Recent Accolades

Atlantic Book Awards Nominees

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- **Catching the Light** by Susan Sînnoâ (Ann Conor Brimer Award for Children’s Literature and John and Margaret Savage First Book Award)
- **The Blind Mechanic** by Will Sommerson (Robbie Robertson Dartmouth Book Award (Non-fiction) and Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing)
- **FIRST DEGREE** by Kayla Hounsell (Robbie Robertson Dartmouth Book Award (Non-fiction))

- **Circle and Surface** by Carol Bruneau (Jim Connors Dartmouth Book Award (Fiction))
- **Beholden** by Lesley Crewe (Jim Connors Dartmouth Book Award (Fiction))
- **In the Wake** by Nicola Davison (Jim Connors Dartmouth Book Award (Fiction) and John and Margaret Savage First Book Award)
- **Mi’kmaq Waisisk Mitkmaq Animals** byAlan Sully (Lillian Shepherd Memorial Award for Excellence in Illustration)
- **hopeblooms** (APMA Best Atlantic-Published Book Award)

Hackmatack Children’s Choice Book Award Nominees

- **PIPER** by Inuvialuk Hallie (Hackmatack Children’s Choice Book Award Nominees)
- **100 Things You Should Know About Atlantic Canada For Kids** by Sarah Saviley
- **BE PREPARED!** by Rosie Macdonald-Giroux
- **Broken Pieces** by Alison Lander
- **There be Pirates!**

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The Lost Sister
Andrea Gunraj

From the author of The Sudden Disappearance of Seetha comes a heartrending novel about the fraught relationship of sisters, partially set at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children

The anticipated sophomore novel from the celebrated author of The Sudden Disappearance of Seetha, which Quill & Quire called "an exciting, memorable debut." Partially inspired by the real-life experiences of a former resident of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, The Lost Sister bravely explores the topics of child abuse, neglect, and abduction against a complex interplay of gender, race, and class dynamics.

Alisha and Diana are young sisters living at Jane and Finch, a Toronto suburb full of immigrants trying to build new lives in North America. Diana, the eldest, is the light of the little family, the one Alisha longs to emulate more than anyone else. But when Diana doesn’t come home one night and her body is discovered in the woods, Alisha becomes haunted. She thinks she knows who did it, but can’t tell anyone about it.

Unable to handle the loss of their daughter and unaware of Alisha’s secret guilt, the family unravels. It’s only through an unusual friendship with Paula, an older woman who volunteers at her school, that Alisha finds reprieve. Once an orphan in the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children and estranged from her own sister, Paula helps Alisha understand that the chance for redemption and peace only comes with facing difficult truths.

Andrea Gunraj is the author of The Sudden Disappearance of Seetha (Knopf Canada). She is also a contributing essayist to the collection Subdivided: City-Building in an Age of Hyper-Diversity (Coach House Books). She lives in Toronto and, beyond writing, she’s passionate about communications, public education, and accessible technology for social change. Andrea works at Eva’s Initiatives for Homeless Youth. Learn more by visiting Andreagunraj.ca and follow @andreagunraj on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Marketing plans
• ARCs available in May
• National and regional media and review mailing
• National and regional print and digital ads
• Author tour
• Festival circuit
• NetGalley
• Shelf Awareness promotion
• ABT Holiday Gift Guide
• Social media campaign
• Toronto Lit Up

Related Interest
Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children
Wanda Taylor
978-1-77108-358-4
$17.95 | paperback
A Dark House
And Other Stories

Ian Colford

A dark and incisive short story collection from Thomas Head Raddall Award–winning author of Evidence and The Crimes of Hector Tomás

In Ian Colford’s latest collection, people get themselves and those they love into situations awkward and sometimes dangerous, doing what they think is best for all. A man kidnaps his young son from his ex-wife and the road trip west quickly spirals out of control; a destitute mother makes a risky alliance with a neighbour; an almost comically wrong-headed older brother has a detective follow his sister; a retired shop-owner in north end Halifax reflects on his life before making a snap decision to change the course of his sunset years. Colford depicts his characters’ shortcomings with wit and generosity, in a plainspoken style that belies deeply nuanced portrayals of the questions of fortune, inevitability, and self-preservation.

Ian Colford’s short fiction has appeared in Event, Grain, Riddle Fence, The Antigonish Review, and other literary publications. His previous books are Evidence, The Crimes of Hector Tomás, and Perfect World. His work has been shortlisted for the Thomas H. Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award, the ReLit Award, the Journey Prize, and the Danuta Gleed Literary Award. He lives in Halifax.

Marketing plans

- ARCs available in May
- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Regional author tour
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign

A Bird on Every Tree
Carol Bruneau
978-1-77108-502-1
$19.95 | paperback

Use Your Imagination!
Kris Bertin
978-1-77108-752-1
$19.95 | paperback
Crocuses Hatch from Snow

Jaime Burnet

A powerful work of queer literary fiction from a lyrical new voice that explores Halifax’s north end community from diverse perspectives.

When Ada falls for a body piercer named Pan, her cheeky grandmother, Mattie, says she looks like a caught trout with all those hooks in her mouth. Ada soon discovers Mattie is also caught in a perpetual swoon. It isn’t just Alzheimer’s, or the secret vibrator Ada’s mother, Joan, is convinced Mattie has stashed in her room—Mattie is having a passionate affair with a ghost.

When Joan buys a house in the north end, the three generations move in next door to Ken—who operates one of the big machines engaged in razing some neighbourhoods and building others up—and his family, who aren’t thrilled about their new neighbours. Not only do the newcomers fail to introduce themselves, they and all the other white folks moving north are driving up the rent.

While Ada’s obsession with Pan is written on her body, the story of Mattie’s love for Edith, a young Mi’kmaw survivor of the residential school in Shubenacadie, unfurls too. Next door, Ken grieves his late wife, a powerful Black community organizer, and tries to inspire his directionless young son. Meanwhile, Ken’s daughter, Kiah, works to live up to her mother’s magic.

As relationships and neighbourhoods fall apart and are pieced back together, their residents reach back to understand their connections to Halifax’s history and forward to recognize their responsibilities in its present.

Jaime Burnet writes fiction, plays creepy folk music and sometimes punk and doomy grunge, practices labour and human rights law, and lives with her family by the ocean in Nova Scotia. She has a master’s degree in Women and Gender Studies and Sexual Diversity Studies from the University of Toronto and a law degree from Dalhousie University. Crocuses Hatch from Snow is her first novel.

Related Interest

The Honey Farm
Harriet Aida Lye
978-1-77108-610-3
$24.95 | paperback

Catching the Light
Susan Sinnott
978-1-77108-596-0
$21.95 | paperback

Marketing plans

- ARCs available in May
- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Targeted LGBTQ+ media mailing
- Regional author tour
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign

$22.95 | Queer Literary Fiction | 978-1-77108-790-2
5.5 x 8.5 | 256 pages | paperback with flaps

Rights held: World | Pub date: September
Are You Kidding Me?!  
*Chronicles of an Ordinary Life*  
Lesley Crewe

_Bestselling author of Beholden and Mary, Mary brings her sharp Cape Breton wit to her first non-fiction collection, celebrating the little things._

For the first time, bestselling novelist, columnist, and humorist Lesley Crewe’s finest newspaper columns are collected in one place.

Not merely razor sharp, Lesley’s wit is also ocean wide, taking in everything from the humiliations of breast pumping to the indignities of aging, from the frantic excess of holiday preparations to the homey irritations of a long marriage.

As precise in her observations as Jane Austen and as fractious on occasion as Oscar the Grouch, Crewe also has a sweet, tender centre, taking us from a hearty laugh to a good cry in a single paragraph. Readers will relate to Crewe’s ache at missing her mom, her nostalgia for her childhood, her frustrations at raising teenagers, and her impatience for terrible parking lot etiquette in equal measure. The book spans sixteen years’ worth of columns for The Cape Bretoner Magazine, Cahoots Magazine, and The Chronicle Herald.

_Are You Kidding Me?!_ is a side-splitting, heartwarming, Cape Breton-flavoured celebration of the little things.

**Lesley Crewe** is the author of ten novels, including _Beholden, Mary, Mary, Amazing Grace, Chloe Sparrow, Kin, and Relative Happiness_, which has been adapted into a feature film. Previously a freelance writer and screenwriter, her column “Are You Kidding Me?” appears weekly in the Chronicle Herald’s community newspapers. Lesley lives in Homeville, Nova Scotia. Visit her at lesleycrewe.com.

