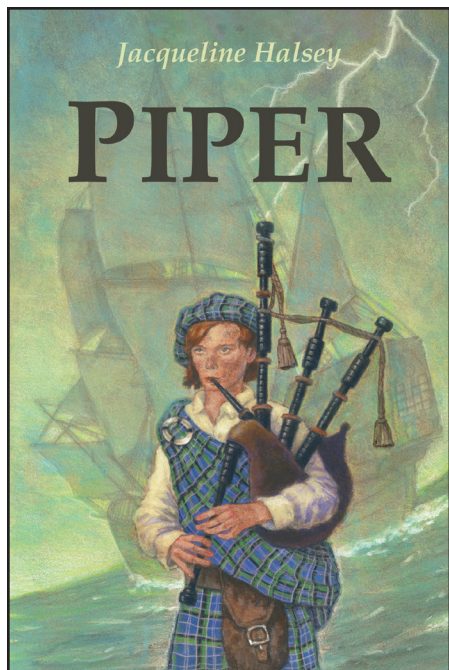
From the Hackmatack Award–shortlisted author comes the newest book in Nimbus’s popular Compass series for young readers. Learn about what everyday life was like for some of the fiercest pirates of all time. Explore the history of piracy, from the ancient Romans and Greeks to modern-day pirates.

This full-colour non-fiction book includes highlighted glossary terms, informative sidebars, over 50 colour illustrations and historical photographs, an index, and recommended further reading.

See other books in the Compass series on pages 28–29.

**Joann Hamilton-Barry** is a librarian in Saint John, New Brunswick, and the author of the Hackmatack Award–shortlisted *Oak Island and the Search for Buried Treasure* and *Boldly Canadian: The Story of the RCMP*. She enjoys cooking and reading but her favourite activity is walking her dog with her husband.





## Piper

Jacqueline Halsey

A middle-grade adventure set aboard the *Hector*, the brig that brought the first Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia.

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-605-9

**Age range:** 8–12

**Rights available:** World

*“Dougal is a believable young hero who isn’t always heroic. In this fast-paced, vividly written story, the terrible voyage of the *Hector* challenges his sense of adventure, his attempts to be the man of the family and his hunger to play the bagpipes. Jackie Halsey has created a world out of a half-rotten ship and those aboard her, as they journey towards the unknown.”* —Jill MacLean, author of *Nix Minus One*, winner of the 2014 Ann Connor Brimer Award

It’s 1773 and twelve-year-old Dougal Cameron and his whole family are set to sail away from their Scotland home forever. When tragedy strikes, the family must decide whether or not to make the trip without Dougal’s father. Once the ship departs, Dougal is drawn to the haunting sounds of the lone piper on-board. When a violent storm knocks the *Hector* two weeks off course, Dougal’s dream of becoming a piper has to take a back seat to keeping his three sisters alive.



**Jacqueline Halsey** retells historical events through the eyes of children in her books. *Peggy’s Letters* and *Explosion Newsie* were both on the CCBC Best Books for Children and Teens lists. When not writing, she spends her time teaching English to newcomers and helping take care of McNabs Island. She lives in Dartmouth.



## The Goodbye Girls

Lisa Harrington

A frank and funny look at breakup culture and entrepreneurship gone wrong.

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$15.95 (paperback)

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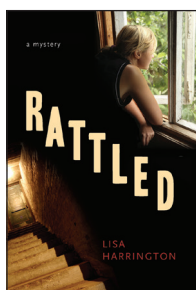
**Age range:** 13+

**Rights available:** World



The students at Lizzie's high school are notoriously terrible at breakups. Sixteen years old, strapped for cash, and itching to go on the school's band trip to NYC, Lizzie teams up with her best friend, Willa, to create a genius business: personalized gift baskets—breakup baskets—sent from dumper to dumpee.

The Goodbye Girls operate in secret, and business is booming. But someone begins sabotaging them, sending impossibly cruel baskets to seemingly random targets. Soon family, friendship, and a budding romance are on the line. Will Lizzie end up saying goodbye to the business for good?



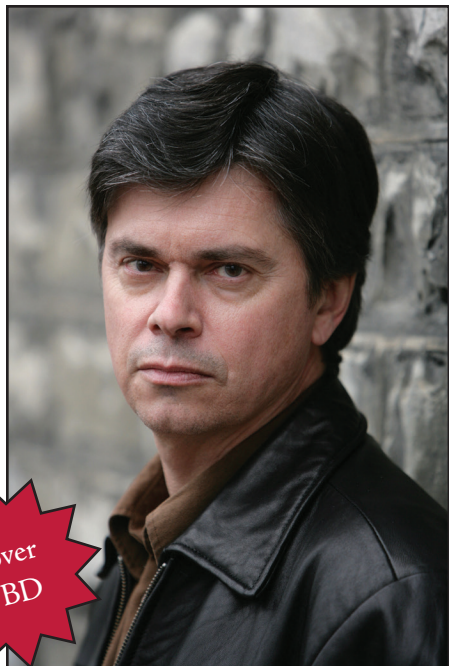
**COMING IN SPRING 2019**

*The Big Dig*

Lisa Harrington has a degree in education from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After a number of years teaching, she took up writing full-time.







## The Mystery of Ireland's Eye

Shane Peacock

First installment of  
award-winning Dylan Maples  
series for young readers.

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$10.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-615-8

**Age range:** 8–12

**Rights available:** World

*“...an action-packed adventure reminiscent of *The Hardy Boys* that will interest even the most reluctant reader.” —Book Marks*

Dylan is twelve years old and embarking on his first ocean kayaking trip with his parents. He has spent the last year convincing them that he is ready for the challenging—and very dangerous—adventure. In fact, he has been determined to go ever since he heard about the destination: Ireland's Eye.

The small island off the coast of Newfoundland is the easternmost settlement in Canada. Or it was. It is now hauntingly empty, a ghost town clinging to the edge of the unforgiving Atlantic. What is it about Ireland's Eye that so captivates Dylan he is willing to take such risks to get there?

**Shane Peacock** is a novelist, playwright, journalist, and television screenwriter for audiences of all ages. Among his novels are *Last Message*, *Double You*, and *Separated*. His bestselling series for young adults, *The Boy Sherlock Holmes*, has been published in twelve languages and has found its way onto more than sixty shortlists. Visit [shanepeacock.ca](http://shanepeacock.ca).

## Secrets of Sable Island

Marcia Pierce Harding

Middle-grade mystery  
adventure set on early  
twentieth-century Sable Island.

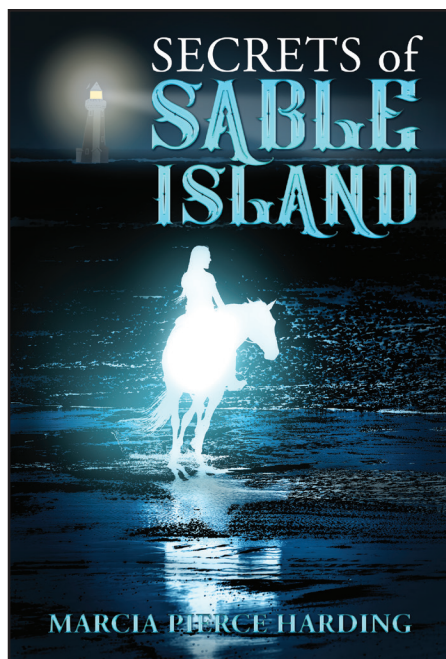
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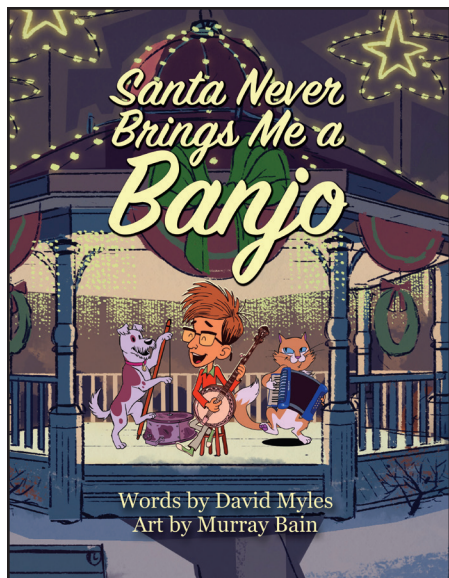
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After a vicious storm aboard ship, fourteen-year-old Caleb is tossed into the Atlantic Ocean. Frightened and alone, he finds himself nudged awake by one of Sable Island's legendary wild stallions. He's then given shelter by a mysterious stranger, Norse, who is secretly living on the island. As Caleb recovers and gets to know his strange rescuer, learning the art of scrimshaw, storytelling, and survival, he wonders how he'll manage to remain on the island he's come to love. When he befriends the ghostly girl who rides bareback over the dunes, he knows he must do whatever he can to save her, and himself.

