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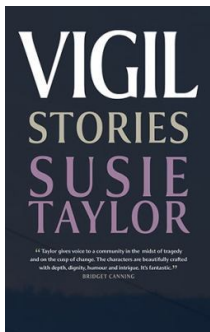
A Secret Close to Home

Ida Linehan Young

Also available as an ebook

Flanker Press, 2024

Juniper Tickle, Newfoundland, 1906. Jimmy Bailor is left on the edge of the wild North Atlantic with meagre supplies and limited survival skills. He stumbles upon shelter with Flory White, her sister-in-law, Lizzy, and Lizzy's young son. The Whites have been stranded to winter alone in isolated Juniper Tickle after the men-folk are arrested for the murder of the crew of the *Annie May*—a marooned schooner owned by Jimmy's father. While enduring the harsh and unforgiving winter in outport Newfoundland, Jimmy struggles with menial tasks and further strains Flory's bid to keep them alive until spring, with faint hope for the men's return. When Jimmy's identity is revealed, he must face the bitter truth about himself, his father's legacy, the woman he has now betrayed—and a murderer who will stop at nothing to make sure Jimmy disappears once and for all. Will Jimmy challenge his limitations and defy a killer? Will he humbly seek Flory's forgiveness or is it too late for them both as Flory deals with deceptions closer to home?

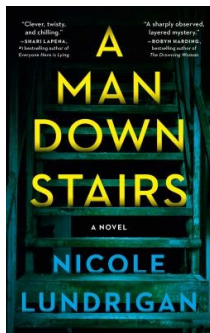


Vigil: stories

Susie Taylor

Breakwater Books, 2024

Vigil is a collection of interconnected short stories set in the fictional, ex-urban community of Bay Mal Verde, a town that rests between the ocean and the wilderness. A beautiful but harsh environment with few employers and even fewer social resources, residents of Bay Mal Verde must make difficult choices to survive, and these decisions set the characters swinging between self-serving greed and selfless bravery. In Bay Mal Verde, every action has a ripple effect that spreads through the community, making everyone complicit in the lives and deaths of their neighbours.



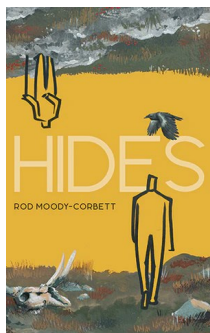
A Man Downstairs

Nicole Lundrigan

Also available as an ebook. Also available as an electronic audiobook.

Viking, 2024

What if the childhood you remember isn't really what happened at all? **A Man Downstairs** is a breath-stopping novel of suspense about a woman tormented by memories of the past and threatened by long-held secrets in the present.



Hides

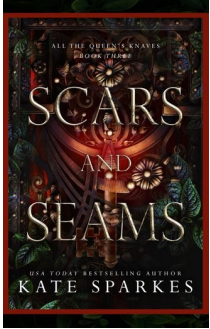
Rod Moody-Corbett

Breakwater Books, 2024

As wildfires rage across the country and another federal election looms, four friends convene for a week-long wilderness hunting trip at a secluded hunting facility in northwestern Newfoundland called The Castle, operated by an enigmatic ornithologist, Dr. Judith Muir. A reluctant conscript on the trip, the unnamed narrator of *Hides* travels out of a guilty sense of obligation, forced to commemorate—in a way he finds morally ghoulish—the death of his best friend's son, who was killed in a mass shooting in Calgary the year before. The novel traces the emotional ruptures following this violent, untimely death, along with the tensions of old friendships and father-son relationships marred by loss, betrayal, and a pervasive political and environmental disenchantment.

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Scars and Seams

Kate Sparkes

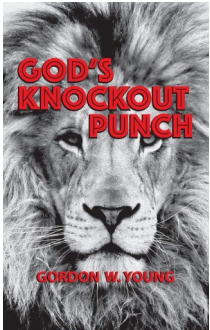
Also available as an ebook.

Sparrowcat Press, 2023

It's been more than a decade since a pack of criminals robbed Aster of her memories, killed her grandmother, and left her for dead. Now the little girl in the red hood is all grown up, and the wolves are paying with their lives. But as her quest nears its end, the enchantment that saved Aster all those years ago begins to crumble, threatening her life and her sanity. Nightmares warn of dangers she can't name, and Aster fears her fairy tale past isn't what she's always believed. Her lost childhood memories could be the key to her salvation, but the only person who can help might be a fascinating but untrustworthy young witch who talks to ghosts, sees too much, and asks questions Aster isn't sure she wants answered.

In a city filled with dark magic and darker secrets, there's no one Aster can truly trust. Especially not herself.

Book 3 of the All the Queen's Knaves series

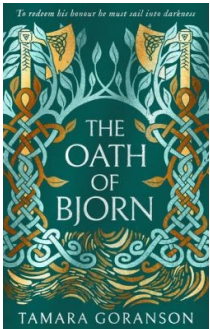


God's Knockout Punch

Gordon W. Young

Guardian Books, 2020

John Elliott felt all alone in the world. His father had left him. His mother died too soon. He never knew his siblings, but desperately wanted to find them. Other than his aging grandparents, the only connection John felt to his family was with his Uncle Bill—who was a professional boxer. Under his uncle's influence, John developed a passion for boxing himself. Now, John faced another loss when his uncle passed away. Little did John know the adventure he would soon embark upon after being visited by the angel Gabriel in a dream. John's life was about to change forever. He is given a front row seat to the greatest boxing match of all time. Throughout this journey, an unexpected love story unfolds.



The Oath of Bjorn

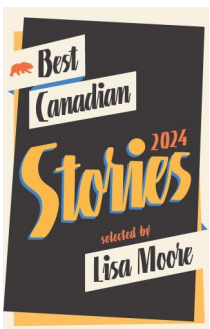
Tamara Goranson

Also available as an ebook.

Harper Collins, 2024

Anja Freydisdottir has just settled into a new life on the silver shores of Vinland with her beloved, Bjorn. But then a local warrior storms into their lives seeking revenge, swearing to spill Viking blood. And so Bjorn must risk everything to save the woman he loves before she steps into the darkness and sets their world ablaze.

Book 3 of **The Vinland Viking Saga**.