**More from Lesley Crewe**

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- Social media campaign

Rights held: World  
Pub date: September

Are You Kidding Me?!  *Chronicles of an Ordinary Life*  
Lesley Crewe

Shortlisted for Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction  
Longlisted for the Leacock Medal for Humour  
Shortlisted for Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction
Canadian Spirits

The Essential Cross-Country Guide to Distilleries, Their Spirits, and Where to Imbibe Them

Stephen Beaumont and Christine Sismondo

A full-colour, spirited romp across Canada from an award-winning, bestselling duo, featuring profiles of distilleries from across the country and tasting notes on commercial and craft spirits

In Canadian Spirits, bestselling author Stephen Beaumont (The World Atlas of Beer) and National Magazine Award-winning author Christine Sismondo (America Walks into a Bar) crisscross the country in search of the best whiskies, gins, vodkas, rums, and other assorted and sometimes oddball spirits produced by Canada's large- and small-scale distillers. Along the way, they trace Canada's fascinating distilling history, from its humble and quasi-legal beginnings to the dynamic and internationally recognized industry it is today.

Featuring over 75 colour photos, Canadian Spirits tells the vibrant stories of Canada's more than 160 diverse spirits producers, from the massive Hiram-Walker distillery in Windsor, Ontario, to the pioneering Glenora Inn & Distillery in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and Vancouver's tiny Odd Society Spirits. In an impartial and accessible tone, the authors provide information on and reviews of craft-distilled spirits and the facilities in which they are produced, creating a distillery tourist's roadmap to the best places in Canada to explore craft spirits.

Whether a seasoned spirits expert, a curious newcomer, or an adventurous traveller, Canadian Spirits is sure to quench your thirst.

Stephen Beaumont is a globally recognized writer specializing in beer and spirits. The author or co-author of thirteen books, including two editions of the international bestseller The World Atlas of Beer, and his latest, Will Travel for Beer, he is also a columnist for a variety of publications from Whisky Advocate magazine to the website just-drinks.com. He documents his incessant world travels online at beaumontdrinks.com and on Twitter and Instagram at @BeaumontDrinks. When not on the road, he lives with his wife in downtown Toronto.

Christine Sismondo is a Toronto writer, historian, and the author of America Walks into a Bar and Mondo Cocktail: A Shaken and Stirred History. She's a National Magazine Award winner, a columnist for the Toronto Star and Quench, as well as a regular contributor to the Globe and Mail and Maclean's. Most recently, Sismondo wrote a six-part podcast series on Prohibition for Wondery's American History Tellers.

$29.95 | Food & Drink | 978-1-77108-768-1
5.75 x 8.25 | 280 pages | hardcover | 75+ colour images
Rights held: World | Pub date: October

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- National author tour
- Festival circuit
- Targeted marketing campaign
- Promotional shot glasses and coasters
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media ad campaign
- Books for Everybody
Portia White
A Portrait in Words

Words by George Elliott Clarke
Art by Lara Martina

One of Canada’s most profound lyricists tells the story of his great-aunt, the celebrated opera contralto, in this illustrated epic poem

In his unique brand of spoken word, Africadian poetry, the incomparable George Elliott Clarke explores a personal subject: his great-aunt Portia White. The result is a stirring, epic poem vibrating with energy and music that spans White’s birth in 1911, a coming of age amidst the backdrop of two World Wars, and her life-long love affair with music—from singing in to directing the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church choir to her bel canto tutelage at the Halifax Conservatory of Music to her final, command performance before Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1964.

Portia White is a stunning testament to the first African Canadian to become an international star. Features vibrant illustrations by contemporary artist Lara Martina.


Lara Martina is one of Nova Scotia’s contemporary landscape artists, a writer, and illustrator. A Canadian of Mi’kmaw, French, and Italian heritage, she divides her time between Italy and Canada. Born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, in 1955, Martina was educated at NSCAD University, Mt. Saint Vincent University, and The European Graduate School. Martina’s research interests include diaspora subjects of eastern Canada; space and time; issues of culture and identity; culture and tradition; history and landscape, and interpretation of cultural identity. Her work, both narrative and landscape, can be found in collections in North America and Europe.

$21.95 | Poetry | 978-1-77108-697-4
eISBN (ePub): 978-1-77108-698-1
6 x 9 | 72 pages | hardcover with linen case & embossing
6 colour illustrations | Ages 16+

Rights held: World | Pub date: November

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- National author tour
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign
- ALA conference
An inspiring journey of resilience in the wake of grief from beloved storyteller and poet

“You won’t always be this sad,” her mother, who also lost a son, reassures her, while a close friend encourages her to pick up the pen and write it all down. Capturing her own struggles as she emerges from shock in the wake of her son’s unexpected death at age thirty-seven, author and storyteller Sheree Fitch writes lyrically and unabashedly, with deep sorrow, unexpected rage, and boundless love. She discovers that she “dwells in a thin place now,” that she has crossed a threshold only to find herself in “the quicksand that is grief.” The result is a memoir in verse of immense power and pain, a collection of moments, and a journey of resilience.

Divided into three parts, like the memorial labyrinth Fitch walks every day, You Won’t Always Be This Sad offers words that will stir the heart, inviting readers on a raw and personal odyssey through excruciating loss, astonishing gratitude, and a return to a different world with new insights, rituals, faith, and hope. Readers, bearing witness to the immeasurable depths of a mother’s love, will be forever changed.

A veteran storyteller, educator, speaker and award-winning author, Sheree Fitch is “a woman of faith,” who has long followed the practice of centering prayer and labyrinth meditation. She trained as a healing lay minister at the Washington National Cathedral under Rev. Anne Brower where she served for several years before returning home to Atlantic Canada. She currently belongs to “the disorder of the dancing monks” and finds greatest comfort in nature. She lives with her husband, Giles, and many critters in rural Nova Scotia on the hobby farm Happy Doodle Do. Besides speaking and offering writing workshops, she and her husband run a seasonal bookshop and dreamery.

More from Sheree Fitch

Kiss the Joy as it Flies
Sheree Fitch
978-1-77108-705-6
$18.95 | paperback

EveryBody’s Different on EveryBody Street
Text by Sheree Fitch
Art by Emma FitzGerald
978-1-77108-600-4
$22.95 | hardcover

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Regional author tour
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign

Rights held: World | Pub date: October

$24.95 | Poetry | 978-1-77108-839-8
6 x 7.5 | 136 pages | hardcover | b/w ink drawings
Atlantic Canada’s Greatest Storms
Dan Soucoup

A narrative history of the most devastating storms on the East Coast, from eighteenth century to present day

Where there’s a storm, there’s a story, and over the centuries Atlantic Canada has experienced more than its fair share of weather-related disasters. Atlantic Canada’s Greatest Storms chronicles many of the most dramatic and tragic storms that have struck the east coast, from 1745’s Grand Armada Tragedy to 2017’s Ice Storm.

In this accessible narrative, author Dan Soucoup recounts the winter blizzards, floods, tornadoes—and even tsunamis—that have created havoc in Atlantic Canada. From the great hurricanes of the North Atlantic—including the 1775 Independence Hurricane, the Saxby Gale in 1869, and Hurricane Igor in 2010—to the terrifying series of blizzards in 1905 (The Year of the Deep Snow), which left passenger trains stranded for days in the Annapolis Valley, and Newfoundland’s 1929 tsunami, which devastated the Burin Peninsula, striking dozens of coastal communities and carrying people and homes out to sea.

Features 25 black and white images.

Dan Soucoup has worked as a bookseller and publisher for many years. He is the author of numerous historical books about the Maritimes, including Failures and Fiascos, A Short History of Halifax, Railways of New Brunswick, and Know New Brunswick. He lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

More from Dan Soucoup

Failures and Fiascos
Dan Soucoup
978-1-77108-042-2
$17.95 | paperback

A Short History of Halifax
Dan Soucoup
978-1-77108-184-9
$16.95 | paperback

Explosion in Halifax Harbour, 1917
Dan Soucoup
978-1-77108-554-0
$15.95 | paperback

Marketing plans

- Regional media and review mailing
- Regional print and digital ads
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
Cod Collapse

The Rise and Fall of Newfoundland’s Saltwater Cowboys

Jenn Thornhill Verma

A riveting account of the lingering effects of the 1992 cod moratorium on descendants of Newfoundland and Labrador’s fishers, and their communities

In 1992, the cod moratorium put some thirty thousand fishers across Newfoundland and Labrador out of work. These were journalist Jenn Thornhill Verma’s people. Encompassing memoir and history, Cod Collapse traces a lost way of life, digging into the stories of the author’s own family, including her Pop, one of the province’s original “saltwater cowboys,” a fisher on the southeastern shores of Newfoundland.