**Marcia Pierce Harding** grew up in a fishing village and always loved the sea. As an adult, she visited the sandy shores of Sable Island, and imagining what life would have been like on the isolated island inspired her to write *Secrets of Sable Island*.





## Santa Never Brings Me a Banjo

Words by David Myles

Art by Murray Bain

Well-loved holiday song from award-winning artist David Myles is now a children's book.

**To be published:** Fall 2018

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-627-1

**Age range:** 4–7

**Rights available:** World

*Santa never brings me a banjo  
And I can never understand why  
Every Christmas Eve I see it in my dreams  
But every Christmas morning I cry...*

Young David writes frantic letters to Santa every year, requesting a banjo, but to no avail: “How does he miss / the one thing on my list / in the letter that I wrote to him?” Follow the ups and downs of the holiday season with David, his furry friends, and his family, as he pines for his most-wished-for holiday gift.

Featuring illustrations from the animation studio that created the song's well-loved music video, a special holiday message from David Myles, and original sheet music for those who wish to play along, *Santa Never Brings Me A Banjo* is sure to inspire many a holiday singalong.



**David Myles** was born and raised in Fredericton, New Brunswick. When Santa didn't bring him a banjo, he picked up the trumpet instead. David was on his way to law school when he was snatched from the jaws of a conventional career by the lure of music. Eleven records, numerous awards and dozens of tours later, David is excited to have his first book published.

# She Dreams of Sable Island

Briana Corr Scott

Interactive paper-doll picture  
book about a young girl's  
fantasy of visiting Sable Island

**To be published:** Spring 2019

**Price:** \$18.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-626-4

**Age range:** 4–7

**Rights available:** World



Written as a gentle, lyrical poem, *She Dreams of Sable Island* is a wonderful read-aloud for bedtime, and a fact-filled exploration for curious readers who dream of adventuring to one of Nova Scotia's most remarkable—and untouched—landscapes.

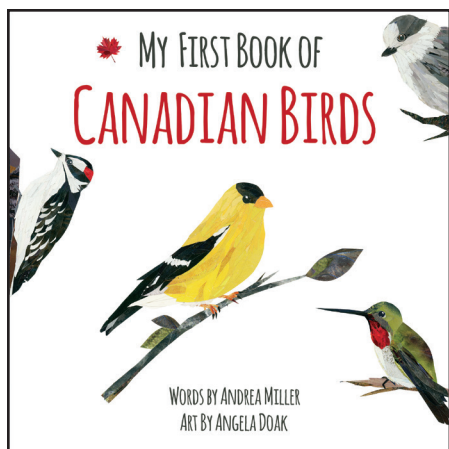
Includes an illustrated map of Sable Island, a fully illustrated page of flora and fauna found on the island, a paper doll and accessories, as well as a Sable Island horse and seal, and a stunning backdrop. An easy-to-assemble diorama awaits the crafty reader.



Briana Corr Scott's love of painting began early in life, and continued during her studies at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. She moved to Nova Scotia and now works from a home studio.







## My First Book of Canadian Birds

Words by Andrea Miller

Art by Angela K. Doak

Collage-style picture book introduces young readers to Canada's feathered friends.

**To be published:** Fall 2018

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

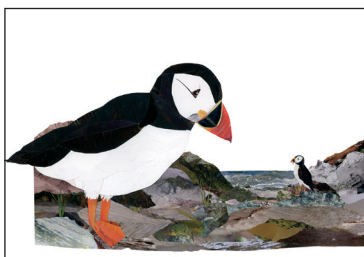
**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-653-0

**Age range:** 1-4

**Rights available:** World

Help your child identify birds like the Canada goose, American robin, and yellow warbler in their natural habitats with colourful and whimsical collage-style illustrations from breakout East Coast artist Angela Doak (*Atlantic Animal ABC*).

Simple, gentle text gives readers a peek into the habitats of Canadian birds and introduces child and parent to fun facts about everything from bird sounds to egg sizes!



**Andrea Miller** is the deputy editor of *Lion's Roar* magazine. She has an MFA in creative writing from the University of British Columbia, and her writing has appeared in a wide variety of publications including *The Globe and Mail*. She lives in Halifax.



**Angela Doak** is a collage artist and photographer. All of her work is done first as collage, made up of fabric, candy and gum wrappers, misprints, junk mail, and just about anything else that fits the image she's making. She lives in Halifax.



## Time for Bed

Carol McDougall and  
Shanda LaRamee-Jones

Popular Baby Steps series  
explores baby's bedtime  
routine.



**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$9.95 (board book)

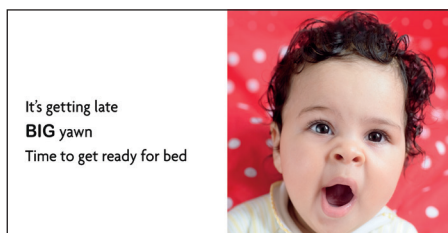
**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-607-3

**Age range:** 6 mos–2

**Rights available:** World

The newest book in the popular Baby Steps series, *Time for Bed* is a fun and simple step-by-step bedtime story for babies and toddlers. From bathtime to storytime, this book guides families through a healthy nightly routine with simple, read-aloud text and joyful photos. *Time for Bed* is sure to help parents get baby's bedtime routine off to a great start.

See other books in the Baby Steps series on pages 16–17.



**Carol McDougall** is a writer, editor, and former librarian for the Canadian Children's Book Centre. She received the Mayor's Award for Cultural Achievement and the Progress Women of Excellence Award for her work in early literacy and is the director of the Read to Me! Nova Scotia Family Literacy program.

**Shanda LaRamee-Jones** is the provincial coordinator for the Read to Me! Nova Scotia Family Literacy Program. She has a passion for supporting early learning and as a master's of education degree in literacy.

# Baby Steps Series

Carol McDougall and Shanda LaRamee-Jones



Based on developmental research, each book in the series will focus on a key developmental stage in a baby's first year.

**Chinese and Arabic translations completed!**



*Baby Play* gets the fun rolling with bouncy, rhyming text and vibrant photos.

**Published:** Spring 2012

**Price:** \$8.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-902-6

**Rights sold:** French (CA)

*Baby Look* is an accordion-style dual-sided book; perfect for tummy time!

**Published:** Fall 2012

**Price:** \$8.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-937-8

**Rights sold:** French (CA)



*Baby Talk* encourages baby's first words in a fun and playful way.

**Published:** Spring 2013

**Price:** \$8.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-000-2

**Rights sold:** French (CA)

*Let's Read!* Explore the ways babies engage with books: pointing, listening, reading.

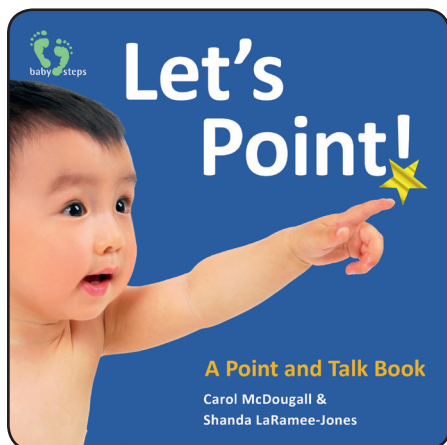
**Published:** Spring 2016

**Price:** \$9.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-368-3

**Rights available:** World





## Let's Point!

Carol McDougall and  
Shanda LaRamee-Jones

A perfect first-birthday gift. Encourages early communication and excites baby's curiosity about the world.

**Published:** Fall 2017

**Price:** \$12.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-519-9

**Rights available:** World

## Maud Lewis 1 2 3

Words by Carol McDougall and  
Shanda LaRamee-Jones

A vibrant counting book featuring paintings by Nova Scotia's most celebrated folk artist!

**Published:** Fall 2017

**Price:** \$12.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-521-2

**Rights available:** World



## Baby's Lullaby

Words by Jill Barber  
Art by HildaRose

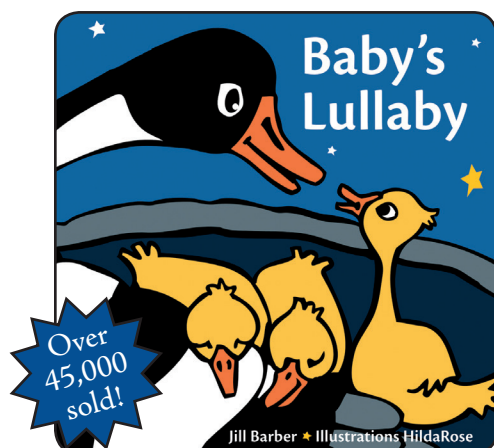
A soft, soothing song to calm baby before sleep featuring different animals getting ready for bedtime.