Best Canadian Stories 2024

selected by **Lisa Moore**

Biblioasis, 2023

Selected by editor Lisa Moore, the 2024 edition of **Best Canadian Stories** showcases the best Canadian fiction writing published in 2022.

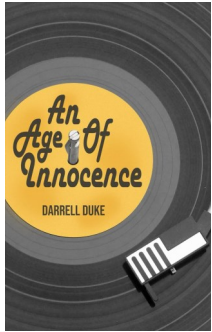
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An Age of Innocence

Darrell Duke

Stagehead Publishing, 2023

Growing up in a world drenched in alcohol, abuse, and violence, fist-fighting for your life becomes routine. Rounding the jagged corners of childhood and entering the teenage years, you become submersed in the hard lessons of would-be romance. The developing adolescent mind falls into the many realms of self-destruction, left to drown in religion-induced guilt. Then, solace appears in the form of a rock and roll band. But that sense of peace soon fades as you become the target of jealousies, more violence, and confusion. Is there a way out? Torn between society's expectations and booze-fueled antics, there lies an intrinsic sense of humour, providing necessary lulls in a harsh world where hope often evades all. May this story remind you of the struggles of traversing that long, hard road between childhood and misguided youth. Was there ever really an age of innocence?



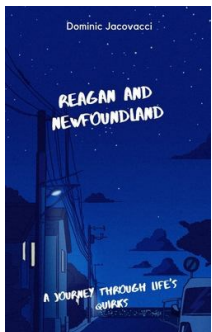
Better Safe Than Sorry

Mike Martin

Ottawa Press and Publishing, 2024

Winston Windflower is (sort of) enjoying his retirement from the RCMP in Grand Bank, Newfoundland, happily spending time with his young family, but feeling a little restless. Corporal Eddie Tizzard is running the Marystown detachment and struggling with the demands of the role while his own family grows. When a new kind of drug threatens the community, a body (the wrong body) is found dead in a hearse, and then another drug-connected mysterious death occurs, Tizzard knows he's dealing with a deadly menace in their quiet, close-knit community. Windflower finds himself inexorably (and not unhappily) drawn back into the action, first in an unofficial role to help snare the dealers and then back to active duty in a community that desperately needs his steady hand and good judgement.

A Sgt. Windflower Mystery.



Reagan and Newfoundland: a journey though life's quirks

Dominic Jacovacci

Independently Published, 2021

You can fall in love in the most unexpected situations and circumstances. This is precisely what happened with our lead of the story, who, on his journey towards rediscovering himself, met with the most awkward of situations and ended up in utmost chaos. But that didn't stop our lead from finding love and taking the next step. But is it that easy? With a twist of fate and bizarre challenges, will the lead find a chance for a blissful ending? The character hails from Europe and wishes to visit New York for the very first time. He is an ultimate overthinker and spends most of his time analysing others and their behavior. But a twist in fate lands him up in a small town in Canada with no luggage and no hope of returning back. Here the story begins with an adventure, culture shock and making the small moments count. The writer, through his novel, has played beautifully with the characters, and the book is worth reading.



A Collection: short stories and poems

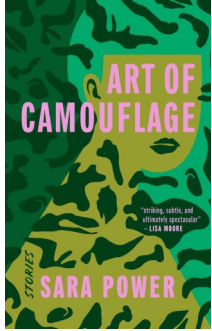
Clement Michael George

Independently Published, 2022

A collection of short stories and poems that provide a glimpse into the joys, hardships and humour associated with Newfoundland outport living primarily throughout the 1950s and 60s, with a few stories taking place in more recent years. This collection's heartbeat, which offers a view behind the curtain of Newfoundland's unique culture may resonate with those who are not just Newfoundlanders or Canadians, but those who are interested in rich stories from well-hidden places.

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Art of Camouflage

Sara Power

Also available as an ebook.

Freehand Books, 2024

Female recruits weathering toxic masculine environments. Military wives stretched thin across countless military moves, new cities and new selves. Military kids whose mercurial friendships flare and fade to the rhythm of their parent's career path. Throughout, this collection introduces us to characters who trespass beyond the boundaries of their own realities to discover who they are within someone else's narrative. Sara Power writes with insight and emotional precision about what it's like to be unmoored. **Art of Camouflage** is memorable at every turn, full of characters whose deepest motivations we recognize intrinsically as our own.

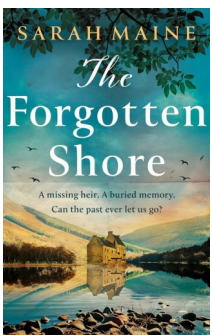


We Will Meet Again

Helen C. Escott

Flanker Press, 2024

Mothers and daughters share a special bond. It is an unconditional love that is irreplaceable. Hadley Hynes is days away from celebrating her one hundredth birthday. Her daughter, Patricia, granddaughter Ava, and great-granddaughter Christine are planning one last birthday party in the house on Victoria Street that Hadley has lived in for over eighty years. While cleaning out the cupboards, Ava discovers a hidden box of letters from Hadley's first love, John Vincent, a Newfoundlander who volunteered to serve in the British Royal Navy. It is only then they discover that John died during World War II and Hadley married John's best friend, Michael. While cleaning out their childhood home, each woman reveals a secret that has paralyzed her life. They pack up boxes and bags only to discover how each of them has nurtured a generational trauma and turned it into a family tradition. **We Will Meet Again** is the love story of four generations of women and how they healed their past to protect their future.



The Forgotten Shore

Sarah Maine

Hodder Paperbacks, 2024

A sweeping and atmospheric story of family ties, interwoven mysteries, love and redemption, set between Scotland and Newfoundland.
1940: Wounded in action, Archie Maxwell returns to his Scottish family estate of Rossie. But between the uneasy company of his father's new wife, and the nightmares that haunt him, he finds the house more of a battleground than a refuge.
1980: Journalist Eva Bayne arrives at Rossie looking for a story. Since Archie's disappearance forty years ago, the Maxwells have lived in the shadows - and Eva is drawn to their mystery. Especially when a glimpse of a photograph stirs up long-buried memories of her childhood in Newfoundland. . .
Could uncovering the truth heal the wounds of Eva's past? And what will it cost for Rossie to give up its secrets?