This thoughtfully researched and captivating account reveals how Newfoundlanders from many walks of life, and from distinct regions across the island portion of the province, have coped in the aftermath of the largest mass layoff in Canadian history. Integrating the varied and compelling stories of a whale-watcher, a singer-songwriter, a fisher, and a photographer, this moving narrative deftly takes readers from the present back to the early days of the fishery, and forward to consider what lies ahead.

Jenn Thornhill Verma is a proud Newfoundlander descended from fishers. She has a background in radio and works in the non-profit health sector. Jenn holds a Master of Science in Medicine, a Bachelor of Journalism/Biology, and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction. She has written about her fishing roots in such magazines as Maisonneuve, Downhome, Saltscapes, Newfoundland Quarterly, Explore and The Telegram (St. John’s). In her spare time, Jenn paints landscapes.

Related Interest

- The Sea Was in Their Blood
  - Quentin Casey
  - 978-1-77108-479-6
  - $22.95 | paperback
  - 978-1-77108-682-0
  - $31.95 | audiobook
  - Winner of the Dartmouth Book Award for Non-Fiction

- Pantry and Palate
  - Words by Simon Thibault
  - Photos by Noah Fecks
  - 978-1-77108-490-1
  - $34.95 | paperback
  - Canadian Representative at 2018 Gourmand Awards

Marketng plans

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- National and regional print and digital ads
- Regional author tour
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign
A Future for the Fishery
Crisis and Renewal in Canada’s Neglected Fishing Industry

Rick Williams
Foreword by Donald Savoie

A timely exploration of Canada’s rapidly changing fisheries

Contrary to popular belief, Canadian fisheries industries are not dead. Key stocks are stable or rebuilding, most commercial fisheries are now managed at sustainable catch levels, and global demand for seafood is booming. But a significant challenge exists: to attract and retain enough young people to crew vessels and take over fishing enterprises from retiring baby boomers.

In A Future for the Fishery, author Rick Williams, research director for the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters and former professor of social policy, examines the reality of the fishery as a dynamic economic sector in rural-coastal regions across Canada—regions that desperately need renewal. This timely read alerts industry and government decision-makers to a looming demographic crisis in the fisheries workforce and explores strategies to attract and retain new labour supply. It also shares the perspectives and experiences of fish harvesters themselves—the people with the most at stake in this rapidly changing industry.

Features illustrative charts and data tables and a foreword from award-winning author Donald Savoie.

Rick Williams, M.A., Ed.D, is sole proprietor of Praxis Research & Consulting and research director for the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters. He led the Council’s $1.7 million national fisheries labour supply study completed in 2018. From 2009 to 2013 he served as deputy minister to the Premier for Policy and Priorities in the government of Nova Scotia, and previously was a professor in social policy at Dalhousie University. He has served as co-chair of the Board of Directors of Ecotrust Canada from 2016 to 2019.

Related Interest

Looking for Bootstraps
Donald J. Savoie
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978-1-77108-504-5
$32.95 | FR

A Tale of Two Countries
Richard Saillant
paperback
978-1-77108-447-5
$22.95 | EN
978-1-77108-429-1
$22.95 | FR
Before the Parade


Rebecca Rose

The proud, never-before-told history of Halifax’s early LGB community

In Before the Parade, journalist and activist Rebecca Rose brings her queer femme, feminist perspective to this compelling, and necessary, history of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community in Halifax.

Here are stories of being at the forefront; of founding a group to fight for gay liberation just three years after the Stonewall riots, of initiating the first nationally coordinated gay and lesbian day of action in 1977, and of spearheading a campaign to include sexual orientation in the Human Rights Act. A thoroughly researched, narrative history, this foundational collection includes perspectives and insights from the artists, businesspeople, academics, and organizers who—by way of living their lives, and through their activism—made it possible for so many others to exist, to be out, to be proud, and to continue to push for change.

With over 40 black and white images and two colour inserts, Before the Parade shines a brilliant light on LGB Halifax’s compelling—and never before told—history.

Rebecca Rose is a Cape Breton–born queer femme, feminist, and freelance writer who has spent her adult life going between Halifax and Toronto. Rebecca’s writing focuses on queer and trans people, communities, and histories; misogyny; and social movements. She has a journalism degree from Ryerson University. Rebecca’s own queer activism has spanned the last decade, including involvement in Nova Scotia’s 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy group and as a founding member of the Halifax Dyke and Trans March.

More LGBTQ+ Friendly Reads

My Mommy, My Mama, My Brother, and Me

Text by Natalie Meisner
Art by Mathilde Cinq-Mars
978-1-77108-741-4
$22.95 | hardcover

Crocuses Hatch from Snow
Jaime Burnet
978-1-77108-790-2
$22.95 | paperback

The Disappearing Boy
Sonia Tilson
978-1-77108-548-9
$12.95 | paperback

Marketing plans

- National media and review mailing
- National print and digital ads
- Targeted LGBTQ+ media and events
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign
As British as the King

Lunenburg County During the First World War

Gerald Hallowell

Fascinating history of Lunenburg County during the Great War from award-winning author of August Gales

In August 1914, the long-established Germans of Lunenburg County found themselves facing a dilemma: Canada was at war with Germany. They met suspicions of disloyalty with the claim that their roots were deep in the German states of mid-eighteenth-century central Europe, long before unification. They were, then, as British as King George V himself.

As British as the King explores life in Lunenburg County at a time when blackouts were enforced, when there were rumours of spies, and when schooners were sunk offshore by U-boats. Intricately and thoroughly researched, this fascinating historical account brings an exquisite level of detail to the history of the war effort on the home front. Historians and Nova Scotians with Lunenburg roots will appreciate author Gerald Hallowell’s passion for his subject—a passion that echoes that of his previous work, The August Gales, for which he received the 2014 Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing.

Features a historical map and 30+ black and white images.

Gerald Hallowell was born in Port Hope, Ontario, and grew up on a nearby farm. A graduate of the University of Toronto and Carleton University, he worked for over twenty years as an editor at the University of Toronto Press, retiring as senior editor, Canadian history, in 2000. In 1996 he was elected for a three-year term to the council of the Canadian Historical Association. He edited The Oxford Companion to Canadian History, published in 2004. His previous book, The August Gales: The Tragic Loss of Fishing Schooners in the North Atlantic, 1926 and 1927, won the Democracy 250 Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing in 2014. Since 1989 he has lived in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

Related Interest

- The August Gales
  Gerald Hallowell
  978-1-77108-046-0
  $22.95 | paperback
  Winner of Atlantic Book Award for Scholarly Writing

- Nova Scotia at War
  Brian Douglas Tennyson
  978-1-77108-523-6
  $26.95 | paperback
  Winner of Atlantic Book Award for Historical Writing

- In Their Own Words
  Ross Hebb
  978-1-77108-670-7
  $21.95 | paperback
  Winner of Atlantic Book Award for Scholarly Writing

Marketing plans

- Regional media and review mailing
- Targeted print and digital ads
- Author signings
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign
Casey
The Remarkable, Untold Story of Frederick Walker “Casey” Baldwin:
Gentleman, Genius, and Alexander Graham Bell’s Canadian Protegé

John G. Langley
Foreword by Sean Baldwin

The untold story of a true genius, and the first Canadian to fly, in honour of the 100th anniversary of his record-setting aeronautical invention, the HD4 Hydrofoil

Frederick Walker “Casey” Baldwin—athlete, engineer, aeronaut, sailor, politician, activist, conservationist—was a true gentleman, modest to a fault. As one of Alexander Graham Bell’s young associates, Casey was the first Canadian, and the first born in the British Empire, to fly—a full eleven months before the historic 1909 flight in Baddeck of the Silver Dart. Casey became the son Alec and Mabel Bell never had. Dr. Bell described him as “quite a genius…the best blood of Canada.”

Gleaned from hundreds of pieces of heretofore unseen Baldwin correspondence, Casey is the untold story of true genius, epic accomplishments, and the stunning failure by Canada to seize upon and recognize those achievements. With this biography, author John Langley gives honour where honour is due.

Includes over 30 black and white images and a foreword by Casey’s grandson, Sean Baldwin.

