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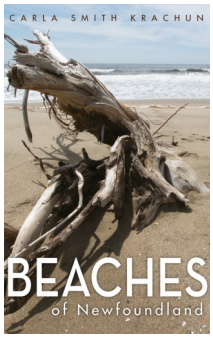
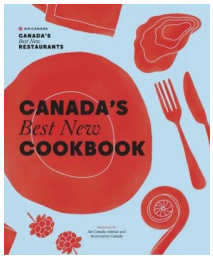


Beaches of Newfoundland

Carla Smith Krachun *Boulder Books, 2023*

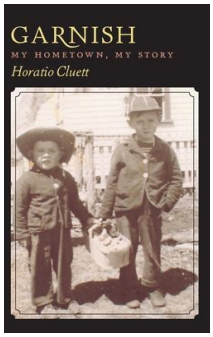
With almost 10,000 kilometres of coastline, Newfoundland has beaches in abundance. Whether you're looking for sun and sand, wind and waves, or cobblestones and caplin, you'll find it here. This comprehensive guide takes you across the island to a wide range of beaches, from small rocky coves to vast stretches of fine white sand. Detailed descriptions, colour photographs, and lists of amenities and nearby attractions will help you plan your trip. Using the GPS coordinates and clear directions, you will find your way to destinations both well-known and off the beaten track. From Grand Bay West to Middle Cove and everywhere in between, **Beaches of Newfoundland** is an indispensable resource for locals and tourists alike.



Canada's Best New Cookbook

Amy Rosen *Spafax Canada Inc., 2022*

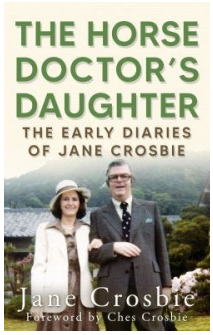
Air Canada enRoute magazine launched Canada's Best New Restaurants [in 2002] as a way of celebrating the country's restaurant culture. It remains a guide for booking delicious dinner reservations both at home and away. This cookbook is a distillation of the country's thriving food scene, featuring doable recipes from more than 30 former Top 10 winners, and stories from across Canada. Whether you like to cook, travel - or simply eat - this book is for you.



Garnish: my hometown, my story

Horatio Cluett *Friesen Press, 2020*

I was born in Garnish where I received my early education. I went on to study Naval Architecture at the Marine Institute in St. John's, which led to a forty year career as a designer at Marystown Shipyard in Marystown, NL; but my life was about much more than that. This book is about my path through more than fifty years of volunteering and community involvement. It tells of the huge effect a very small town had on my life. It follows my journey through the trials and successes. I write about my childhood, my active nature, my creativeness, and passion for invention. It tells about challenges experienced in my career, in team sports in a small town, and initiating a town council as a young adult. I recount sixteen years of emotional highs and lows while helping to bring a golf course to the Peninsula. I relate my love of music and the places it would take me. The book covers Garnish history, terrible disasters, and pride in becoming one of the most outstanding small towns in this province. My personal story intertwines with hundreds of fascinating stories about the lives of ordinary people living in this wonderful place.



The Horse Doctor's Daughter: the early diaries of Jane Crosbie

Jane Crosbie *Flanker Press, 2023*

This memoir is adapted from the journals of Jane Furneaux Crosbie, who provides a behind-the-scenes look at her marriage to politician John C. Crosbie. The first in a series, it begins with the diary entries she penned during the turbulent Joey Smallwood years of 1963 to 1980. While John made headlines—from his run against Smallwood for the provincial Liberal leadership, to crossing the floor and joining the Progressive Conservatives, to a storied career in the federal PC Cabinet—life inside the Crosbie home was just as colourful and exciting. Jane Crosbie provides a candid, never-before-seen glimpse at a family viewed by many as Newfoundland royalty—from children to charity work to political involvement, from Jane's unwavering support of her husband, to her anger at those who challenged him. She also lays bare a lifelong love story, of a woman who stood by her man while still being a force to be reckoned with in her own right. John had often said that Jane was the reason for his political success, and here the reader will become privy to the personal thoughts and aspirations of the woman responsible for the man the public knew as one of the province's true fighting Newfoundlanders. There are also moments of sadness and loneliness, of loss and disappointment, which Jane shares openly. And humour: raw, in-the-moment observations on political stalwarts like Joe Clark, Pierre Trudeau, and Frank Moores. Jane holds nothing back. This is a must-read for anyone who has followed the Crosbie family over the years.