Beneath the Tides: a fight for survival

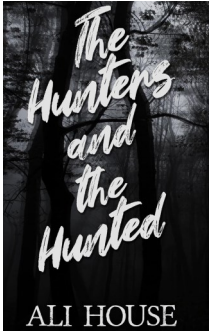
Rinn Skyborn

Independently Published, 2024

As the world plunges into chaos, a disparate group of survivors finds themselves stranded in the isolated communities dotting Newfoundland's rugged coastline. Among them are Zoe and Sam, grappling with the sudden outbreak, determined to understand its origins. With each passing day, the infection spreads like wildfire, transforming friends and loved ones into ravenous fiends. **Beneath the Tides: A Fight for Survival** is a pulse-pounding narrative that explores the resilience of the human spirit in the face of insurmountable odds. With its richly detailed setting and gripping storyline, this tale of survival will leave readers on the edge of their seats until the very last page. Brace yourself for an unforgettable journey through the frozen wastelands of Newfoundland, where hope flickers like a candle in the darkness, and the undead lurk around every corner.

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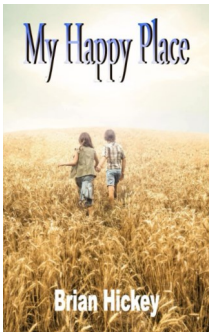
The Hunters and the Hunted

Ali House

Engen Books, 2024

There are creatures in the forest. Deadly creatures.

Most city people are content to live inside the fence and ignore the vicious threat lurking in the woods, but not Gemma. She has one goal in life: to hunt these creatures and make sure they don't harm anyone. Even nearly dying won't stop her. But there's something else in the forest, something even more dangerous. And this something is hunting Gemma. To have any hope of surviving, she's going to have to face her past and learn how to move forward in a world that no longer makes sense.

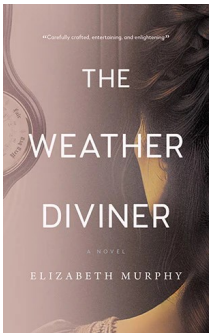


My Happy Place

Brian Hickey

Independently Published, 2023

A narrator recounts the comical experiences of a 12 year old boy growing up on the small island of Bell Island, Newfoundland in 1985. Brian relates the many colloquialisms of this small community in the colourful ways he used to escape the many chores set by his father.



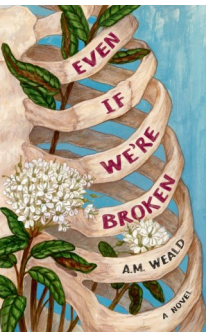
The Weather Diviner

Elizabeth Murphy

Breakwater Books, September 2024

It's 1942. With polished boots and bulging wallets, the Americans have come to defend a highly strategic location—Newfoundland: the Allies' new transatlantic transportation hub. Like thousands of others chasing new opportunities, Violet Morgen abandons her remote outpost home and heads to St. John's. An amateur forecaster with a powerful sixth sense for the island's tempestuous winds and weather, Violet is determined to help the Americans fight the enemy. But determination, it turns out, is not enough.

Carefully researched and crafted, entertaining, and informative, **The Weather Diviner** is a heart-felt tale in which friends make a difference, weather makes for interesting conversation, and opportunity comes to those who dare to dream.



Even if We're Broken

A.M. Weald

Independently Published, 2024

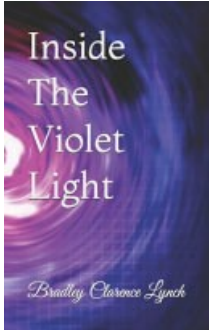
Still reeling from being ghosted by her girlfriend, bioarchaeologist Kate Roth agrees to join an estranged colleague to teach at his field school at a Viking-age archaeology site in the wilds of Newfoundland. While welcoming the escape from Colorado where she's been medicating resurfaced anxieties with wine and angry rock music, she's wary of three important facts: 1) she's had a crush on Viking Cowboy Ben for half her life, 2) Ben is a family man who lives in Norway, and 3) all her romantic relationships, and most friendships, seem to have an expiration date. For archaeologist Esben "Ben" Veholt, inviting the woman he's been in love with since digging alongside her 23 years ago was, of course, the worst possible thing he could have done for himself. This summer was supposed to be his escape from reality: a love life in ruins, worsening body image issues, and a teenage daughter who suddenly wants nothing to do with him. When Kate accepts his offer, he intends to retain a professional relationship with her. A woman like Kate could never love him anyway—not with how much he's changed inside and out. All seems fine on the surface as Kate and Esben's friendship rebuilds, but as they dig deeper, they realize just how broken they both are. To heal from their painful pasts and reclaim their crumbling presents, they each need a friend who accepts them, mess and all. But summer won't last forever, and a third chance at romance threatens to drift across the ocean yet again.

Even If We're Broken is for anyone who's ever struggled with depression, anxiety, body image, chronic pain, and loss. It's for archaeologists, and anyone who wanted to be an archaeologist. It's for anyone who's ever been in a long-distance relationship, and anyone who's ever loved someone from afar.

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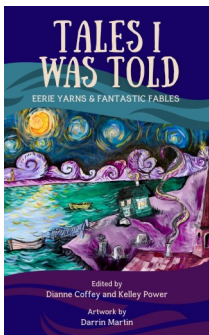


Inside the Violet Light **Bradley Clarence Lynch**

Independently Published, 2024

In 1972, the skies over St. John's, Newfoundland lit up magnificent purple during a terrible snowstorm; an unknown object crashed to earth, unleashing a sentient virus from beyond our stars. Flash forward to 2024, where Sandra Day, a night security guard and other survivors of the viral apocalypse must band together to escape the city, fighting their way through swarms of mutated undead beings and other nightmarish creatures. Sandra and her companions must summon all their courage to make it out of St. John's alive, or they will join the ranks of the infected. Few things are certain in these current times, with many moving parts that keep going. Evolving, like the people of the city and province. The one sure thing is change...and that is coming...

The *Violet Trilogy* Volume 1.

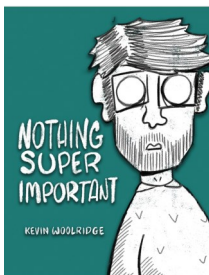


Tales I Was Told: eerie yarns & fantastic fables edited by **Dianne Coffey** and **Kelley Power**

After Books, 2024

An anthology of eerie yarns and fantastic fables from authors around Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond.