John G. Langley is the author of Canadian Confederate Cruiser and Steam Lion. After a successful career in law, he retired from active practice and, with a lengthy background as a collector and student of marine history, established the Cunard Steamship Society. He has been a consultant to producers of films on the life of Samuel Cunard and vessels of the Cunard Line. He lectures extensively aboard Cunard liners and other cruise ships. He lives in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Author tour
- Cross-promo with Alexander Graham Bell Museum
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign

$24.95 | History | 978-1-77108-803-9
eISBN (ePub): 978-1-77108-804-6
6 x 9 | 304 pages | paperback | 30+ b/w images

Rights held: World | Pub date: August

More from John Langley

Steam Lion
John G. Langley
978-1-55109-623-0
$19.95 | paperback

Canadian Confederate Cruiser
John G. Langley
978-1-77108-660-8
$17.95 | paperback
Wounded Hearts

Memories of the Halifax Protestant Orphans’ Home

Lois Legge

Award-winning journalist profiles survivors’ stories of infamous Halifax orphanage during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century

Between 1857 and 1970, thousands of children came to live at the Halifax Protestant Orphan’s Home. Some were children whose parents simply didn’t have the means to care for them any longer; others were orphans who had nowhere else to go. Many faced abuse, poverty, and neglect before, during, and after their time in the facility. All were vulnerable young wards, left in the trusted care of an institution that, in countless cases, would ultimately betray them.

In Wounded Hearts: Memories of the Halifax Protestant Orphans’ Home veteran journalist Lois Legge digs deep into the lived experiences of the children who passed through those doors, painting an indelible picture of innocence lost. This in-depth narrative introduces readers to the strength and sorrow of the home’s survivors, in advance of the fiftieth anniversary of Veith House (2020), an inclusive community centre and the former site of the orphanage. Features 30 black and white photos.

During a long newspaper career, Lois Legge covered everything from politics to the Swissair Flight 111 crash and investigation. She’s also written hundreds of feature stories, including profiles of Holocaust survivors, war veterans, and famed photographer Robert Frank. Lois has won three Atlantic Journalism Awards and been nominated ten times. She’s a two-time National Newspaper Award finalist. Lois lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, with her husband, Richard. They have one daughter, Chelsea.

Marketing plans

- Regional media and review mailing
- Regional print and digital ads
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign

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Chris Benjamin
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Imagining Anne

L. M. Montgomery’s Island Scrapbooks

Elizabeth Rollins Epperly
Foreword by Adrienne Clarkson

The beautiful scrapbooks of beloved Anne of Green Gables author return to print in an attractive paperback edition

L. M. Montgomery’s beautiful Island scrapbooks, covering a period from 1893 to mid-1910, are finally back in print. Reflecting Montgomery’s youth and optimism, these full-colour pages are filled with meaningful insight into the life of a young writer’s inspiration during the period when she would create the beloved character of Anne Shirley, who would win the hearts of readers worldwide with the publication of Anne of Green Gables in 1908.

With annotations and notes from Montgomery scholar Elizabeth Epperly, Imagining Anne allows fans a revealing look inside the mind of one of the most cherished writers of the twentieth century.

Elizabeth Rollins Epperly, PhD, was born in the United States but moved to Canada because of her love for the writing of L. M. Montgomery. She was the first student to register for the newly created University of Prince Edward Island in 1969 and, from 1995 to 1998, served as its first woman president. Dr. Epperly has written dozens of articles and six books, including Summer in the Land of Anne, and has created four Montgomery exhibitions. Founding chair of the L. M. Montgomery Institute, she serves on its International Advisory Board and on the Anne of Green Gables Licensing Authority.

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- National and regional print and digital ads
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Pub date: June

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The Big Book of Lexicon: Volumes 13, 14, 15
Puzzles to Challenge & Entertain
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Popular puzzle books now back in print in one large volume

Theresa Williams’s lexicon puzzles have been hugely popular since they were first published in 1988. Half-crossword, half-word search, lexicon puzzles engage and entertain fans of all ages. This edition brings back volumes 13, 14, and 15, and presents them as one large book for hours of fun!

Born in Halifax, Theresa Williams now lives with her husband, David, in Truro, Nova Scotia. She works for Inland Technologies in Truro and is a graduate of Saint Mary's University. When not working or making lexicon puzzles, she enjoys running, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends.

Related Interest

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8.125 x 10.625 | 224 pages | paperback
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Marketing plans
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My Hair is Beautiful
Shauntay Grant

A joyful baby board book celebrating natural hair, from the Governor General’s Award–shortlisted author of Africville and Up Home

Natural, knotty, fluffy, frizzy, twisted, tangled, pony, puffed!

A celebration of natural hair, from afros to cornrows and everything in between, My Hair is Beautiful is a joyful baby board book with a powerful message of self-love.

Governor General’s Award–nominated author Shauntay Grant brings her unique spoken-word style to this fun read-aloud, featuring minimalist text and vibrant photos of toddlers sporting fresh dos.

Shauntay Grant is a writer and performance artist based in Halifax. She is the author of several books for children including Up Home, winner of an Atlantic Book Award for Best Atlantic Published Book, and Africville, nominated for a Governor General’s Literary Award. She teaches creative writing at Dalhousie University.

More from Shauntay Grant

The Walking Bathroom
Text by Shauntay Grant
Art by Erin Bennett Banks
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Up Home
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Marketing plans

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- National and regional print ads
- Festival circuit
- NetGalley
- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign
- OLA/ALA conferences

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Tummy Time Friends
Carol McDougall and Shanda LaRamee-Jones

Baby Steps accordion-style board book with baby faces and mirror for making the most out of tummy time

Tummy Time Friends is a fun, accordion-style book that can be unfolded on the floor to entertain your baby during tummy time (an important developmental activity that helps to strengthen baby's neck and back muscles). Babies love to look at faces, and both sides of this dual-sided book feature smiling baby faces. Your baby will love saying hello to their new tummy time friends and will delight in gazing at their own face reflected in the mirror at the centre of the book. This book is perfect for new parents, baby programs, or baby shower gifts.

- high-quality mirror
- engaging baby faces
- encourages tummy time
- celebrates diversity
- visual stimulation

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 has a master of education degree in literacy. She lives in Halifax with her husband and son.

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. She is director of the Read to Me! Nova Scotia Family Literacy Program and lives in Halifax.

Marketing plans
- National and regional kids media and review mailing
- Regional print and digital ads
- ABT holiday gift guide

Look Inside

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Art by Maud Lewis
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Come Back to Earth, Esther!

Art and Words by Josée Bisaillon

The authorial debut by Marilyn Baillie Award-winning illustrator of The Snow Knows follows a young girl with dreams as big as the universe.

From the award-winning illustrator of Leap!, Bedtime 1, 2, 3, and The Snow Knows, Come Back to Earth, Esther! is a full-hearted celebration of a fun-loving, space-obsessed girl who wishes, more than anything, to build her own spaceship, liftoff into the sky, and explore the galaxy. Featuring lively, accessible text and an exceptional protagonist with a supportive, diverse family, this STEM-friendly book is a celebration of imagination and making your own dreams come true.

As a young girl, Josée Bisaillon loved drawing cats and houses. She enjoyed school and always returned home full of stories to tell. She pursued her education all the way to university, where she fell in love with illustration. Since then, scissors and brushes in hand, Josée has illustrated more than 40 picture books. Come Back to Earth, Esther! is her first book as both author and illustrator.

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- National and regional print and digital ads
- Author tour
- Book trailer
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- ABT holiday gift guide
- Social media campaign

More from Josée Bisaillon

The Snow Knows
Text by Jennifer McGrath
Art by Josée Bisaillon
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Be a Weather Detective
Solving the Mysteries of Cycles, Seasons, and Elements
Peggy Kochanoff

Silver Birch– and Hackmatack-nominated
Be A Nature Detective series explores all things weather

Why do dogs hate thunder? Is every snowflake really different? Where does wind come from? Naturalist and artist Peggy Kochanoff answers these questions and more in this illustrated guide to solving weather mysteries, for young readers.

From the life cycle of hurricanes to explaining how to properly read a weather forecast, Kochanoff takes readers on a fascinating and entertaining tour of the most common weather patterns in Atlantic Canada and beyond. Packed with detailed and vivid watercolour illustrations and clear answers to creative questions, Be a Weather Detective is the perfect tool for solving the nature mysteries in your own backyard!

Peggy Kochanoff graduated from Cornell University with a degree in vertebrate zoology and spent a summer working at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. She is the author and illustrator of several books for children, including the Be a Nature Detective series. After marriage and travelling, she settled with her husband and two sons on a tree farm in Nova Scotia.