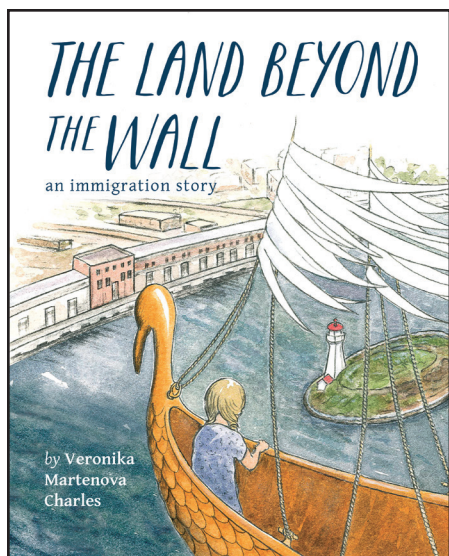
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**Rights available:** World





## The Land Beyond the Wall

Words and art by  
Veronika Martenova Charles

A young immigrant's journey  
to Canada from behind the  
Iron Curtain.

**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-465-9

**Age range:** 4-8

**Rights available:** World

Emma lives on the grey, cold side of the wall, where people speak in whispers and no flowers grow. On the other side there is happiness and colour, but she can never go there. One day, Emma's parents disappear and she is sent to live with her miserable aunt. That is, until a strange boat arrives and Emma leaves her world behind forever.

Following Emma's arrival in a strange land where she cannot speak (Canada), she discovers her voice through art. Based on a true story.



**Veronika Martenova Charles** grew up in Czechoslovakia. When her grandmother put a stop to her drawing classes, she became a rock singer instead. After she immigrated to Canada, she studied art at university and became an award-winning author and illustrator.

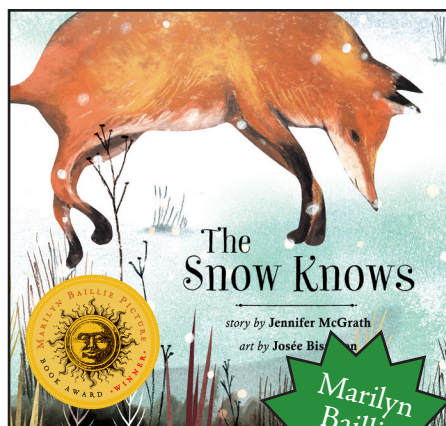


# The Snow Knows

Words by Jennifer McGrath

Art by Josée Bisailon

Whimsical, hide-and-seek picture book exploring the many animals of winter.



**Published:** Fall 2016

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-441-3

**Age range:** 3–7

**Rights sold:** French (CA)

*The snow knows  
where the rabbit goes.  
It knows the hush-shush  
of the owl's wing.*

This lyrical prose poem introduces readers of all ages to animals both domestic (a tabby cat by the wood stove) and wild (a slinking lynx; a choir of coyotes), celebrating wilderness and outdoor play.

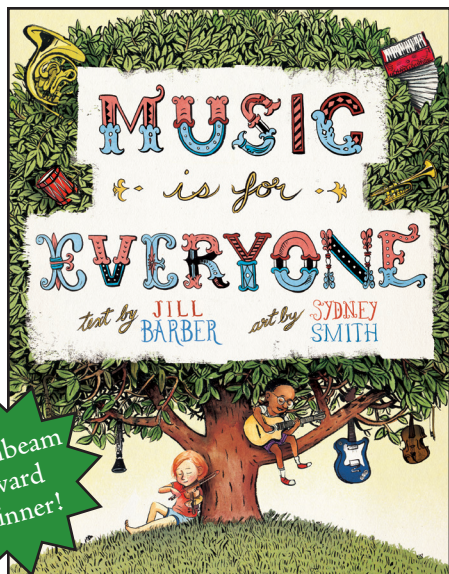


**Jennifer McGrath** is an award-winning storyteller who has also written two adventure novels (p.38).

**Josée Bisailon** illustrates books, magazines, and newspapers. She lives in Montréal, Québec.







## Music is for Everyone

Words by Jill Barber

Art by Sydney Smith

Music-themed picture book  
illustrated by *New York Times*  
bestselling artist Sydney Smith.

**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-535-9

**Rights available:** World

Singer-songwriter Jill Barber takes young readers through many different kinds of music—hip hop, jazz, classical, folk—and instruments in an energetic, rhyming tour. Awarded the Lillian Shepherd Award for Excellence in Illustration, a 2016 Rainforest of Reading Selection, and a Kirkus starred review.

## A Change of Heart

Words by Alice Walsh

Art by Erin Bennett Banks

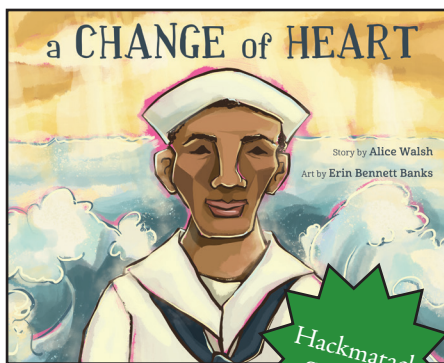
The incredible true story of  
civil rights activist Lanier  
Phillips.

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-564-9

**Rights available:** World



The remarkable story of honorary Newfoundlander Lanier Phillips, who survived a shipwreck during the Second World War and went on to march for Black civil rights with Martin Luther King Junior, is told for children in this heart-warming, vibrantly illustrated picture book.

## The Walking Bathroom

Words by Shauntay Grant

Art by Erin Bennett Banks

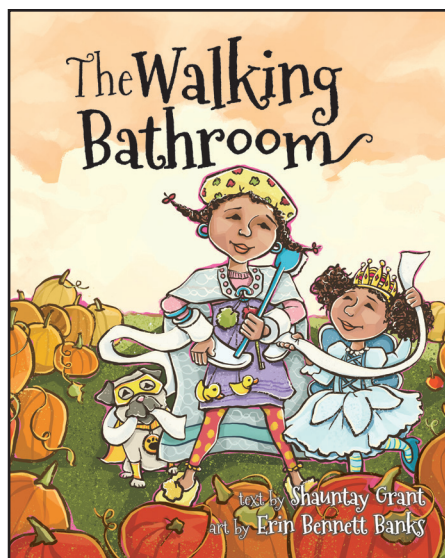
A sweet Halloween story from award-winning author and poet Shauntay Grant.

**Published:** Fall 2017

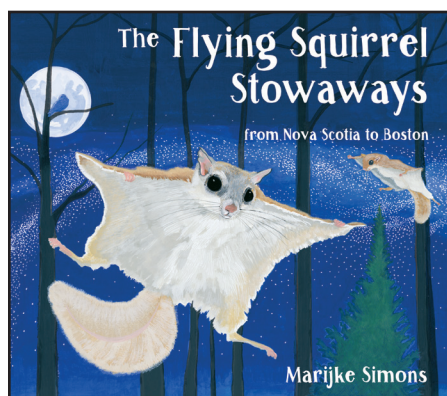
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**Rights available:** North America



It's Halloween and Amayah doesn't have a costume for school. She dressed as a ghost for the last three years in a row, witches are overdone, and fairies are not her style. She wants to be something different, something *creative*, something no one else in the world has ever been in the history of Halloween....



## The Flying Squirrel Stowaways

Words and Art by  
Marijke Simons

Fun holiday story about curiosity, adventure, and making a new home.

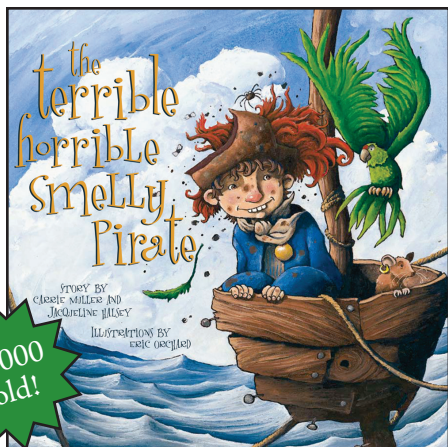
**Published:** Fall 2017

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-550-2

**Rights available:** World

It's wintertime and two flying squirrels' spruce-tree home has been chosen as Halifax's annual thank-you gift, the Boston Christmas Tree. The little squirrels have no idea they're about to embark on a journey across Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Maine on the way to Boston.



## The Terrible, Horrible, Smelly Pirate

Words by Jacqueline Halsey  
and Carrie Muller  
Art by Eric Orchard

A fun, read-aloud pirate story  
with a clean-and-dirty theme.