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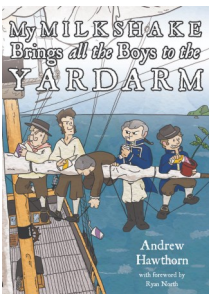


Nothing Super Important **Kevin Woolridge**

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2024

A graphic memoir about cat-sitting, kite-flying, office work and hamburgers. One part love-letter to Bowring Park, two parts mid-life crisis, and ten parts weird.

"**Nothing Super Important** makes full use of the comics medium while reading like an arthouse film. Filled with quiet vignettes that are simultaneously funny and profound, this charming book is as easy to read as watching a kite dance in the sky." - Paul Tucker (Stringer, Hollow Heart, Tet)



My Milkshake Brings All the Boys to the Yardarm **Andrew Hawthorn**

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2023

An uncommonly fine comic collection, featuring the famous mutiny on the Bounty, written and illustrated by Andrew Hawthorn. Foreword by Ryan North (NYT bestselling author of *Fantastic Four*, *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*, and *Dinosaur Comics*).

"A nautical descent into madness and hilarity!" -John Patrick Green (NYT bestselling author of *Investi Gators*)

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Fishsticks! Comic Strips from The Little World: volume 1

Kevin Woolridge

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2023

Collecting the first year of Kevin Woolridge's weird comic strip, **Fishsticks!** takes place in *The Little World*— a land of rolling green hills, magicians, magic cardboard boxes, talking plants and much more.



Werebears and Only Children: the good ones

Jennifer Barrett

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2024

Selections from the webcomic in quasi-chronological order. 2007-2013

"**Werebears and Only Children** is an absolute delight; it's a rare treat when a comic strip pulls off a punch line in every panel! Barrett spoils the reader with her masterful comedic timing and charming illustrations. I rollicked through this collection in one sitting and wished for amnesia at the end, so I could experience it anew all over again." - Jason Poland (My Dad is Dracula, Robbie and Bobby)

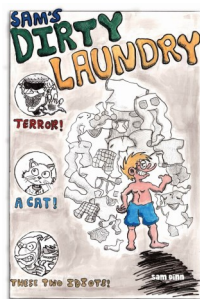


Andy and the Magic Box

Kevin Woolridge

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2023

Steve and his friends have heard that Andy the Magician will be performing soon, but what they're really interested in is Andy's Magic Cardboard Box. Where did he get it? And how does it work? Is it magnets? Invisible wires? Or something more sinister? The only way to know the full story is to ask the magician himself. Set in Kevin Woolridge's *The Little World*, **Andy and the Magic Box** is a story for all ages.



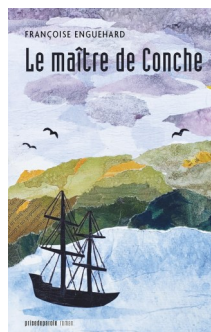
Sam's Dirty Laundry

Sam Dinn

Heavy Sweater Comics, 2024

Robert Crumb meets Ralph Snart in this irreverent and raw collection of stories. 28 pages in Sam's unique style mixing philosophy and grime. Suggested for mature readers.

FRENCH



Le maître de Conche

Françoise Enguehard

Éditions Prise de parole, 2022

En avril 1816, l'Urdu quitte le port de Bordeaux en partance pour le Petit Nord de Terre-Neuve avec à son bord un équipage anglais. La goélette se dirige vers Conche, un ancien établissement de pêche français délaissé en raison des guerres entre l'Angleterre et la France. C'est ainsi que commence la grande entreprise de James Dower, déterminé à fonder une communauté où l'égalité et la tolérance sont les mots d'ordre. Au rythme des saisons ponctuées par les allers et retours des pêcheurs français, la société naissante apprend à composer avec la rudesse du climat, la courte durée entre les semailles et la récolte, et la Navy qui rôde...

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Comment il faut aimer

Lisa Moore

Éditions du Boréal, 2024

Tandis que la tempête du siècle fait rage au-dessus de Saint-Jean de Terre-Neuve, Xavier est passé à tabac, poignardé et laissé pour mort dans un banc de neige. Cette nouvelle, Jules ne la comprend pas. Revenue en urgence dans une ville barricadée, elle ne comprend pas comment son garçon de vingt et un ans a pu se retrouver à l'hôpital plongé dans un coma dont personne ne sait s'il en sortira. Rivée au chevet de son fils inconscient, Jules refuse d'abdiquer, elle exige des réponses, et c'est dans le passé de Xavier et de ses proches qu'elle décide d'aller les chercher.

Dans ce roman kaléidoscopique qui embrasse plusieurs générations, Lisa Moore nous entraîne dans la quête irrésistible d'une mère pour la vérité. Avec la force d'évocation d'une plume sensible au moindre reflet des vagues comme au moindre soubresaut de l'âme, elle recompose fragment par fragment l'histoire sinieuse d'un clan uni et désuni par les souffrances et les sacrifices.

Traduit par : Luba Markovskaia



Du ventre de la baleine

Michael Crummey

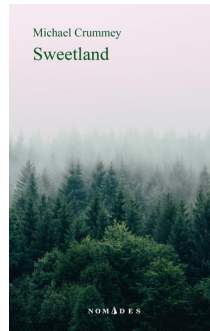
Éditions du Boréal, 2012

Une baleine s'échoue à Paradis Profond et, quand on lui ouvre le ventre, un homme d'une pâleur surnaturelle roule parmi ses entrailles fumantes. Voilà le premier élément fabuleux de ce récit qui multiplie les merveilles et distille une irrésistible magie. Nous sommes, nous lecteurs, les premiers envoûtés.

Parcourant tout le siècle qui précède la Première Guerre mondiale, **Du ventre de la baleine** est un portrait inattendu de l'arrière-pays terre-neuvien. Exposés aux rigueurs les plus extrêmes du climat et de la destinée, les gens de Paradis Profond survivent dans un univers où la frontière entre la réalité et le surnaturel ne réussit jamais à s'imposer.