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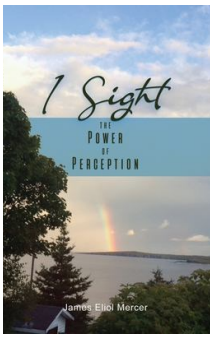
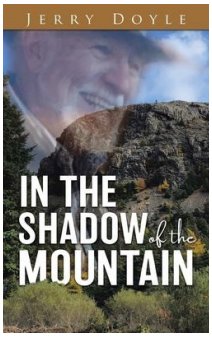


I Sight: the power of perception

James Eliol Mercer *Dorrance Publishing, 2022*

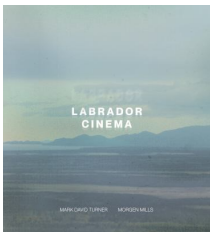
A memoir detailing the journey of author James Mercer as he comes to the realization that he suffers from a rare genetic eye disorder, one that deteriorates with time and threatens to leave him fully blind by middle age. Starting in early childhood, Mercer recognizes he is different from his peers; his parents never let him stay out past sundown, and often in low light or bright light conditions, the world becomes an indecipherable blur. With adolescence comes a better understanding of his sight deficiency, but it also creates a greater divide between Mercer and other "normal" teenagers, who can freely go to school dances and to local nightly hangouts, getting to experience a freedom Mercer may never know. This memoir tells a story of how disability can bring fear, shame, and isolation, but through the love of family and true friends, one can find acceptance and joy.



In the Shadow of the Mountain

Jerry Doyle *Tellwell Talent, 2021*

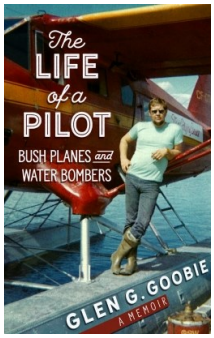
From the shadow of that Avondale mountain, Jerry Doyle shares his telling and touching journey through the streets of Dublin, the mines of Labrador and Hope Brook, the tar sands of Alberta and onto the bright stages and film sets of Toronto, Montreal, St. John's and Stephenville. It is a story of family, roots and home. It serves as a poignant narrative of the delicate dance between reaching for dreams and fulfilling responsibilities.



Labrador Cinema

Mark David Turner and **Morgen Mills** *Brack and Brine, 2022*

Labrador Cinema celebrates the many film subjects and filmmakers who have together created Labrador's amazing, 120-year cinematic history. To do justice to their legacy, we've striven for maximum visual impact with an original, curated collection of 88 rare historical photographs and enlargements from film and video, many of which have never before been published in any form. The images are arranged by decade with contextual introductions informed by a combined 25 years of experience with the cinema and its archive.



The Life of a Pilot: bush planes and water bombers

Glen G. Goobie *Flanker Press, 2023*

"That wasn't a close call, that was a miracle!"
These are the adventures of retired pilot Glen Goobie, who flew countless missions in Newfoundland and Labrador and across Canada and the United States. For more than forty years, he flew with compassion and courage, sometimes performing mercy missions in the face of danger. In 1960, when Glen was fifteen, his father's untimely passing precipitated an uncertain future for him. His father was the breadwinner of the family, so Glen's mother decided to relocate the family from their small community of Queen's Cove, Trinity Bay, to St. John's to seek employment. Glen felt at odds living in a city but managed to fit in and complete high school. A number of years later, Glen found himself behind the controls of an airplane. He completed his flying training in Moncton, New Brunswick, and his early flying career took him to Northern Ontario for a couple of years. Upon returning to Newfoundland, Glen flew with Newfoundland Air Transport, Gander Aviation, and the provincial government's water bombers until his retirement.