**Published:** Spring 2008  
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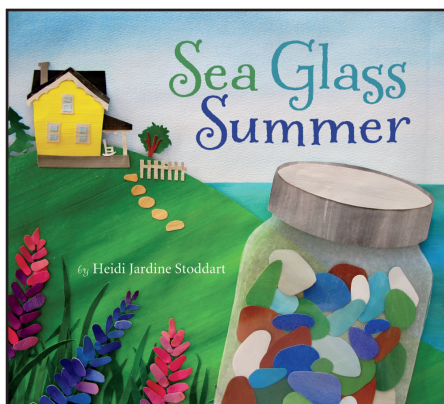
A stinky pirate named Sydney and his friend Parrot Polly are searching for adventure. After answering a mermaid's riddle, they dig for treasure and discover a buried chest's surprising contents. A storytime favourite!

## Sea Glass Summer

Words and Art by  
Heidi Jardine Stoddart

A gentle, lyrical story about  
the powerful lure of the ocean.  
Featuring vibrant cut-paper  
illustrations.

**Published:** Spring 2016  
**Price:** \$19.95 (hardcover)  
**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-299-0  
**Rights available:** World



Molly loves searching for sea glass on the beach at Gram's cottage. One day a moving truck arrives and Molly has to spend the fall and winter in the city. When a parcel arrives from Gram, Molly wishes for another sea glass summer.



## If I Were a Zombie

Words by Kate Inglis

Art by Eric Orchard

A fun, rhyming picture book imagining what kids would do if they were a zombie, a robot, a giant, and more.

**Published:** Spring 2016

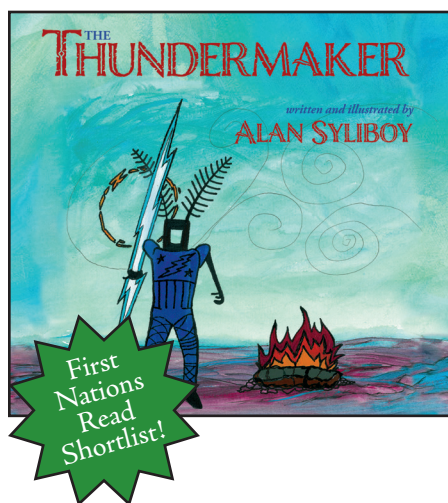
**Price:** \$19.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-356-0

**Rights available:** World



This hilarious picture book has two children trying to outdo one another, imagining what they could do if only they were a zombie, a ninja, or robot. Eric Orchard's illustrations perfectly capture what happens when imaginations run wild!



## The Thundermaker

Words and Art by

Alan Syliboy

Traditional Mi'kmaw legend  
retold for kids by renowned  
Aboriginal artist.

**To be published:** Spring 2018

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

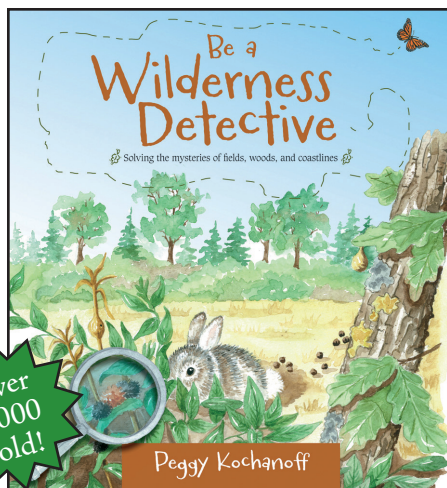
**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-619-6

**Rights available:** World

Big Thunder teaches his son, Little Thunder, about the important responsibility he has making thunder for his people. Little Thunder learns about his Mi'kmaw identity through his father's teachings and his mother's traditional stories. The spectacular, vibrant artwork brings the story of Little Thunder to vivid life. This new edition features a Mi'kmaq translation of the original English text.

# Bestselling Non-fiction

This non-fiction series is perfect for curious young readers who are eager to learn more about the natural world.



## Be a Wilderness Detective

Why is that tree lumpy? How do insects survive in winter? Who made those pellets in the woods?

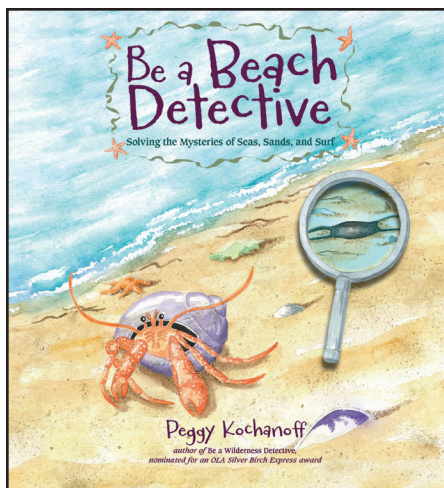
**Published:** Spring 2013

**Price:** \$14.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-012-5

**Age range:** 4-9

**Rights sold:** Simplified Chinese



## Be a Beach Detective

Can dead jellyfish still sting you? Does anything eat prickly sea urchins? What are tides, anyway?

**Published:** Spring 2015

**Price:** \$14.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-267-9

**Age range:** 4-9

**Rights sold:** Simplified Chinese



*Award nominations and praise for this series:*

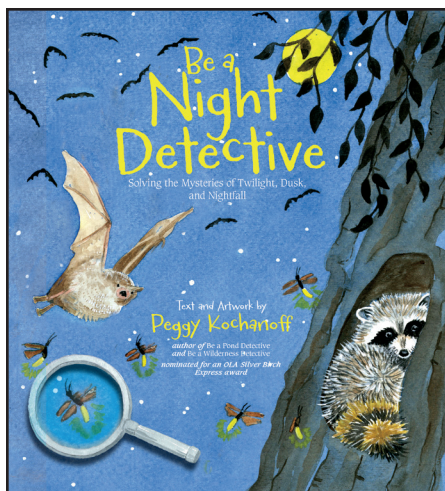
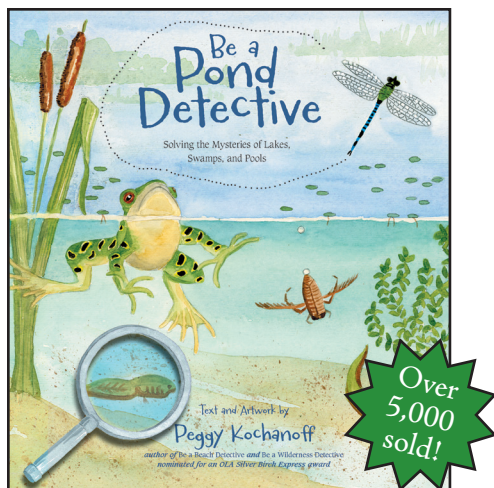
*Be a Beach Detective:* Silver Birch Express, Hackmatack

*Be a Pond Detective:* Silver Birch Express, Best Books for Kids and Teens Starred Review



# Nature Detective Series

Full of interesting facts and original watercolour art, naturalist Peggy Kochanoff proves anyone can solve nature mysteries!



## Be a Pond Detective

Do dragonflies bite? What is the difference between a frog and a toad? Are leeches dangerous?

**Published:** Spring 2016

**Price:** \$14.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-394-2

**Age range:** 4–9

**Rights sold:** Simplified Chinese

## Be a Night Detective

Why are moths drawn to light? Why do some flowers only bloom at night? Are stars really falling from the sky?

**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$14.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-464-2

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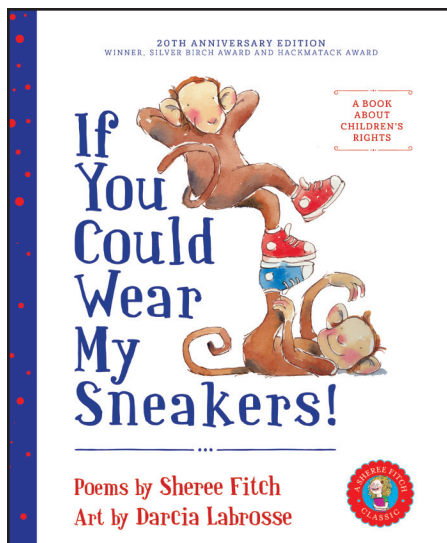
**Rights available:** World

**Peggy Kochanoff** is a naturalist and artist who graduated from Cornell University with a degree in vertebrate zoology and worked at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. She now lives on a Christmas tree farm in Nova Scotia.



# Words by Sheree Fitch

Nimbus has released new editions of beloved children's poet Sheree Fitch's most popular books.



A collection of poems explaining the human rights of children.