Dans ce *Cent ans de solitude* au pays des icebergs, on croit voir ressurgir les antiques liens commerciaux qu'entretenait Terre-Neuve avec la Caraïbe, comme si une bonne mesure de la magie des Antilles avait voyagé dans les cales des bateaux transportant le rhum jusque dans le port de St. John's

Traduit par : Lori Saint-Martin, Paul Gagné



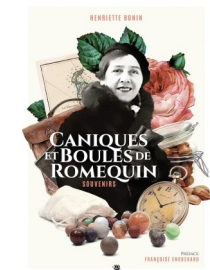
Sweetland

Michael Crummey

Leméac éditeur, 2017

La population de Sweetland, île au large de Terre-Neuve, a connu des temps prospères grâce à la pêche, mais la situation est aujourd'hui bien différente. Le gouvernement s'apprête à renoncer à l'entretien de ces arpents de terre éloignés en relogant avec compensation financière les insulaires restants. Cet argent ne sera alloué que si tous sont d'accord pour partir. Moses Sweetland, descendant des fondateurs suédois de l'île, est animé par un vif sentiment d'appartenance et convaincu qu'un exil sur le continent le fera s'étioler. La pression parfois violente des autres résidents et l'opposition de ses proches le contraignent toutefois à souscrire à l'offre gouvernementale. Un drame survient alors, et Sweetland reste le seul habitant de l'endroit désormais désert. Malgré les réserves de nourriture qui s'amenuisent et les affres d'un climat inhospitalier, il s'efforce de garder la raison, entouré de ses fantômes.

Traduit par : Éric Fontaine



Caniques et boules de romequin

Henriette Bonin

Mon autre France, 2021

Cet ouvrage est un merveilleux tableau de la vie à Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon au début du vingtième siècle. Avec une écriture simple, précise et haute en couleurs, l'auteure, institutrice de l'époque, met un visage humain sur un moment de l'histoire de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon. De la vie de famille aux débats politiques, de l'approvisionnement jusqu'au premier cinéma, de la rencontre des métropolitains et des habitants de l'archipel, de l'école au catéchisme, c'est toute la vie de l'archipel qui refait surface au travers de personnages, d'histoires et de détails attachants. Henriette Bonin nous emporte tellement que naissent même les parfums ! En 22 histoires, toutes plus délicieuses les unes que les autres, les lecteurs plongent dans un passé simple qui rime avec bonheur. Un délice, une gourmandise, à lire, à croquer, à consommer sans modération. Cette nouvelle édition est enrichie de 25 illustrations modernes-vintage. Comme si les 22 histoires étaient 22 petits livres intérieurs.

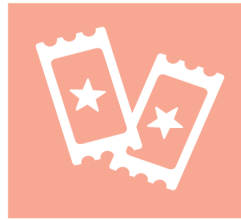
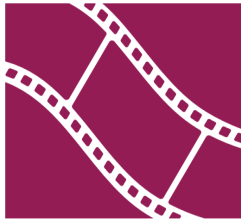
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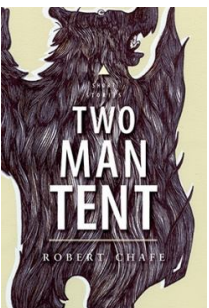
Urchin

Kate Story

ECW Press, 2023

They say Dor's family is cursed. The house her great-great grandfather built on the Southside of St. John's has never been at peace; the old people think it lies on a fairy path. Ever since electricity came to the island, things have worsened, and experiments in the brand-new technology of radio put her family in real peril. In December 1901, Marconi arrives in Newfoundland with a secret mission: to receive the first wireless trans-Atlantic radio signal. Disguised as a boy, Dor joins his team. Then the "Little Strangers" kidnap her mother. Must Dor sabotage Marconi's experiments to save her?

Read by **Kate Story**.
Unabridged.



Two Man Tent

Robert Chafe

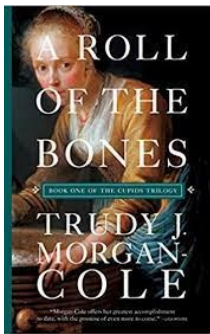
ECW Press, 2022

In **Two-Man Tent**, one of Canada's most celebrated writers, Robert Chafe, offers his long-awaited collection of short fiction. The individual stories are thematically linked by an interwoven, recurring tale of a long-distance relationship told in the form of text messages, chat sessions, and emails, as Chafe brings his singular talent for dialogue and scripting to work within new forms of communication. The results are stunning in an absorbing and thoroughly contemporary collection that reads like no other.

Read by **David Plank** and **Kathy Stinson**.
Unabridged.

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A Roll of the Bones

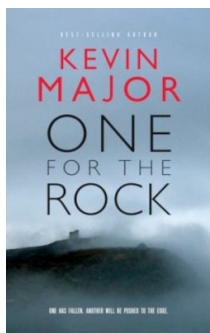
Trudy J. Morgan-Cole

ECW Press, 2023

In 1610, John Guy established a small colony in Cupids, Newfoundland, on the very edge of a world unknown to Europeans. Two years later, he brought a shipment of supplies to his all-male settlement: 70 goats, 10 heifers, 2 bulls, and 16 women. **A Roll of the Bones** tells the story of some of these nameless women by tracing the journeys of three young people--Ned Perry, Nancy Ellis, and Kathryn Gale--who leave Bristol, England, for a life in the struggling community. Ned dreams of altering his fate with the promise of a New World. Kathryn only wishes to follow her husband--little dreaming she might find romance outside her marriage. And Nancy, the servant girl, has no desire to leave Bristol, but her fealty will ultimately test her ability to survive. A vivid reimagining of settler life in the early seventeenth century, **A Roll of the Bones** is the first in a trilogy of novels wrestling with the realities of colonization. Here, Trudy J. Morgan-Cole presents an array of unforgettable characters inhabiting the space where two worlds will collide, where the limits of love and loyalty will be tried in a harsh and unforgiving landscape.

Book 1 of **The Cupids Trilogy**.