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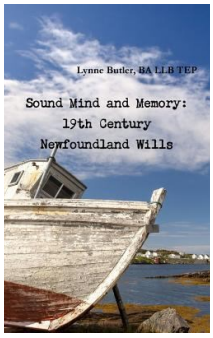
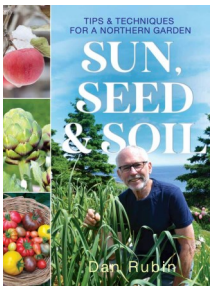


Sound Mind and Memory: 19th Century Newfoundland Wills

Lynne Butler *Self-published, 2016*

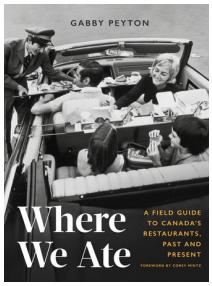
Wills tell stories. Looking at the will of an individual tells us something about that person. Looking at the wills of several people in a community tells us plenty about their society. Hilarious home-made edicts that threaten to disinherit unruly children, widows being cut off for disgracing themselves, fathers handing down businesses to sons, heartfelt gifts for kindness given - it's all covered here. The author strikes a wonderful balance between entertainment and legal information.



Sun, Seed & Soil: tips & techniques for a northern garden

Dan Rubin *Boulder Books, June 2023*

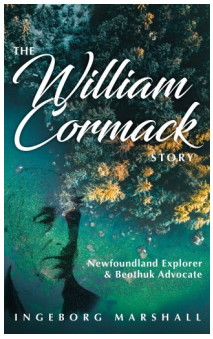
Sun, Seed and Soil is a collection of practical tips and techniques for gardening in northern, colder climates. This book offers valuable advice for Canadian gardeners—particularly in Atlantic Canada—as well as those in the northern United States, or anyone facing similar challenging growing conditions.
Sun, Seed and Soil provides insight into: choosing the right seeds to plant and building rich, organic soil; protecting plants from wind and cold to extend the growing season by months; using sustainable, regenerative approaches and avoiding the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers; and growing common garden food plants, herbs, flowers, fruit trees and bushes



Where We Ate: a field guide to Canada's restaurants, past and present

Gabby Peyton *Penguin Random House Canada, June 2023*

What is Canadian cuisine? While cookbook authors and historians have spent decades trying to answer this question, Canadian food isn't summed up by one iconic dish, but rather a huge range of meals, flavours, and cultural influences. It's about the people who make our food, who cook it and serve it to us at lunch counters, in ornate dining rooms and through take-out windows. In her debut book, restaurant critic and journalist Gabby Peyton has penned a celebration of 150 restaurants that have left a mark on the way Canada eats—whether they're serving California rolls, foie gras poutine, hand-cut beef tartare or bánh mì—and brings us from one decade to the next, showing how our dining trends evolved from beef consommé at Auberge Saint-Gabriel in 1754 to nori-covered hot dogs at Japadog. A joyous representation of the incredible diversity of restaurants, people, and stories that make up our Canadian dining history, **Where We Ate** is as much of a timeless classic as the restaurants it features.



The William Cormack Story: Newfoundland explorer and Beothuk advocate

Ingeborg Marshall *Boulder Books, 2023*

William Cormack is celebrated for his 58-day walk across the unmapped, unexplored interior of the island of Newfoundland in 1822. He is also remembered for his work with the Beothuk, the Indigenous people of Newfoundland—including his attempts to prevent their extinction. The information he obtained from the Beothuk woman Shanawdithit, the last known member of her people, is critical to our understanding of Beothuk history and culture. Although Cormack is a central figure in Newfoundland's history, he remains an enigma. Little is known of Cormack's life, his entrepreneurial endeavors, his global roaming and his death in British Columbia. **The William Cormack Story** changes that. Through extensive research, including close reading of Cormack's diaries and publications, Ingeborg Marshall sheds lights on the life and contributions of a fascinating and pioneering spirit.