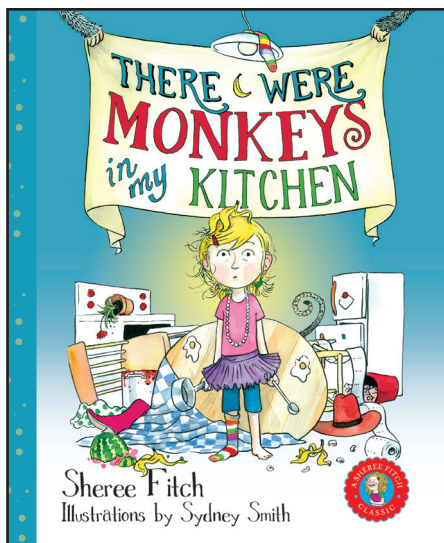
**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$22.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-469-7

**Rights available:** World

**Awards:** Silver Birch, Hackmatack



Willa Wellowby's house has been overrun by monkeys!

**Published:** Spring 2013

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-994-1

**Rights available:** World

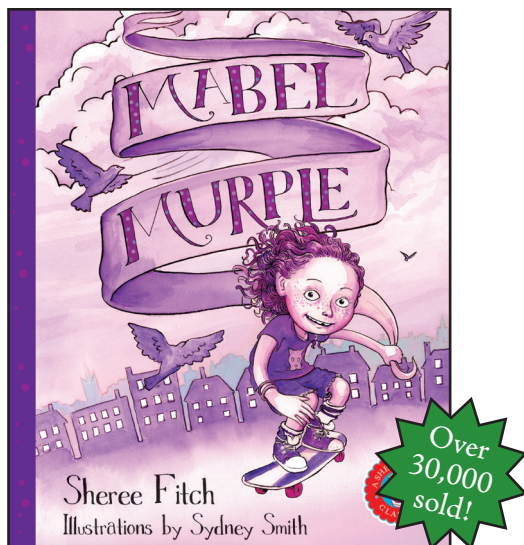
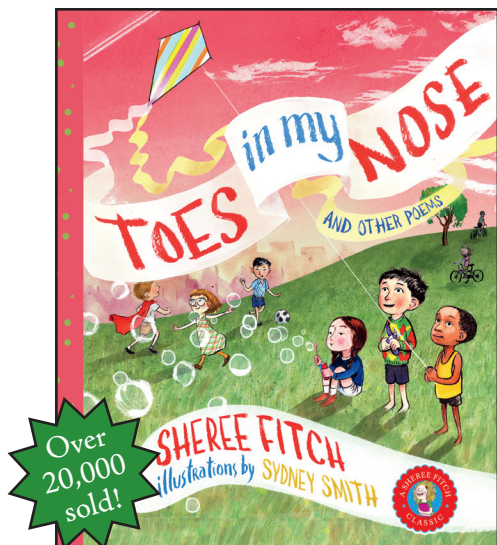
**Awards:** Mr. Christie Award for Best Canadian Children's Book (1992)



**Sheree Fitch** has been called Canada's "female Dr. Seuss." Her books have won the Mr. Christie Award for Children's Book of the Year, the Vicky Metcalf Award for an Inspirational Body of Work in Children's Literature, the Ann Connor Brimer Award, and many others. She lives in River John, Nova Scotia.

# Art by Sydney Smith

Now featuring beautiful, engaging illustrations from *New York Times* bestselling artist Sydney Smith.



The poetry collection that started it all. Silly poems to delight readers.

**Published:** Fall 2012

**Price:** \$15.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-218-1

**Rights available:** World

**Awards:** Mariana Dempster Award

What if there were a purple planet with purple people on it?

**Published:** Fall 2011

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-859-3

**Rights available:** World

**Awards:** Ann Connor Brimer Award

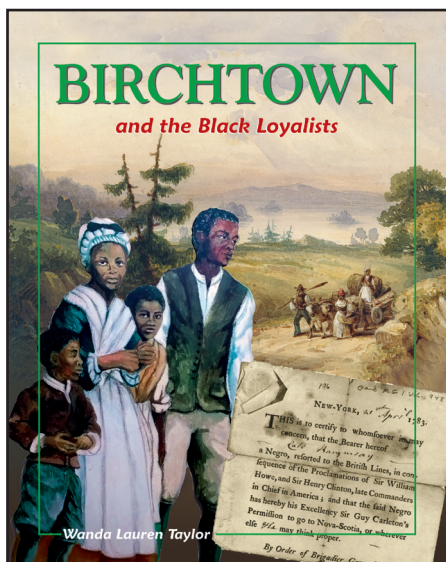
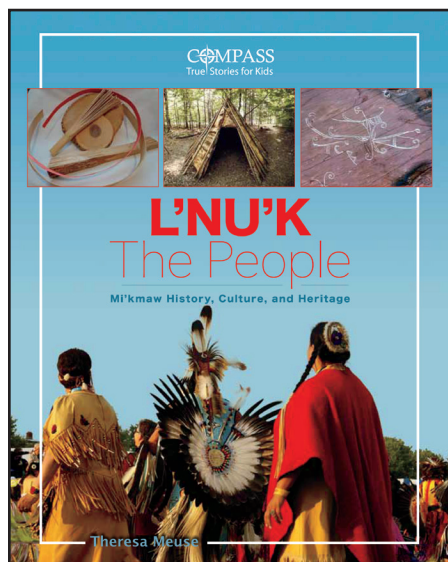
**Sydney Smith** is the *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of *Sidewalk Flowers*, for which he was also awarded the 2015 Governor General's Award. He has also created album artwork for Canadian bands Hey Rosetta! and Old Man Leudecke. Originally from Halifax, he currently lives in Toronto, Ontario.





# COMPASS

True Stories for Kids



The Mi'kmaq, a group of First Nations people, lived in Canada long before the country even got its name. Theresa Meuse shares details of her culture that continue today. Explore sweat lodges, traditional medicine, and more!

When slaves escaped the United States during the Civil War, they fled north to Canada. One of the places they settled was Birchtown, Nova Scotia. The only non-fiction book about Birchtown's historic settlement written for children.

**Published:** Fall 2016

**Price:** \$17.95 (paperback)

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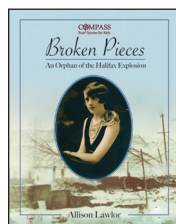
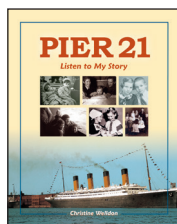
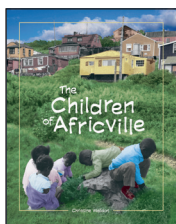
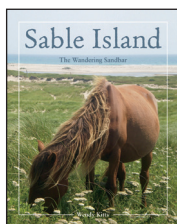
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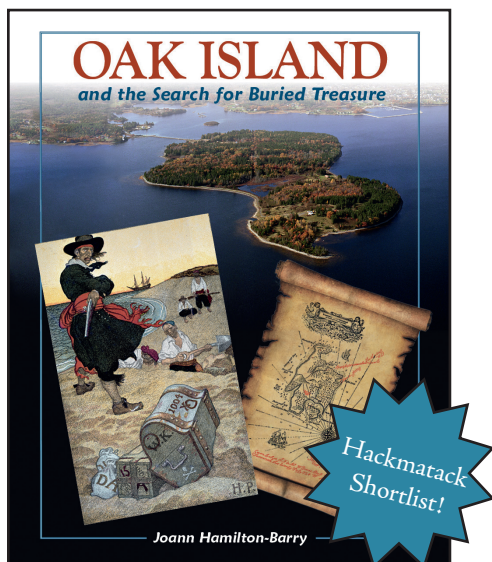
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Other  
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An educational non-fiction series about real events, people, and places. Each book contains informative sidebars, plenty of full-colour images, a glossary, and references. Perfect for classrooms or for use as introductory research tools!



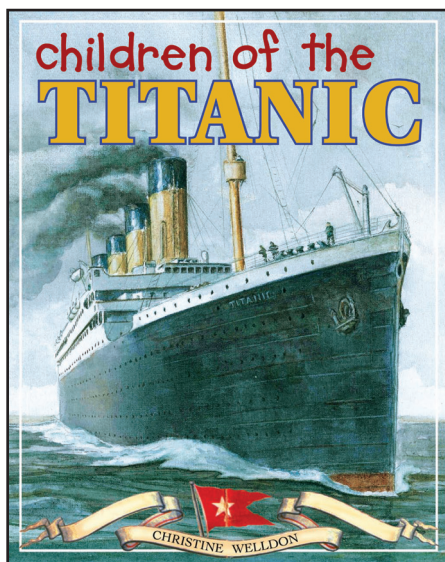
Are Shakespeare's lost manuscripts buried in this small island's fabled "Money Pit"? Do traps conceal the Holy Grail? The mystery of Oak Island's treasure has stumped explorers and researchers for 200 years.