Read by **Christa Borden**
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One for the Rock

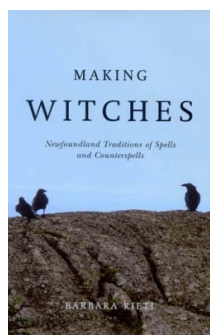
Kevin Major

ECW Press, 2023

Sebastian Synard doesn't want any more trouble than he already has. He's scuttled his teaching career, he's starting his own touring business, his relationship with his ex-wife is deteriorating, and his son is struggling with the transition. All Sebastian really wants is some peace and a good glass of Scotch. But when he leads a group of tourists along a cliff-side path that winds above St. John's Harbour, one of the entourage ends up dead, his head smashed on the rocks below. An accident? Or is there a heartless murderer in Sebastian's tour group? When a local police investigator enlists him to help flush out the perpetrator, the mystery deepens, and Sebastian finds himself on the edge.

Book 1 of the **Sebastian Synard Mysteries** series.

Read by **Mihalis Barry**
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Making Witches

Barbara Rieti

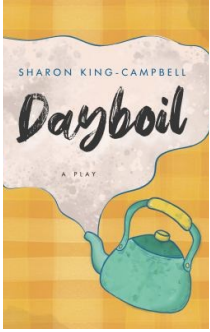
ECW Press, 2024

There is a little-known tradition of witch lore in Newfoundland culture. Those believed to have the power to influence the fortunes of others are not mythological characters but neighbors, relations, or even friends. Drawing from her own interviews and a wealth of material from the Memorial University Folklore and Language Archive, Barbara Rieti explores the range and depth of Newfoundland witch tradition, looking at why certain people acquired reputations as witches, and why others considered themselves bewitched. The tales that emerge - despite their seemingly fantastic elements of spells and black heart books, hags, and healing charms, concern everyday affairs and reveal the intense social interdependence central to outport life. Frequently featuring women, they provide fascinating new perspectives on female coping strategies in a volatile economy. By addressing the perennial human issues at the heart of witchcraft, construction of enmity and intertwined fate, these narrative accounts also illuminate older witch beliefs revealed in witchcraft trial documents. **Making Witches** shows that in storytelling communities with a rich legacy of witch lore, witch tradition has endured well into the twentieth century.

Read by **Anita Best** and **Kenzie Delo**.
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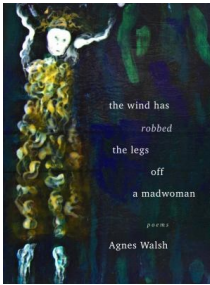
Dayboil: a play

Sharon King-Campbell

Also available as an ebook.

Breakwater Books, 2024

Four middle-aged women meet at Kathy's house in rural Newfoundland for their weekly cup of tea and gossip when tragic news disrupts their usual banter: Kathy's husband has killed himself. Abruptly, the threads that hold their comfortable community life together begin to snap, and they find themselves exposed by the unravelling of their social fabric. Darkly funny and deeply touching, **Dayboil** explores the rigidity of gender roles that prevent men from seeking help and lock women into caretaking positions, as well as the emotional and physical fallout that can result.

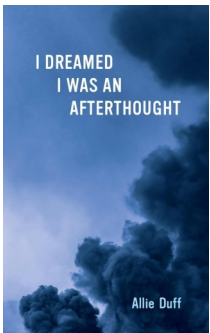


The Wind Has Robbed the Legs Off a Madwoman

Agnes Walsh

Breakwater Books, 2024

This exciting new collection by a beloved Newfoundland poet at the height of her craft focuses on nature and women, with strong imagery and an innate sense of line. It considers the permeable barrier between inside and outside, between self and world. These deceptively simple poems convey wisdom and a profound depth of perception in their evocation of beauty, illness, vulnerability, and place. The poems of **The Wind Has Robbed the Legs off a Madwoman** draw from myth, folklore, local history, the unique dialect of Irish Newfoundland, and the edges of feminism and patriarchy.

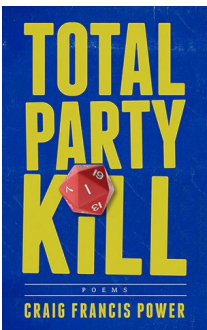


I Dreamed I Was an Afterthought

Allie Duff

Guernica Editions, 2024

A sometimes satirical reflection on hope in a time of hopelessness, the poems in **I Dreamed I Was an Afterthought** use stubborn humour to grapple with the anxiety of moving forward during late capitalism. While many of the poems are set in Newfoundland, the book also echoes the universal experience of loss, leaving, returns, and never being able to return. The first section of the manuscript, titled "Some Disasters," introduces real and imagined catastrophes. The St. Lawrence tidal wave, the history of resettlement, and the Muskrat Falls debacle stand next to poems that live in an imagined future where the capelin refuse to roll and snow refuses to fall. The second section is titled "I dreamed I was an afterthought." Here, the eclectic poems turn to a more personal perspective of place, my struggles with mental illness, and a feminist exploration of familial relationships. In "Of No Returns," movement through time and space is tinged with the same lurking fear of irreversibility, a fear which has been amplified during the pandemic. There is a yearning for the "before times," a time which may or may not exist.



Total Party Kill

Craig Francis Power

Breakwater Books, September 2024

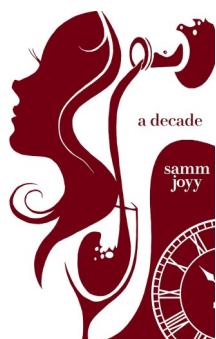
Total Party Kill (TPK): tabletop roleplaying slang for the situation of all characters dying in the same in-game encounter.

At turns nightmarish, hilarious, brutally honest, and heart-breaking, **TPK** maps an unforgettable course into the fantastic dark of back-alley dive-bars, demonic underworlds, various rock bottom floors, and a whole host of monsters, both imagined and frighteningly real. **TPK** is a strange and deadly beast combining the imagery of Dungeons & Dragons with a real, life-or-death struggle for sobriety. Entirely unique in perspective and voice, the autobiographical speaker within changes fluidly between the poet, a variety of D&D characters, and combinations of both. The text within comprises a genre-bending quest where nothing—especially continued sobriety—is for certain. Operating less like traditional poetry and more like brief monologues or confessions—but still concentrating on metaphor, meter, and sound—**TPK** will appeal not only to lovers of the world's bestselling roleplaying game, nor just to lovers of poetry, but for anyone whose life has been touched by addiction.