Marketing plans
• National and regional print and digital ads
• National and regional media and review mailing
• Specialty media and review mailing
• NetGalley
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I Lost My Talk

Words by Rita Joe
Art by Pauline Young

One of Rita Joe's most influential poems, “I Lost My Talk” tells the revered Mi’kmaw Elder's childhood story of losing her language while a resident of the residential school in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. An often quoted piece in this era of truth and reconciliation, Joe's powerful words explore and celebrate the survival of Mi'kmaw culture and language despite its attempted eradication. A companion book to the simultaneously published I'm Finding My Talk by Rebecca Thomas, I Lost My Talk is a necessary reminder of a dark chapter in Canada's history, a powerful reading experience, and an effective teaching tool for young readers of all cultures and backgrounds. Includes a biography of Rita Joe and striking colour illustrations by Mi’kmaw artist Pauline Young.

Acclaimed poet Rita Joe (1932–2007) of Whycocomagh First Nation wrote seven books, won numerous awards, and continues to be an influence on poets and other artists across Canada. “I Lost My Talk” is perhaps Joe's most famous poem, and references her time at the Shubenacadie Residential School. The poem inspired an eponymous multimedia performance at the National Arts Centre in 2016 as well as songs written by Indigenous youth across the country. She is known today as the Poet Laureate of the Mi’kmaq.

Pauline Young is a visual artist who was first exposed to the creative world through her father, Phillip Young, an internationally renowned artist, who painted the bottoms of her feet. She still recalls the smooth sensation of paint oozing between her toes. She draws her inspiration from him and the natural environment and is always looking down to see what the ground can offer, such as incorporating beach sand and red oxide sand into her paintings.

I’m Finding My Talk

Words by Rebecca Thomas
Art by Pauline Young

A response to Rita Joe's iconic poem “I Lost My Talk,” and published simultaneously with the new children's book edition illustrated by Pauline Young, comes a companion picture book by award-winning spoken-word artist and Mi'kmaw activist Rebecca Thomas. A second-generation residential school survivor, Thomas writes this response poem openly and honestly, reflecting on the process of working through the destructive effects of colonialism.

From sewing regalia to dancing at powow to learning traditional language, I'm Finding My Talk is about rediscovering community, and finding culture. Features stunning, vibrant illustrations by Mi'kmaw artist Pauline Young.

Rebecca Thomas is an award-winning Mi’kmaw poet. She is Halifax's former Poet Laureate (2016–2018) and has been published in multiple journals and magazines. She coordinated the Halifax Slam Poetry team from 2014 to 2017, leading them to three national competitions with the Canadian Festival of Spoken Word. I’m Finding My Talk is her first book.
A Pocket of Time

The Poetic Childhood of Elizabeth Bishop

Words by Elizabeth Bishop & Rita Wilson
Art by Emma FitzGerald

A gentle, poetic ode to Pulitzer Prize–winning writer Elizabeth Bishop and her childhood home, featuring her own words

There are, always, so many things to wonder about.

Elizabeth Bishop (1911–1979) grew up to become a famous poet, but before that she was a little girl who lived with her Gammie and Pa in Great Village, Nova Scotia. It was there that Bishop learned to walk, to read, to write, to sing hymns, and to catch bumblebees in foxglove flowers.

Lovingly rendered, this visual and lyrical feast tells the story of Bishop’s childhood days, including snippets of the iconic poet’s own poetry and prose, inspired by her time in Great Village, paired with eclectic collage-style artwork from illustrator Emma FitzGerald (EveryBody’s Different on EveryBody Street). A love letter to words, A Pocket of Time is a lesson for young readers in finding the poetry in everything.

Elizabeth Bishop (1911–1979) is considered one of the major poets of the twentieth century, with a famous eye for interesting and unexpected details. Many of her most renowned stories and poems are memories of Great Village, Nova Scotia, where she lived with her grandparents until she was taken away at the age of six and a half.

Rita Wilson is a writer, poet, teacher, mother, grandmother, and gardener who lives on the banks of the Caribou River in Nova Scotia. She’s been published in: Saltscapes, Arc Poetry Magazine, The Cumberland Review; and received the Atlantic Poetry Prize. She first discovered Elizabeth Bishop at Bishop’s grandparents’ home in Great Village, and immediately imagined that house as the perfect framework to introduce Bishop and her words to children and parents.

Emma FitzGerald is an author and illustrator. Her first book, Hand Drawn Halifax, documents her chosen home city, while Hand Drawn Vancouver (Spring 2020) explores the city she grew up in. Emma fell in love with Elizabeth Bishop’s poetry when she first discovered it in 2013, and has since completed two residencies in Bishop’s childhood home in Nova Scotia, and has visited various homes in Brazil that Bishop lived in, creating artwork as she went. This helped greatly when illustrating A Pocket of Time.
The Wereduck Code

Book 3 of the Wereduck Series

Dave Atkinson

The quirky (and quacky!) final book in the Hackmatack-nominated Wereduck series

It’s not easy being a fourteen-year-old wereduck in a family of werewolves. In The Wereduck Code, we catch up with Kate after discovering that an ancient cure for her family’s curse—one she had hoped would mean her family could finally come out of hiding—turned out to be more complicated than that.

The third installment of the critically acclaimed Wereduck series finds Kate sending away for a DNA test, thinking it will provide answers. The test’s results are shocking: there appears to be a toggle in human genetic code that is switched on in werewolves. And if that toggle can be switched off, like it was for her best friend John, does that mean it can be switched on? Will the scientist who discovered it use this information for good or evil?

And where is Dirk Bragg? The tabloid journalist-turned-country-music-star—who’s come close to exposing Kate’s family more than once—is suddenly missing. And as John soon discovers, there’s an anonymous group of hackers called D-Net hot on Dirk’s trail, convinced he can reveal the truth about werewolves once and for all. With freedom and friendship on the line, the thrilling conclusion of the Wereduck series will leave readers on the edge of their seats!

Dave Atkinson is an award-winning freelance journalist, columnist, and broadcaster originally from Windsor, Ontario, and the author of Wereduck, nominated for a Hackmatack Book Award, and Cure for Wereduck, shortlisted for PEI Book Award. His work for the CBC has appeared on The Current, The Sunday Edition, Tapestry, Maritime Magazine, In the Field, and regional radio programs across the country. He and his wife are homeschooling their three silly kids in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

More in the Wereduck series

Wereduck
Dave Atkinson
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Cure for Wereduck
Dave Atkinson
978-1-77108-445-1
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Marketing plans
- ARCs available in May
- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- School and library visits
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign
- OLA Conference
Sid the Kid and the Dryer

Words by Lesley Choyce
Art by Brenda Jones

A fun re-imagining of hockey star Sidney Crosby's early days from the beloved duo behind Skunks for Breakfast

Milton the washing machine and W. P. (Whirlpool) the dryer are being delivered to a new home in Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. The pair are excited to start their new jobs in the Crosby home, and are just getting settled in to the basement when “the kid” comes home from school. Sidney straps on a pair of Rollerblades, drags out a beat-up hockey net, and starts to practice. Every now and then a loud carrong echoes off W. P’s shiny white enamel as the puck misses the net, prompting scolds from Sidney’s mother upstairs.

Eventually, the poor dryer needs to be replaced; it’s missing knobs and covered in dents. W. P. doesn’t want to go, and it’s up to Sidney to convince his dad that sometimes, being reminded of your mistakes is a good thing.

An imaginative interpretation of the history of Sidney Crosby’s famous dryer (now a popular attraction at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame), paired with vibrant artwork from award-winning illustrator Brenda Jones, Sid the Kid and the Dryer will have young readers and sports fans cheering from the sidelines.

Lesley Choyce is the author of ninety-six books for adults, teens, and kids. He founded and runs Pottersfield Press, a small literary press in Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia, and teaches creative writing at Dalhousie University. He surfs year round in the North Atlantic.

Brenda Jones grew up in Prince Edward Island and moved to Montreal in her twenties, where she worked at the National Film Board and on many animated TV shows. She started illustrating picture books in the 1980s, and has since published over twenty titles, two of which won the Lillian Shepherd Memorial Award for Excellence in Illustration. She lives in PEI.

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Targeted sports media mailing
- School and library visits
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign

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Look Inside
No Girls Allowed

Inspired by the True Story of a Girl Who Fought for Her Right to Play

Natalie Corbett Sampson

Action-packed middle-grade novel inspired by 1977 story of a girl who fought the Human Rights Commission for the right to play hockey on an all-boys team

It’s 1977, and 10-year-old Tina couldn’t be happier about her life. Not because she just moved to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, but because she’s finally old enough to make her dream come true: she can play on a real hockey team. But when she tries to join the league, she learns that girls aren’t allowed to play on the boys’ team—and there’s no team for girls.