**Published:** Fall 2015

**Price:** \$15.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-342-3

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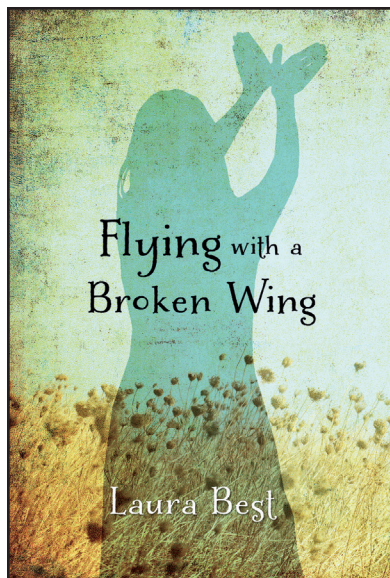
Follow three children travelling in three different classes on the *Titanic* as they learn the different parts of the ship. Explore what happened that fateful night in April 1912, and follow the survivors to New York City.

**Published:** Fall 2012

**Price:** \$14.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-892-0

**Rights available:** World



## Flying With a Broken Wing

Laura Best

A heartwarming story of rising above circumstances to chase your dreams.

**Published:** Fall 2013

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-038-5

**Rights available:** World

Cammie Turple was born blind, abandoned by her mother at birth, and her father died in WWII. When Cammie learns of a special school for the blind, she has to come up with a scheme to convince her aunt to let her attend. Will Cammie's plan succeed or backfire?

## Cammie Takes Flight

Laura Best

Silver Birch–nominated sequel to *Flying With a Broken Wing*.

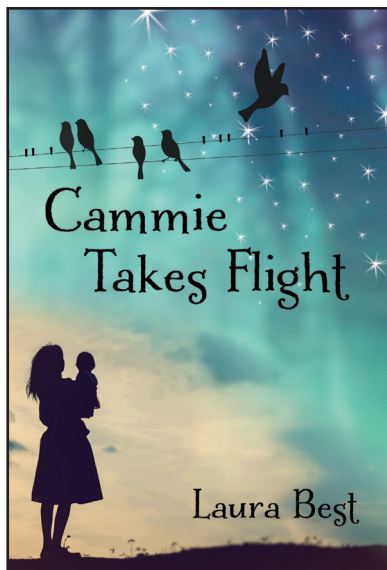
**Special edition for visually impaired readers also available!**

**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-467-3

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Armed with an envelope bearing her estranged mother's address, Cammie embarks on a new adventure at her special school for the blind with the help of her new friend, Nessa.

## The Disappearing Boy

Sonia Tilson

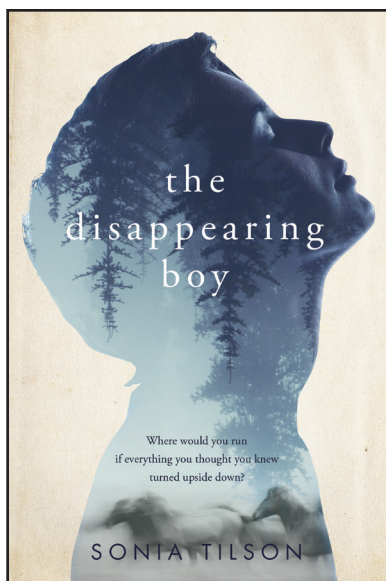
When a young boy finds out his mother is transgender, he goes to the roots of his family tree in search of answers.

**Published:** Fall 2017

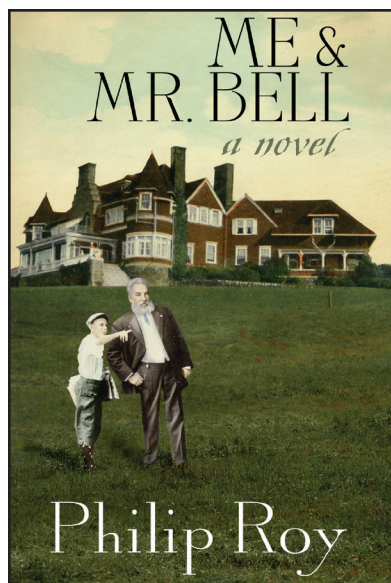
**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-548-9

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When he uncovers a shocking secret about his unconventional family, Neil decides to run away, all the way to his grandfather's farm in New Brunswick. A sensitive and moving story about growing up, *The Disappearing Boy* teaches us that every family is different, and love is never as simple as it seems.



## Me and Mr. Bell

Philip Roy

Local farm boy Eddie meets Alexander Graham Bell.

**Published:** Spring 2017

**Price:** \$11.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-506-9

**Rights available:** World

Alexander Graham Bell is renowned by many for being the smartest man in the world. Eddie is just a local farm boy who struggles to learn to read and write. The elderly Bell befriends the boy, encouraging Eddie to never give up.



# DAVE ATKINSON

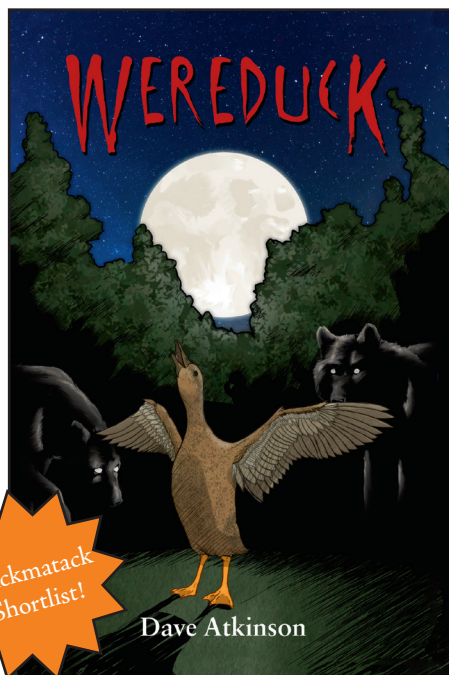
*"A funny, irreverent take on the traditional werewolf story."*

—Quill & Quire

*"Heartwarming and fun."*

*Highly recommended."*

—National Reading Campaign



## Wereduck

Kate's whole family turns into werewolves at the full moon, but Kate has always been a bit of an odd duck.

**Published:** Fall 2014

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-219-8

**Rights available:** World



## Cure for Wereduck

Kate's family is forced to flee. She eventually finds an old recipe: "Cure for Werewolf." When the full moon comes, will the cure keep them safe?

**Published:** Fall 2016

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-445-1

**Rights available:** World



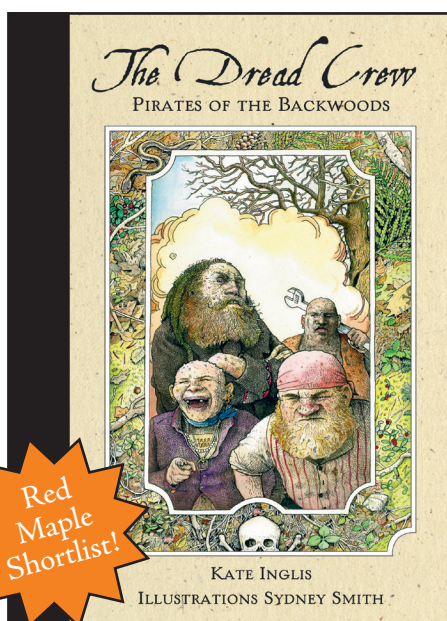
# Kate Inglis

"Her writing is taut, crisp, and, in places, overpoweringly beautiful."

—CM Magazine

"A spirited tale, gorgeously rendered."

—January Magazine



## The Dread Crew

The pirates of the Dread Crew, ruthless junk hunters, are on a rampage through the woods. Eric is hot on their trail!

**Published:** Spring 2010

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-775-6

**Rights available:** World



## Flight of the Griffons

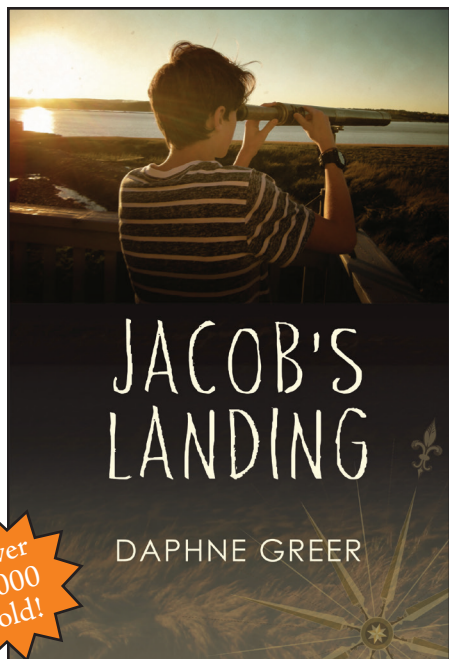
Hearing-impaired Missy tracks and spies on a blacklisted pirate crew across mountains, prairies, and lakes.