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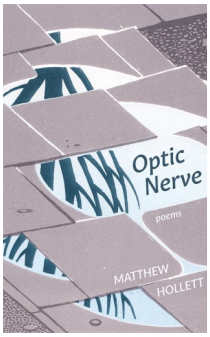
POETRY

Chores

Maggie Burton *Breakwater Books, 2023*

This semi-autobiographical collection of poetry offers an historical snapshot of domestic life that views women's labour, relationships, and sexuality through a feminist lens.
Chores is about families and the domestic work of settler women on the island of Newfoundland. A comedy and a tragedy in equal parts, **Chores** explores everyday life with all its pleasures and suffering.
The simple, indirect, and accessible language of **Chores** creates vivid, recurring images of food, household objects, body parts, and animals. The poems scrutinize the physical and social details of domestic labour and of the conditions in which women did, and continue to do, the work of sustaining life.



Optic Nerve

Matthew Hollett *Brick Books, 2023*

Peering inside eyeballs, pondering the paradox of absent stars, and meditating on street scenes by André Kertész, these poems squint sidelong at our ways of seeing the world. Through playful poems about photography and visual perception, Hollett dissects auroras and quarks, atmospheric phenomena, potatoes, bomb craters and peat bog cadavers. This darkly comic collection is shadowed by entoptic paparazzi, haunted by peripheral visions. Born of attentive walking and looking, of footsteps and snapshots, it bears witness to art history and alluvial light, portable keyholes, the pandemic, climate change, and the sheer strangeness of seeing everyday things with ecstatic eyes.

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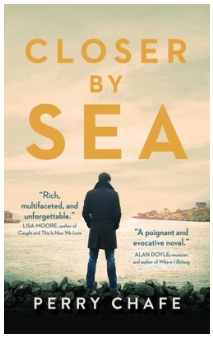
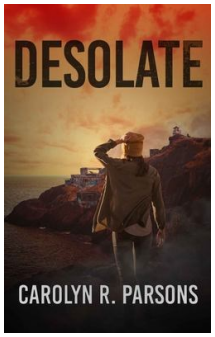


Closer by Sea

Perry Chafe *Simon & Schuster, May 2023*

In 1991, on a small, isolated island off the coast of Newfoundland, twelve-year-old Pierce Jacobs struggles to come to terms with the death of his father. It's been three years since his dad, a fisherman, disappeared in the cold, unforgiving Atlantic, his body never recovered. Pierce is determined to save enough money to fix his father's old boat and take it out to sea. But life on the island is quiet and hard. The local fishing industry is on the brink of collapse, threatening to take an ages-old way of life with it. The community is hit even harder when a young teen named Anna Tessier goes missing. With the help of his three friends, Pierce sets out to find Anna, with whom he shared an unusual but special bond. They soon cross paths with Solomon Vickers, a mysterious, hermetic fisherman who may have something to do with the missing girl. Their search brings them into contact with unrelenting bullies, magnificent sea creatures, fierce storms, and glacial giants. But most of all, it brings them closer to the brutal reality of both the natural and the modern world.



Desolate

Carolyn R. Parsons *Engen Books, 2022*

It is the year 2047 and Jean Adler knows precisely three things. First, she adores her adopted town of Desolate Island and wants to live there forever. Second, leading her community through the fallout that plunged their world into darkness, forcing her to decide if they will stay or leave, is way outside her skillset. And third, it is guaranteed that only a lucky few of her beloved community - and her brand new family - will make it out alive. What she doesn't know though is: who?