Despite jeers from classmates and cruelty from some of the town’s adults, Tina is determined to play. She wants it more than anything. With the help of her family, Tina takes her fight to the Human Rights Commission. She’s allowed to play on a team while her case goes through court, but though she’s the best skater on the ice, even some of her teammates think she shouldn’t be there. From facing down angry coaches to testifying on the stand, Tina does everything for one big goal: to play real hockey.

Based on an inspiring true story, No Girls Allowed is a journey of passion, determination, and sheer love of the game.

Natalie Corbett Sampson’s Halifax home is like a reality show mashup, wherein she battles her four teenagers to cooperate on dish duty and to get up in the morning; drives to hockey, basketball, baseball, piano, riding, and social events (theirs); keeps the dog’s diaper clean—he pees in the house; befriends the crows; draws and writes when it’s quiet. And the true judges are the three cats, of course. She is the author of several books for young readers, including Game Plan, It Should Have Been a #GoodDay, and Take These Broken Wings.

Related Interest

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- Targeted sports media mailing
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- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
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Winner of the Hackmatack Award
Shortlisted for the McNally Robinson Award
Amazing Atlantic Canadian Kids

Awesome Stories of Bravery and Adventure

Words by John Boileau
Art by James Bentley
Foreword by Myra Freeman

The first in a brand new illustrated series about Amazing Atlantic Canadians, featuring incredible kids from across the region

We’ve all heard of amazing grown-ups from Atlantic Canada, like Joseph Howe, Joshua Slocum, or Maud Lewis—but it’s about time we learned about our region’s amazing kids! This fascinating, full-colour, illustrated book features over 50 amazing and diverse young people from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, and Newfoundland and Labrador, sharing their incredible stories and accomplishments, past and present.

Among these amazing kids are young people who saved lives, set sports records (Marjorie Turner Bailey), invented something (Rachel Brouwer), survived in the wilderness (Robert Kent), overcame injustice, disability, or illness (Becca Schofeld), and enacted many other inspiring deeds of courage and perseverance. Encompassing both historical and contemporary kids, Boileau shows young readers that greatness has no age limit.

Featuring a foreword by The Hon. Myra Freeman, informative sidebars, an index, and 30 colour illustrations from artist James Bentley.

John Boileau was once a kid, but never accomplished anything amazing. Now he is a grandfather to four granddaughters—all of whom are amazing! This is John's fourteenth book, and his first one for young readers. Some of his other books are about the Titanic, the Halifax Explosion, recipients of the Victoria Cross, and a co-authored two-volume set about underage Canadian boys who joined the military during the First and Second World Wars.

James Bentley lives and works on the small island of Île-Perrot, just off Montreal, Quebec. He studied and began his career as a freelance illustrator; a practice which gave him a great love for drawing. Anchored in figuration, he now works mainly with acrylic on canvas and acrylic and pastel on paper. Bentley's current body of work is focused on the ocean, portraits, and figure studies. He is always on the search to paint in an inventive, open manner.

Marketing plans

- National and regional media and review mailing
- National and regional print and digital ads
- Authors on Board Bay Ferries event
- School and library visits
- NetGalley
- ABT Holiday Gift Guide
- Social media campaign
The Lookout Tree
A Family’s Escape from the Acadian Deportation
Diane Carmel Léger

Long-awaited English version of Hackmatack Award–winning middle-grade novel set during the Acadian Deportation

It’s 1755, and twelve-year-old Fidèle’s life is quiet and pastoral—until a sudden shift in the political situation brings chaos to Acadie. The English are hunting down and deporting all the Acadians, and the only way to escape is to run far away or to live in the wilderness.

Fidèle’s parents are taken by the English along with their newborn baby. He, his sister, Prémélia, their grandfather, Pétard, and elderly Rosalie decide to brave life in the forest near their burned-down house in the hopes that their family members will return one day. Life in the woods is harsh and unforgiving, and they only survive with the help and knowledge of their Mi’kmaq friends and a mysterious spirit who appears during times of dire need.

Spanning two decades of the terrible events of the Deportation and the long struggle to reunite and resettle afterward, The Lookout Tree is an English translation of the beloved French classic, La butte à Pétard, and a testament to the determination of the Acadian people to survive and thrive in their homeland.

For twenty years, Diane Carmel Léger lived in Victoria, British Columbia, where she taught French Immersion and wrote books in both French and English. Yet, it was her homesickness for the Maritimes that led her to writing over twenty-five years ago. Diane is now living near her native village of Memramcook which was called la-butte-à-Pétard before the Deportation of 1755. La butte à Pétard, the French version of this book, is an Acadian bestseller.

Related Interest

My Two Grandmothers
Text by Diane Carmel Léger
Art by Jean-Luc Trudel
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$12.95 | paperback

Piper
Jacqueline Halsey
978-1-77108-605-9
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The Land Beyond the Wall
An Immigration Story
Veronika Martenova Charles

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 Lily. She disapproves of Emma's drawing and dashes her niece's dream of becoming an artist. 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 (Halifax's Pier 21), she discovers of her voice through art. The Land Beyond the Wall is a beautifully rendered allegory that uses magic realism to confront the harsh realities of immigration and the universal struggle of finding one's place in the world.

Skunks for Breakfast
Text by Lesley Choyce
Art by Brenda Jones

Everyone knows there are no skunks in Nova Scotia... right? Well, that's what Pamela thinks, until she wakes up one morning to a terrible smell.

Now Pamela stinks, her father stinks, her sister stinks, and her mother stinks. Soon her life stinks—her friends at school won’t come near her! And no matter how many skunks her father catches underneath the house, there always seems to be another.

Join Pamela and her family as they confront the odorous onslaught—and watch Pamela slowly start to like the unexpectedly cute creatures.

Maritime Monsters
Text by Steve Vernon
Art by Jeff Solway

This children's picture book is a field guide to Maritime monsters, taken from local folklore and legends. The monsters described include Prince Edward Island's Old Hook-Snout, New Brunswick's Acadian Werewolf, Nova Scotia's Parker Road Phantom and Newfoundland's Not-So-Cuddly Kraken!

Each entry includes a short story featuring the monster and a field guide entry: location, diet, size, frequency, description, and special monster-hunting advice. An indispensable resource for the young Maritime monster hunter!
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Pirates of the North Atlantic
William S. Crooker

Along miles of rugged coastline, in secret bays and hidden inlets, and even in the busiest ports lurk stories of the infamous pirates who visited the North Atlantic in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. Captain Kidd, Blackbeard, Peter Easton, and Black Bart all came here in search of plunder, supplies, and sanctuary. From Newfoundland to Boston, from Cape Breton to the Bay of Fundy, the North Atlantic was once teeming with highwaymen of the sea.

In Pirates of the North Atlantic, the most gripping and thrilling of these tales are brought together in vivid detail. Master storyteller William Crooker once again captures the imagination of his readers, this time with a thrilling collection of stories about the world’s most notorious pirates, and their connections with the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

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The Best of Wilfred Grenfell
Edited by William Pope

True life stories of the heroic efforts of people by a man as legendary as his subject. In the fifty years since his death, Wilfred Grenfell has become a folk hero—a missionary doctor who served the northern reaches of Newfoundland and Labrador.

$22.95 | History | 978-1-55109-581-3
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We Keep a Light
Evelyn Richardson

In We Keep A Light, Evelyn M. Richardson describes how she and her husband bought tiny Bon Portage Island and built a happy life there for themselves and their three children. On an isolated lighthouse station off the southern tip of Nova Scotia, the Richardsons shared the responsibilities and pleasures of island living, from carrying water and collecting firewood to making preserves and studying at home. The close-knit family didn’t mind their isolation, and found delight in the variety and beauty of island life.

We Keep A Light is much more than a memoir. It is an exquisitely written, engrossing record of family life set against a glowing lighthouse, the enduring shores of Nova Scotia, and the ever-changing sea.

$19.95 | Biography | 978-1-77108-789-6
6 x 9 | 228 pages | softcover
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The Oak Island Mystery: Solved
The Final Chapter
Joy A. Steele and Gordon Fader

For more than two centuries, Oak Island, Nova Scotia, has been studied, searched, probed and cursed all the while failing to give up its secrets. Joy Steele’s ground-breaking historical research into the island’s true history is no less intriguing. In this second edition, Ms. Steele is joined by professional geologist Gordon Fader to not only solidify her theory, but to expand on it, including a thorough explanation of the area’s geology.