**Published:** Spring 2014

**Price:** \$19.95 (hardcover)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-132-0

**Rights available:** World



## Jacob's Landing

Daphne Greer

Shortlisted for the  
Silver Birch Fiction Award  
and the Hackmatack  
Children's Choice Award!

**Published:** Spring 2015

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-279-2

**Age range:** 8-12

**Rights available:** World

Coping with the recent death of his father, twelve-year-old Jacob Mosher is sent to spend the summer with his aging, estranged (and strange!) grandparents.

Reluctantly, he trades the security of his foster mum in the big city for a blind grandfather, Frank, who dresses like a sea captain and conducts flag-raising ceremonies, and a quirky grandmother, Pearl, who sometimes forgets her dentures and has Jacob running in circles.

Jacob has two short months to figure out how to deal with his ailing grandfather, the surging river tides, and the family secret haunting his newfound grandparents. He didn't expect so much danger and mystery to be lurking in tiny Newport Landing.

— Coming in Fall 2018 —  
*Finding Grace*



**Daphne Greer** is the author of two novels for young readers: *Maxed Out*, a 2013 nominee for "Best Quick Read" by the American Library Association, and *Jacob's Landing*, a 2015 nominee for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Award and the Ontario Library Association's Silver Birch Fiction Award.

# Touch of Gold

Vivien Gorham

*“Touch of Gold is sure to be treasured by horse lovers and young readers everywhere.”*  
—Shelley Peterson, author of the Saddle Creek series

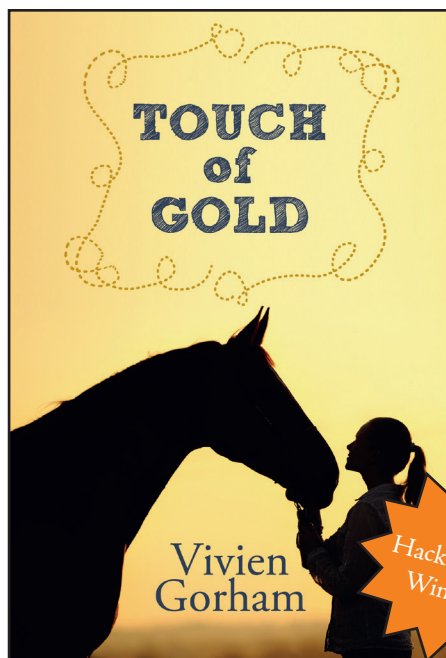
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**Age range:** 8–12

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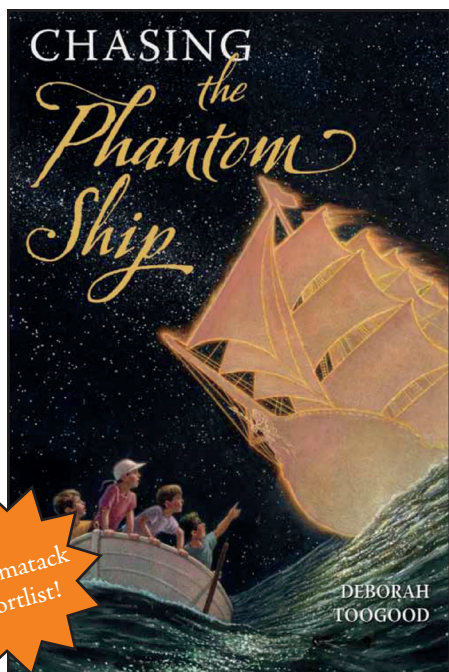
When thirteen-year-old Jamie Francis’s parents divorced, she and her mother moved from the city to a small town. Jamie doesn’t have any friends and isn’t sure how she’ll ever make any. But one day she comes across a neglected-looking horse in a field: a golden palomino she names Peach.

After befriendng Peach’s owner, Jamie learns that her newfound friend is being sold to notorious trainer Valerie Scott at nearby Tamarack Stables. Jamie offers to pitch in around the barn, mucking stalls and doing chores, and becomes enchanted with the world of competitive horseback riding. She even makes a few friends.

Will horseback-riding be the key to Jamie’s happiness, or will it gallop off into the sunset without her?

**Vivien Gorham** has been writing stories and riding horses since she was eight years old. Raised in Minnesota, she has worked in the Northwest Territories, Denali National Park in Alaska, and on a dude ranch in Montana. She now lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. *Touch of Gold* is her first novel.





Hackmatack  
Shortlist!

## Chasing the Phantom Ship

Deborah Toogood

This thrilling middle-grade novel explores the legend of a ghostly pirate ship.

**Published:** Spring 2016

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-382-9

**Age range:** 8–12

**Rights available:** World

Matt Simmons has two weeks left of summer vacation before he starts grade six. He wants to enjoy that time with his best friends, Danny and Emma, but his younger cousin Adam is visiting and insists on tagging along.

Matt can't see how anything cool will happen with Adam hanging around, until one night when the two of them get stranded on a sandbar. Out of nowhere, a huge, glowing fire appears on the waves. Could it be the fabled phantom ship?

The boys can't wait to tell Danny and Emma about their ghostly encounter, and the four friends are soon determined to solve the mystery. They set out on a mid-night boat trip to find the fiery ship a second time.

But how dangerous is the ship, and who else might be lurking in the waters?



**Deborah Toogood** recently retired as an English-language teacher. Growing up in New Brunswick, she spent her summers on the beach with her brothers. *Chasing the Phantom Ship* is her first novel. She lives in Halifax.



## Prisoner of Warren

Andreas Oertel

Set during World War Two, this compelling middle-grade novel explores the concepts of right and wrong.

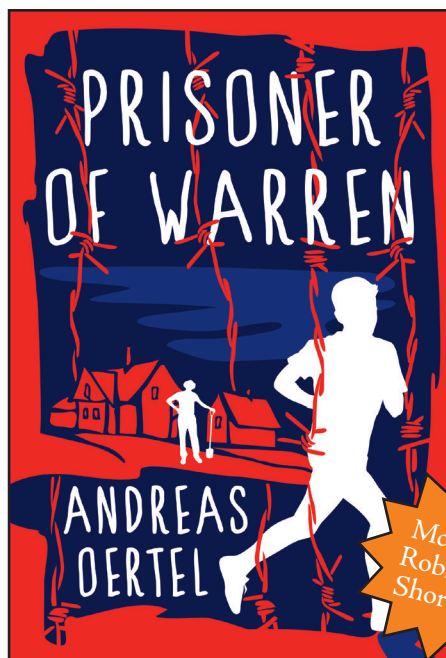
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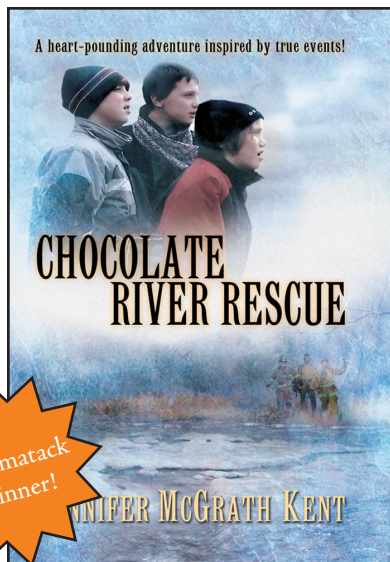


When his dad decides to hire a German prisoner of war to help out on their farm, thirteen-year-old Warren Webb is pretty sure the family is doomed. Who invites a Nazi to sleep under their roof? But Martin is not the German Warren expected. After his early attempts to get rid of Martin fail, Warren finds himself learning more from his enemy than he ever expected. Soon Martin, a promising track-and-field athlete before the war, is coaching Warren for his Summer Games race. And when a trio of local bullies threatens their lives, Warren and Martin are forced to rely on each other like never before.

In *Prisoner of Warren*, acclaimed children's author Andreas Oertel captures the inner life of a thirteen-year-old boy with frankness and humour. With its 1940s rural setting, this funny, suspenseful middle-grade novel is a highly engaging look at friends, foes, and all the grey areas in between.

**Andreas Oertel's** middle grade fiction is critically acclaimed and has been nominated for several awards, including the Silver Birch Award, Manitoba Young Reader's Choice Award, and Charlotte Award. He lives in Manitoba.





## Chocolate River Rescue

Jennifer McGrath

Shortlisted for the Diamond Willow Award.

Now available as an audiobook!

**Published:** Spring 2007

**Price:** \$8.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-600-1

**Rights available:** World

Tony, Craig, and Shawn are trapped on an ice floe on the Petitcodiac River in the dead of winter, and the rapid current is pulling them toward the ocean. An exhilarating adventure based on true events!