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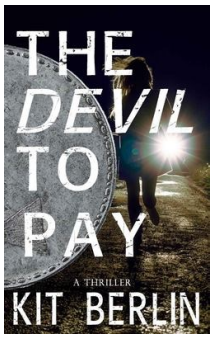
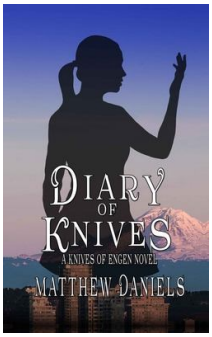


The Devil to Pay

Kit Berlin *Engen Books, 2021*

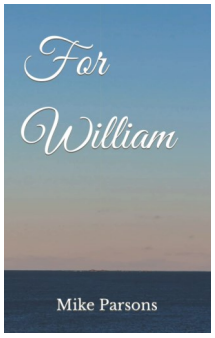
A Mystical Relic. A disgraced Investigator. A grisly murder. Being an Investigator for the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has taken its toll on Vivian Ellis' life, both personal and professional. Her career and marriage both falling apart, she's ready to call it quits. But when Louisiana oil tycoon Gustav Polk shows up dead and she's the only officer qualified to work the case, she's thrust back into the limelight of a media whirlwind - charges against the church, mysterious religious relics, and a grisly homicide. Under the stress of a job she doesn't want to do anymore, and balancing her boss, her ex, and the intriguing detective from New Orleans PD, can she solve the mystery and uncover a secret hundreds of years old?



Diary of Knives: a Knives of Engen Novel

Matthew Daniels *Engen Books, 2021*

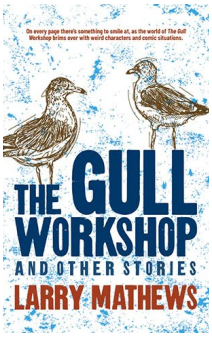
The Knives have been sharpened. Tash finds special youths. People with powers and abilities that make them different than the rest of their generation. She finds them and she trains them, to guard themselves both against threats from outside their community... and from within it. Following a terrible personal tragedy, Tash takes her young students — Kelly, Iseult, and Nick — on a getaway to escape the madness that is their normal lives. They need a chance to just be young, she knows. But a chance encounter with the psychic projector Thatcher catches the teens in a desperate conspiracy that might unravel one of the darkest secrets known. And to stop them from figuring it out, those behind it have sent a elite killing squad to deal with the teens: the **Knives of Engen**. Can the team survive long enough to reveal the shocking truth?



For William

Mike Parsons *Independently Published, 2022*

This book started out as a single chapter written and posted to my Facebook profile. The response to that single story was overwhelming and I continued to write and post a chapter a day for what ended up being a total of 70 days. Each story built on the last and brought the reader further into the lives of John and Sarah who lived alone in a small cove (Ben Batt's Cove) on Little Bay Islands, Newfoundland. Each morning, I would write a new chapter and post it to Facebook. What started out with a few readers turned into thousands who became enchanted with both the place and the characters in the story. Each chapter was commented on hundreds of times and "liked" by many, many more. The readers became participants in the story and helped me steer the direction of what is now, my first book.



The Gull Workshop and Other Stories

Larry Matthews *Breakwater Books, May 2023*

The Gull Workshop is a collection of stories that features a unique combination of thematic seriousness and comic style. The characters in **The Gull Workshop** are often in search of something—call it authenticity, a basis for living a meaningful life, or leave it unnamed. However it's defined, these characters are unlikely to find it. This is a book about the comically fruitless quest for meaning and authenticity; the thirteen stories are set in locations across Canada.