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Stormy Passage
Kate Merlin

Young Nate is enjoying his newfound freedom from school when he gets a job working on the steamship New York. But the work is hard, and the ship gets caught in the Saxby Gale of 1869. Will they ever make it to safety? Based on a real incident, this adventure story should appeal to ages 9-12 even though it is written at a grade 2-3 reading level.

$10.95 | Children's Fiction | 978-0-99593-848-9
4.25 x 7 | 72 pages | paperback
Publisher: Chocolate River Publishing | Pub date: August

Mammals of Prince Edward Island and Adjacent Marine Waters
Rosemary Curley, Pierre-Yves Daoust, Donald McAlpine, Kim Riehl, and Dan McAskill

This long overdue book provides a comprehensive guide to the Island’s terrestrial and marine mammals. Rooted in historical accounts and local research, this book illuminates the lives of PEI mammals large and small. From the Little Brown Bat to the Long-finned Pilot Whale, this book highlights each species in illustrated detail and outlines the continued need for conservation efforts in this province.

$37.95 | Nature | 978-1-98869-231-9 | 8 x 10
354 pages | paperback | Publisher: Island Studies Press
Pub date: October

Listening for the Dead Bells
Marian Bruce

Mysterious lights, howling dogs, ringing sounds in the ear: these omens of death are part of a treasury of supernatural beliefs transmitted through centuries and across the Atlantic Ocean. Part memoir, part oral history—the author reflects on stories about bad fairies, witch control, ghosts, second sight, divination, healing incantations, attitudes toward death, and other links between Prince Edward Island and the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

$19.95 | Supernatural | 978-1-98869-229-6
6 x 9 | 96 pages | paperback | Publisher: Island Studies Press
Pub date: September

Un gamin acadien
L’odyssée de Roméo LeBlanc vers Rideau Hall
Beryl Young

Born on a farm in the village of Cormier Cove in New Brunswick, the young Roméo LeBlanc did not expect that one day, thanks to his loving family and some unexpected help from his sisters, he would have the chance to go to high school and university, become a history teacher, and then a journalist, finally a politician, climbing the ladder to the highest position! Nevertheless, Roméo LeBlanc stayed modest and kept his great sense of humour all his life.

Discover a boy from Acadie and his Journey to Rideau Hall, the official home of the Governor General in Ottawa.

Children's Nonfiction | 8 x 8
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**B pour bayou**
Un abécédaire cadien

Text by Richard Guidry
Art by Réjean Roy

In the heart of the Bayou, where the Cipre trees rise from the swamp, a Cocodrie slumbers. Can you see it, as you perch in your Arbre à poules? In Nénaine’s kitchen, the aroma of Débris and Jambalaya fills the air. 

*B pour bayou* (B for bayou) is a cajun ABC in which Richard Guidry (*Le gros Cadien* and *The Big Cajun*) and his friends offer up a Gombo-soaked delicacy of words, while illustrator Réjean Roy takes us aboard his Esquif, down the Mississippi.

*After Ah! pour Atlantique, we leave the Acadie of the Maritimes for the Cajun Acadia of Louisiana!* 

**Un géant dans la tête**

Danielle Loranger

Despite his athletic build, Matis was born a haemophiliac. Imagine having the vitality of a 16-year-old but living in a body that can’t take a hit… Any kind of blow could cause a hemorrhage. But the real wound, the incurable wound, stems from his family. After a terrible car accident two years prior, Matis’ mother passed away. Without Iris, the apple of his eye, Matis’ father can’t even smile. Such wounds are slow to fade away… But Matis will prove that he’s got courage for the two of them and takes his father to Newfoundland, Iris’ native province. Together they’ll uncover the rocks on which they can build a new life. 

**La cabane**

Text by Katia Canciani
Art by Christian Quesnel

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**Un petit bonheur tout rond**

Text by Marie-Célie Agnant
Art by Magali Ben

Love is growing, and baby too! Inside mommy’s tummy, baby wiggles legs, fists and toes. Mom and Dad count the stars, baby jumps in the belly. Patiently, Mom feels the kicks and Dad dreams and draws. Weeks go by, the belly grows high, and the parents don’t know what else to count to keep on waiting. A poetic escape into the adventure of being born.

**B pour bayou**
Un abécédaire cadien

Text by Katia Canciani
Art by Christian Quesnel

$10.95 | Children’s Picture Book | 978-2-89750-147-1 | 9 x 9
32 pages | softcover | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie
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$19.95 | Children’s Fiction | 978-2-89750-161-7 | 10 x 13
72 pages | hardcover | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie
Pub date: April | French Language

$19.95 | Children’s Fiction | 978-2-89750-167-9 | 10.75 x 9.25
24 pages | paperback | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie | Available Now
French Language
Père Noël: prière de m’apporter un banjo!

Text by David Myles
Art by Murray Bain

The celebrated holiday song from multi-talented and multiple-award-winning Halifax-based roots musician David Myles is now available as a bright and fun children’s picture book, and with a French translation by none other than the great Marie-Jo Thério. 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 sent 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, Père Noël: prière de m’apporter un banjo! is sure to inspire many a holiday singalong.

$10.95 | Children’s Fiction | 978-2-89750-155-6 | 8 x 10 | 32 pages | paperback | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie | Pub date: November

Samuel et la tuque de Noël

Text by Art Richard and Chantal Pelletier Richard
Art by Isabelle Léger

Samuel is a scaredy-cat, scared of cats. He doesn’t get close to them. But one winter day, he sees a kitten outside and decides to take it home… Later, Samuel is busy making snow angels when three snowflakes make him an offer to become one of Santa’s elves… But Samuel is just a normal boy, how could he ever be a brave and serviceable elf and deserve the famous Christmas tuque?

$19.95 | Middle-Grade Fiction | 978-2-89750-158-7 | 10.25 x 13.85 | 56 pages | hardcover | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie | Pub date: June

Alerte à Richibouctou

Roland Daigle

Aldouane, New Brunswick, 1943. It’s the Second World War and John and his uncle Fred are going smelt fishing when they see a military plane crash, and a parachute fly down… In the middle of the night, a storm is raging and they are captured by Captain Otto Von Muller, who orders them to lead him to the Richibouctou lighthouse. But his radio message to a German submarine will be intercepted by a Canadian corvette… Will John, Fred, and lighthouse guardian Vincent Daigle be able to escape from the captain? Will Acadie remain a land free of the Nazi menace?

$10.95 | Children’s Picture Book | 978-2-89750-170-9 | 9 x 9 | 24 pages | paperback | Publisher: Bouton d’or Acadie | Pub date: November

Luna n’aime pas

Nathasha Pilotte

Unlike his brother Zim, Luna is a red-haired, hot-tempered cat. While his furry feline friend scurries and climbs around the house, Luna grrrs and growls. With their piercing eyes, pudgy bellies, and pillows on their feet, even the best of us can’t resist cats! But even if they make us laugh, cats aren’t always in a good mood… Will Luna’s human and brother cheer him up?

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Lifeline
The Story of the Atlantic Ferries and Coastal Boats

Harry Bruce

Lifeline is an all-new edition of Harry Bruce’s classic telling of the roots of today’s Marine Atlantic—a history of the courage and determination that maintain the water-links of Atlantic Canada. From Newfoundland to Cape Breton, along the coast of Labrador—from Nova Scotia to Maine and New Brunswick, and across to PEI—through wind and ice, Harry Bruce brings to life a bold, brave, sometimes hilarious and often tragic history. With 40 historic photographs.

$24.95 | History | 978-1-92690-870-0 | 6 x 9
290 pages | paperback | Publisher: Breton Books
Pub date: June

Father Greg, A Life
The Cabbage Patch Priest

Daniel Doucet

Cape Breton’s renowned social activist and priest comes alive in this warm, personal biography. Crafted from Greg MacLeod’s diaries and letters, plus Doucet’s years as his traveling companion, Father Greg displays the incredible range and vigour of MacLeod’s ideas and their down-to-earth application. Through his daring range of proposals, Fr. Greg relentlessly advocated for the public good. Includes a terrific batch of photographs.

$19.95 | Biography | 978-1-92690-873-1 | 6 x 9
190 pages | paperback | Publisher: Breton Books
Pub date: June

The Mystery Ships of Nova Scotia in the First World War
Q-Ships vs U-Boats in 1917

John N. Grant

They sailed into harm’s way dressed as ordinary fishermen, seeking to be attacked by German submarines. This armed team faced danger, frayed nerves, and boredom. Because their mission was secret, they could not explain their service to Canada in the First World War. In this brisk, readable and respectful history, John N. Grant tells the long-buried story of Canada’s Mystery Fleet. He names men who tried to lure U-boats into range, and then sailed into anonymity—until now. Many historic photographs.