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A Decade

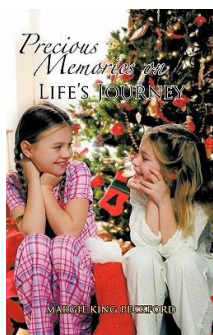
Samm Joyy

Engen Books, 2024

The debut poetry collection from Samm Joyy.

Taken from deep experiences from 2012 to 2022, **A Decade** focuses on how one comes to grip with the darker aspects of one's own personality, grows to accept them, and eventually grows to feel comfortable with showing them to the world.

A brutally honest work that examines not only the poet herself but Newfoundland culture, touching on alcoholism, the arts, and downtown life.



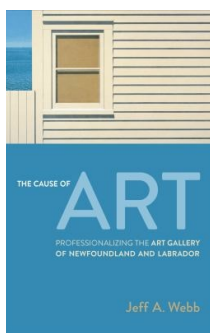
Precious Memories on Life's Journey

Margie Peckford

iUniverse Inc., 2011

My dream for this book began when I very young. I always loved to listen to my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles tell stories about their lives or someone that they knew. You would no doubt find me on the floor beside them with a pencil and scribbler writing down some of what they were saying. I wrote little rhyming poems to my school pals, brothers, sisters and mom and dad. As the years went by it became part of my life. I knew in my inner being that some day I would write a book. As you thumb through the pages you will find stories and poems that will bring you both Joy and sorrow. I have based this book on true stories although through its pages I have weaved threads of fiction to help meld them together.

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The Cause of Art: professionalizing the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador

Jeff Webb

University of Toronto Press, 2024

In 1949, Newfoundland and Labrador had a widely celebrated oral culture but little visual art. After entering the Canadian federation, recreational painters worked to create a venue for the display of art. **The Cause of Art** tells the story of the advocates, curators, and professional artists who laid the foundation for an artistic community in the province.

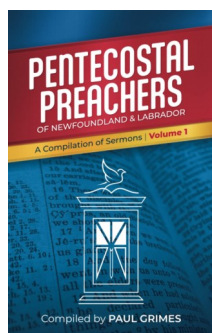
The Memorial University Art Gallery was the site of a struggle between recreational painters who aspired to express their creative impulse and develop a Newfoundland art, and curators who wanted artists to participate in the Canadian art market and international artistic movements. The book recounts the history of passionate and strong-willed curators and cultural administrators who fought for control of the gallery. It reveals how they appealed to competing conceptions of professionalization, as well as diverse political and aesthetic preferences.

Based on extensive archival research in previously unexamined collections, and oral interviews with key informants, this book examines a cultural institution that is widely remembered as the centre of the cultural renaissance in late twentieth-century Newfoundland and Labrador. As a result, **The Cause of Art** illuminates the relationship between the state and the university during a key period in the modernization of the province.

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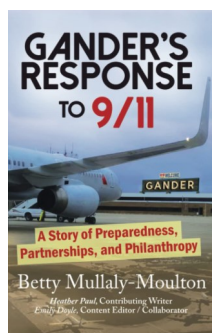


Pentecostal Preachers of Newfoundland and Labrador; volumes 1, 2 and 3

compiled by **Paul Grimes**

Independently Published, 2023, 2024

These volumes are a compilation of literary snapshots, pictures of single moments in time, taken to honour the men and women who have faithfully proclaimed the old, old story of Jesus and His love in Pentecostal pulpits across the great province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

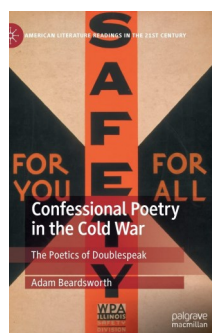


Gander's Response to 9/11: a story of preparedness, partnerships and philanthropy

Betty Mullaly-Moulton

Self-published, 2022

There is already much written and discussed about the experiences of the passengers and crew in Gander during 9/11. What hasn't been shared are the details and stories of how the response efforts at the time were initiated, delivered, and engaged, and how they were able to be carried out in such an effective and efficient way. This book provides a detailed account of over half a century of lived experiences, learnings, and response preparation that is intended to inform any reader who wants to look beyond the "what" happened to understand "how" it came to happen as it did.

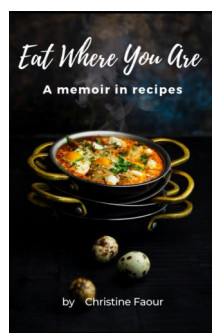


Confessional Poetry in the Cold War: the poetics of doublespeak

Adam Beardsworth

Plagrove MacMillan, 2022

This book explores how confessional poets in the 1950s and 1960s US responded to a Cold War political climate that used the threat of nuclear disaster and communist infiltration as affective tools for the management of public life. In an era that witnessed the state-sanctioned repression of civil liberties, poets such as Robert Lowell, John Berryman, Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, and Randall Jarrell adopted what has often been considered a politically benign confessional style. Although confessional writers have been criticized for emphasizing private turmoil in an era of public crisis, examining their work in relation to the political and affective environment of the Cold War US demonstrates their unique ability to express dissent while averting surveillance. For these poets, writing the fear and anxiety of life in the bomb's shadow was a form of poetic doublespeak that critiqued the impact of an affective Cold War politics without naming names.



Eat Where You Are: a memoir in recipes

Christine Faour

Independently Published, 2024

Have you ever visited Newfoundland and returned home wanting to try some of their delicious foods? Did you wonder what a touton was? Ever eat hummus, tabouli or baklava and wanted to make those and other Lebanese dishes? How about Quebec cuisine? While you are eating turkey dinner at Christmas, what are Les Quebecois eating? What is the secret to good Poutine? These questions and more are answered in this very different cookbook / memoir.

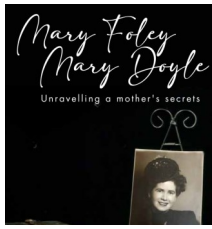
Born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland into a Lebanese family, Christine Faour has developed an eclectic cooking repertoire. From her Newfoundland and Lebanese roots, she raised her own family in Deux Montagnes, Quebec where she prepared some popular French Canadian "plats de resistance". She home-schooled her three sons and cooked wholesome, make-ahead recipes that suited a busy lifestyle.

Here you will find a compilation of recipes and stories from those years as well as some of her families' favorites, both past and present. This book also reveals the incredible story behind Christine's famous Di-vorce Fudge.