## White Cave Escape

Jennifer McGrath

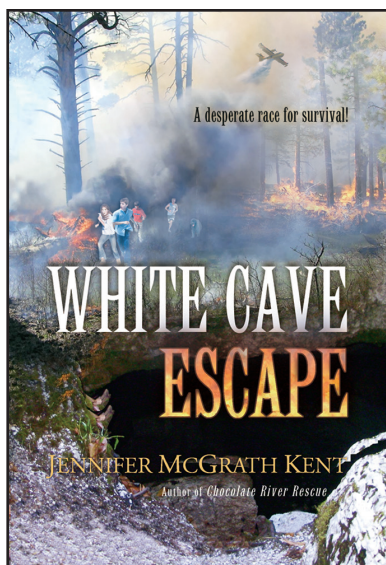
Shortlisted for the Silver Birch and Hackmatack Awards!

**Published:** Spring 2009

**Price:** \$11.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-711-4

**Rights available:** World



A summer hike turns into a nightmare when Shawn and his friends are trapped by a raging forest fire. Their only chance for survival is the legendary White Caves... but can they find them in time?

# Sinking Deeper

Steve Vernon

*“Vernon is a virtuoso storyteller whose voice takes readers to unforgettable places and introduces them to amazing people.”*

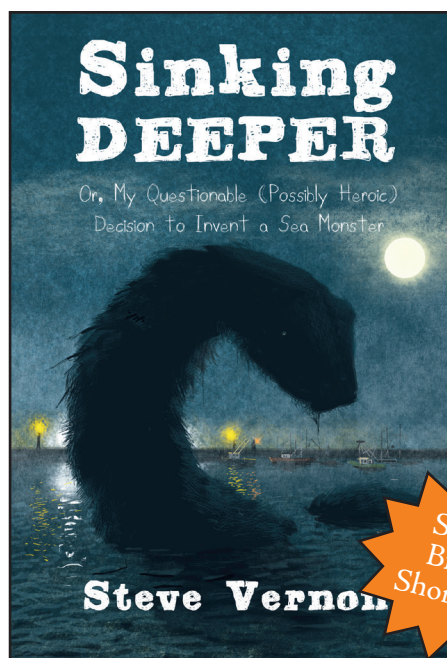
—CM Magazine

**Published:** Spring 2011

**Price:** \$12.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-55109-777-0

**Rights available:** World



The tiny fishing community of Deeper Harbour is in deep trouble—and so is fourteen-year-old Roland MacTavish. Roland’s mom wants to move with him to Ottawa away from his father, his weird friend Dulsie, and his even weirder grandfather, Angus.

So Roland does what any sane teenager would do: he invents a scary sea monster. Unfortunately, the scheme quickly spins out of Roland’s control, and he has to go to greater and greater lengths to keep up the illusion. Soon, Roland must deal with a situation far more terrifying than any sea monster.

As moving as it is irresistibly funny, Steve Vernon’s portrait of Roland and Deeper Harbour is perfect for anyone who’s ever been stuck badly enough to do something awesomely, brilliantly, heroically stupid.

**Steve Vernon** learned the storytelling tradition from his grandfather. He now teaches this tradition to children across the province. He is the author of several books for children, teens, and adults. He lives in Nova Scotia.





## Goth Girl

Melanie Mosher

Teen “delinquent” Victoria Markham discovers that sometimes there is more to people than meets the eye.

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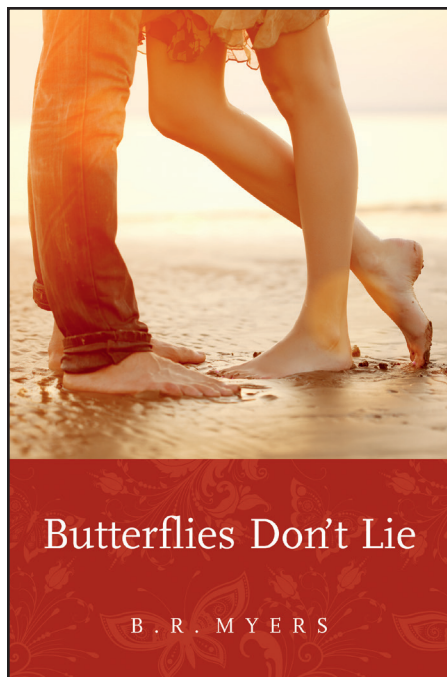
There are only three things fifteen-year-old Victoria Markham truly enjoys: English class, her signature “Goth Girl” look, and art. It’s just that she tends to do the last one late at night, with spray paint, in public places. It isn’t long before Vic is caught red-handed and forced into community service with a bunch of stereotypes. The group has to collaborate to produce a public mural, but getting it organized is like herding cats.

On top of all that, Vic’s mother’s boyfriend, the only father figure Vic has ever known and the one who taught her to paint, left them both. Vic’s mother is still reeling, her relationship with her daughter strained. She doesn’t understand Vic’s insistence on spiking her hair, piercing her nose and lip, and wearing black clothing and heavy makeup. Vic is convinced her mother doesn’t care enough to find out what’s really behind the get-up.



**Melanie Mosher** won an essay contest in grade two, sparking her imagination and lifelong love of writing. Her first picture book, *Fire Pie Trout*, received an honourable mention at the 2014 Atlantic Writing Competition.





## Butterflies Don't Lie

Sixteen-year-old Kelsey Sinclair has landed her first job at a restaurant. Between bad boy Luke and golden boy Blaine, Kelsey has lots more than schedules to juggle this summer.

**Published:** Fall 2014

**Price:** \$15.95 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-77108-162-7

**Rights available:** World



## Girl on the Run

After the death of her father, track star Jesse Collins loses her scholarship. She takes a job at a summer camp to distract her, and finds the inspiration to run again from an unlikely source.

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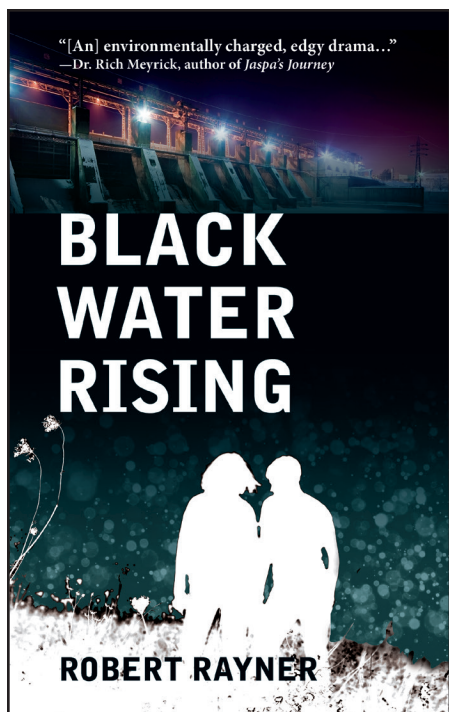
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**Rights available:** World

**B. R. Myers** spent most of her teen years reading Stephen King, Ray Bradbury, and Lois Duncan. She writes YA of all genres, and is the author of five novels. B. R. Myers lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia.





## Black Water Rising

Robert Rayner

A fast-paced YA novel with themes of environmentalism, corruption, and activism from an award-winning author.

**Published:** Fall 2016

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It's November in the small town of Black River, and heavy rains are about to flood the community's dam, destroying homes and roads. Locals are calling on TransNational Power, the hydroelectric company that owns the dam, to open the gates and drop the water level, but local management has been overruled by their parent company and ordered to keep it closed. It's got some residents hinting it's time they took matters into their own hands.

Seventeen-year-old Stanton Frame is caught in between: his father manages the dam but his girlfriend, Jessica, has joined EcoAction: a radical environmental activist group that's taken an interest in the matter.

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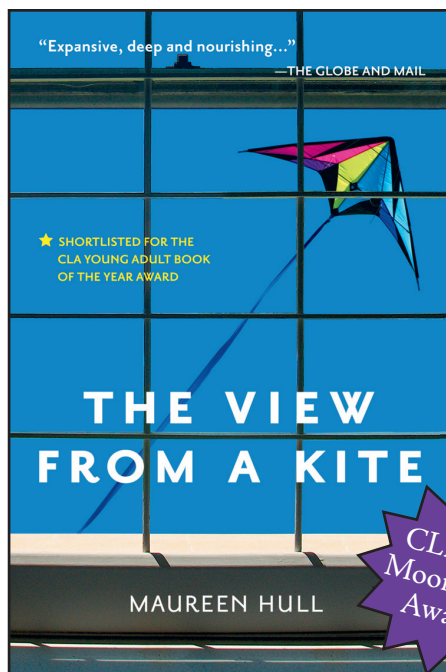
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