$18.95 | History | 978-1-92690-871-7 | 5.5 x 8.5
170 pages | paperback | Publisher: Breton Books
Pub date: June

Cape Breton’s Christmas, Book 6
A Treasury of Stories and Memories

Edited by Ronald Caplan

A Christmas tradition in book form, Book 6 of Cape Breton’s Christmas is a fresh annual gathering of warmth, joy, and family love—50 well-told memories and stories shot through with sparks of humour, tears of longing, and small flames of faith. Good reading year-round, this Christmas tradition brings together Cape Breton writers—both well-known and lately inspired—presenting sparkling seasonal gems for readers of all ages. A rare collection that preserves some of the best of what it is to be human. This generous book will last.

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170 pages | paperback | Publisher: Breton Books
Pub date: October
A baby and a foal are born on the farm, on the very same day. Together Johnny and Big Betty grow up learning to work through all the farm’s seasons, planting, plowing, mowing, cow herding, and ice cutting. But Betty grows quickly and Johnny grows slowly. By the time Johnny is a young man, Betty is an old horse. When Johnny realizes it’s time to replace Betty with a tractor, he must decide what to do with his beloved horse. One Horse Farm, first published in 1950, tells the story of a boy and a horse who grow up together on a farm and watch the world change around them. It’s a book that comes from the heart for legendary Maine artist Dahlov Ipcar, who lived on a farm in Georgetown, Maine, for more than 70 years. “It was the life I lived,” she said.

One Horse Farm
Dahlov Ipcar

“Mud makes me dance in the spring / I fly up to the sky on my swing.”

So begins a celebration of the four seasons, as a young girl explores, with family and friends, the mud of spring, sand and wind in the summer, leaves and pumpkins in the fall, and the joys of snow in winter. Toddlers will enjoy listening to, and repeating, the easy rhyming text that invites them to use all their senses to experience the world changing around them. We feel grass tickling our toes, hear bees buzzing, and see our breath steam in the cold of winter. Author/illustrator Charlotte Agell brings her trademark light and airy watercolors to this joyful board book.

Mud, Sand, and Snow
Charlotte Agell

$15.95 | Children’s Fiction | 978-1-94476-270-4
10 x 8.5 | 36 pages | paperback
Publisher: Islandport Press | Pub date: August

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6 x 6 | 24 pages | board book
Publisher: Islandport Press | Pub date: August

Ever since sixteen-year-old Natalie Payson moved away from her hometown of Bernier, Maine, she’s had nightmares. And not just the usual ones. These are inside her, pulling her, calling her back, drawing her to a door, a house, a place, a time. Full of fear, full of danger. So this summer, Natalie’s going back to Bernier to face up to a few things: the reason she left town in the first place; the boy she’s trying hard not to trust; and the door in her dreams. But once she steps through the door, into a murky past, she’s entangled in someone else’s world. And only Natalie can help right the wrongs of both the past and the present. Breakthrough author Gillian French skillfully weaves together themes of small town bullies, unsolved murders, time travel, and the force of the spirit in this gripping paranormal thriller.

The Door to January
Gillian French

$17.95 | YA Fiction | 978-1-94476-261-2
5.5 x 8.5 | 240 pages | paperback
Publisher: Islandport Press | Pub date: August

Love is Hell...or maybe it’s just who we choose to love. After all, how do we really know who anyone is? When Maine’s favorite reporter, Jack McMorrow, heads out to the hardware store on a routine chore, little does he know that he’s about to witness a senseless murder that will have vicious repercussions. With his instinct and nose for news, McMorrow chases leads that take him into the dark side of Downeast—the side the tourist brochures don’t show. At the same time, his best friend Louis has fallen for a mysterious blonde with Russian ties and a hankering for money and intrigue that could put everything McMorrow mystery, everything seems like a coincidence—until it doesn't.

Random Act
Gerry Boyle

$15.95 | Fiction | 978-1-94476-268-1
5.5 x 8.5 | 380 pages | paperback
Publisher: Islandport Press | Pub date: August
Close to the Edge...

The Work of Gerald Ferguson

Gerald Ferguson

Close to the edge... contains seven essays and statements by Gerald Ferguson that collectively serve as the definitive account of this important artist’s approach to his art and his times. Beginning with his first works in Halifax in the late 1960s and ending with his statement for his last exhibition, New Paintings – Landscapes, held in Toronto in 2009, Ferguson’s collected writings are a unique document in Canadian art history.

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180 pages | paperback | Publisher: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
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Prime Suspects

Canada’s Prime Ministers in Caricature

Bruce MacKinnon

Halifax-based artist and editorial cartoonist Bruce MacKinnon presents his recent suite of caricature-portraits of Canada’s prime ministers past and present. Included are examples of works-on-paper and paintings created by MacKinnon between 1993 and 2017 that together depict all 23 prime ministers, from Sir John A. Macdonald to Justin Trudeau. Through MacKinnon’s signature wit and brand of satire, these works make visible the politics and events that have helped shape our country’s history and the society in which we live today.

$18.67 | Art | 978-1-55457-768-2 | 6.9 x 6.5
72 pages | paperback | Publisher: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
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Toronto, Shades of Black

George Fischer

In a departure from George Fischer’s colourful reporting, this monochromatic take on Toronto uses the luminant black-and-white medium to craft highly personal interpretations of the city’s personality. Fascinating photographic statements draw attention to hidden elements throbbing beneath countless concrete, glass, and wood surfaces. Intriguing interplays of white, black, and gray impart an edgy aesthetic that accentuates Toronto’s timelessness, intricacy, and romance. Through his lens, you’ll peer into the mysteries behind inky silhouettes, watery depths, and textured skies.

Landscape photographer George Fischer has produced more than 65 photographic books in addition to prints commissioned by various international companies, major publishers, and private collectors around the globe. Recognized by the tourism industry for his unique interpretations of destinations, features, and spirit of place, he has provided photography for promotional literature published by tourist boards and global tour operators. Tourism boards include the Faroe Islands, Tunisia, Jordan, Malta, France, Italy, Cuba, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Maldives, Panama, and regions in the United States and Canada. George’s work has also appeared on the covers of magazines and newspapers worldwide as well as websites and ad campaigns for hundreds of companies. In November 2017, George received the Ontario Tourism Award of Excellence in Photography.

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Transplanted

My Cystic Fibrosis Double-Lung Transplant Story

About 4,100 people in Canada have cystic fibrosis, and many are living longer today, thanks, in part, to transplants. CF mainly affects the digestive system and lungs, and there is no cure. In this candid memoir, Watson describes living with the disease and her life-altering surgery in 2014. Watson and her sister, Amy, both grew up with CF, and Allison had always believed that Amy would be the one to get a transplant first. The decision to undergo surgery was not easy. Nor was the road to full recovery. In this book, Watson, who cycled across Canada with her brother in 2008 to raise awareness of CF, describes her journey.

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$24.95 | Arts & Crafts | 978-1-77108-731-5
6.5 x 9.25 | 184 pages | paperback | 25 b/w images
Rights held: World

When Mayann Francis was named Nova Scotia’s first Black lieutenant-governor, she wondered if the community would accept her. Francis was born just three months after businesswoman Viola Desmond was arrested for sitting in a whites-only section of a movie theatre in New Glasgow. Had enough changed? In this candid memoir, Francis describes her journey from humble beginnings in Whitney Pier, the daughter of immigrants, to the vice-regal office. Francis poses tough questions in this book, but also offers advice and encouragement to anyone faced with challenges.

$29.95 | Memoir | 978-1-77108-713-1
eISBN (ePub): 978-1-77108-714-8
6 x 9 | 216 pages | hardcover | 8-page colour insert
Rights held: World

Celebrated textile artist Deanne Fitzpatrick learned early that traditional rug-hooking is so much more than just making mats for old houses. This intricate art form has given her the chance to speak without words. It has built her a supportive community, a successful business, and an international reputation. But most of all, hooking rugs has allowed Deanne to live a life she loves. Reflecting on her twenty-five-year career, Deanne shares lessons gleaned both at the frame and away from her studio. Whether it’s dealing with an artistic block, or balancing running a business and raising a family, Deanne has navigated it all with frank humour and grace. Containing over 75 full-colour photos of projects past and present, Making a Life is an ode to the joys of leading a creative life. With a foreword from Sheree Fitch.

$34.95 | Craft/Memoir | 978-1-77108-723-0
7.5 x 9.5 | 128 pages | hardcover | 75+ colour photographs
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