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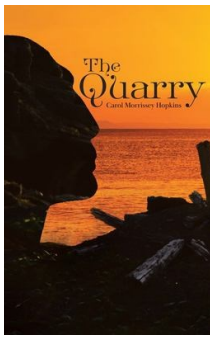
Hunting Helena

Natalie Carter-Giles *Flanker Press, 2023*

Helena Douglas is a survivor. For three months, two weeks, and five days, a madman held her captive, but she managed to escape. Barely alive and mentally exhausted, she found the strength to put one foot in front of the other until she was rescued. For the next days, months, and years, Helena fought to regain her life. But every day since her rescue, she has had to deal with one terrible, horrifying truth—her abductor has never been caught. Helena is certain he is out there, waiting and watching for the perfect moment to pick up where he left off with her. Eight years later, a body has been found, and the DNA doesn't lie. He is back, and now Helena, along with her confidant, Sergeant David Campbell from Major Crimes, will have the chance to stop him. The evidence is leading Helena back to Deer Lake, the town where her life started to unravel and the place she vowed never to return. But after all these years, she is learning things weren't exactly as they seemed back then. Sorting through the past and discovering new truths brings Helena to wonder if a childhood bargain she had made with God is the reason behind her misfortune. The answer to that question means confronting her former best friend, a girl she hasn't spoken to in nearly ten years. The stakes keep rising—Helena and David are running out of time, and someone else is watching their every move.



The Quarry

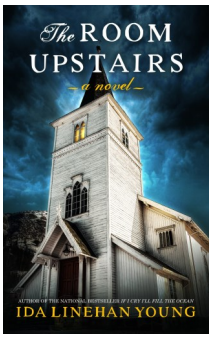
Carol Morrissey Hopkins *Tellwell Talent, 2021*

When a labourer at a limestone quarry gets badly hurt at work, it sets off a chain of events that reach from rural Newfoundland's west coast across the island to St. John's. The story is set in a previous century when the safety of workers and the hardships they faced were low on the list of priorities for most employers. **The Quarry** addresses social mores and the challenges faced at that point in time. The patriarch of the Kelly family keeps a secret that, if discovered, could make life so much tougher than it already is. **The Quarry** is a tale of faith, family, and the seemingly insurmountable challenges of daily life. Yet heroes do exist and come to the aid of the poor and the struggling as an unscrupulous and immoral fiend seeks to profit from ill-gotten gains and the bigotry that saw many families hide their Indigenous roots.

Quick Bright Things

Lily McCarthy *Engen Books, 2021*

Piper Evans lived life in a safe bubble, everything consistent and comfortable. She was a realist, and she believed that excitement was best contained in works of fiction. But she was also a dreamer. Her wild imagination left her wondering: was there something missing? In her life? But mostly, within herself? All it takes is the glimpse of possibility from a beautiful stranger to turn everything Piper thought she understood upside down. Now her new consistent lies within this girl. Can she hold onto this new, exciting wrench in her plan, even as quick bright things come to confusion?



The Room Upstairs

Ida Linehan Young *Flanker Press, 2023*

There's something strange going on at the Journey's End. Erin Sullivan has come to Hope Harbour intent on selling the old church-turned-inn. It belongs to her maternal grandmother, Jane Ross, a woman Erin never knew. The property will become Erin's when Jane dies, which could be any day now. And considering this heartless woman abandoned Erin after the death of her parents when she was only three years old, she just wants to get it over with. But as she uncovers details of the past, she is drawn to her dying grandmother. Jane tries to warn Erin of a great threat, but Erin doesn't understand. In a desperate attempt to find answers before it's too late, Erin struggles to unravel the mysteries of her parents' deaths, the Journey's End Inn, and the people of Hope Harbour. Only then will she truly learn what it means to lose everything.

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Travel Guide for Monsters Part Deux: a Canadian Adventure

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Wrangling your monster to a rodeo? Or sharing the stands with him at a hockey game? Buckle up for another cross country trip with your favorite monster--from British Columbia to Newfoundland and all the Canada in between! Wherever you and your monster are traveling, **Travel Guide for Monsters Part Deux:** Canada is full of essential tips to help you both enjoy the sights of Canada and avoid monster-related trouble--eh?

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