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Mary Foley, Mary Doyle: unravelling a mother's secrets

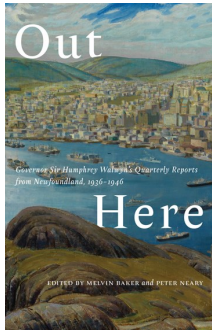
Marjorie Doyle

Boulder Books, 2024

Marjorie Doyle grew up in a life of privilege in St. John's, Newfoundland's capital city. Her father, a middle-aged prosperous businessman, married Mary Foley, a young woman who had escaped a childhood of poverty. **Mary Foley, Mary Doyle** is Marjorie's journey to uncover the layers of her mother's life. It is not a straightforward story to tell—secrets, lies, omissions, and equivocations were the tools Mary relied on for protection. Mary Foley was raised in the 1920s and 30s in a bleak mill town on the west coast of Newfoundland. The Foleys of Corner Brook were urban poor; Mary never mentioned an address, just the relentless pursuit by landlords—one of whom hauled the roof off their house to force them out.

With the help of her ambitious illiterate mother and a convent of nuns, Mary earned her secretarial diploma, her ticket to St. John's. She married her boss, a wealthy widower 25 years her senior and the father of five boys. Gerald Doyle was the eponymous founder of the Doyle Bulletin and the Doyle Songbook. They had an 11-year idyll, including sailing around outport Newfoundland in their own yacht.

But Gerald's sudden death in 1956 left 39-year-old Mary with eight children, a household staff, and a business to run. She was "game," a word she loved. She toured Europe for three months with children and no itinerary and later drove around Morocco in an Austin Mini. At age 57 she was awarded a long yearned for university degree. But a deep-rooted contrariness complicated every relationship. She fell out with maids, doctors, neighbours, siblings, and her best friend and faux lover, a priest. A fierce sense of how the world should be drove her battles. A smoldering disquiet that the world was not fair, born of early years when poor and vulnerable she couldn't fight back, haunted her. Marjorie Doyle stitches together her mother's fascinating life story from family recollections, archival work, and personal papers found after Mary's death.

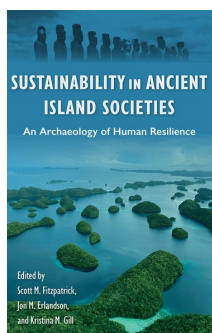


Out Here: Governor Sir Humphrey Walwyn's quarterly reports from Newfoundland

edited by Melvin Baker and Peter Neary

McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024

Vice Admiral Sir Humphrey Thomas Walwyn (1879-1957) was the British-appointed governor of Newfoundland from 1936 to 1946 - a period of remarkable change that would culminate in Newfoundland's union with Canada in 1949. Assembling records from the British national archives and the provincial archives in Newfoundland and Labrador, **Out Here** presents readers with Walwyn's quarterly reports to the secretary of state for dominion affairs in London throughout his tenure as governor. Walwyn's position offered him a unique vantage point on the political and economic situation in Newfoundland throughout this tumultuous period. His reports bear witness to profound change, chronicling the economic downturn experienced in the final years of the Great Depression, followed by the unprecedented prosperity sparked by the Second World War that set the stage for debates over governance and for significant constitutional advance. The detailed accounts of Walwyn's daily life in Newfoundland feature rich descriptions of capital city, company town, and outport mores; they paint a picture of coastal life in the mid-twentieth century and introduce the wide array of characters the governor encountered. Throughout, the candid insider accounts of Governor Walwyn are augmented by expert historical context and illustrated with a generous selection of contemporary photographs. As a whole, **Out Here** stands as an invaluable primary-source record and an important trove of information on wartime experiences in Atlantic Canada.



Sustainability in Ancient Island Societies: an archaeology of human resilience

edited by Scott M. Fitzpatrick, Jon M. Erlandson and Kristina M. Gill

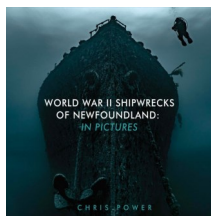
University of Florida Press, 2024

This volume explores the impacts humans have made on island and coastal ecosystems and the ways these environments have adapted to anthropogenic changes over the course of millennia. Case studies highlight how island populations developed social and political strategies to effectively manage their ecosystems, ensuring the long-term survival of their societies and the persistence of their cultural traditions. In case studies from islands in the Pacific, the Caribbean, and the Atlantic, contributors apply resilience theory, historical ecology, niche construction theory, and human behavioral ecology to foreground Indigenous resiliency and sustainability. Modern island and coastal societies face daunting challenges in the decades to come, including climate change, sea level rise, and the loss of habitable lands and heritage resources. **Sustainability in Ancient Island Societies** argues that the study of past human responses to such changes, especially practices rooted in Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge, can inform solutions to manage these threats today.

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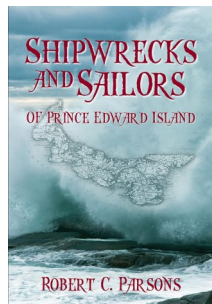


World War II Shipwrecks of Newfoundland: in pictures

Chris Power

Boulder Books, 2024

World War II Shipwrecks of Newfoundland: in pictures brings readers under the surface of the cold north Atlantic to the ghostly remains of ships sunk off the coast of Newfoundland. Diver and photographer Chris Power's breathtaking photographs offer a rare view of iconic World War II shipwrecks, all of which are considered war graves.



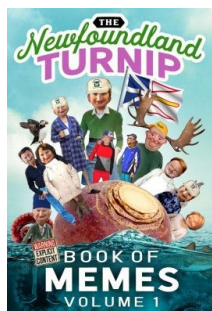
Shipwrecks and Sailors of Prince Edward Island

Robert C. Parsons

Also available as an ebook.

Pottersfield Press, 2021

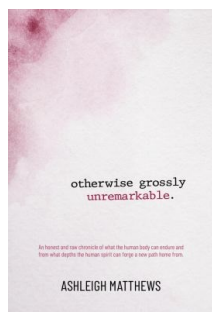
Across the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the wooden sailing ship was a vital transportation link along Canada's Atlantic coast. Self-sacrifice, daring, skill, wreck and rescue are all part of the history of these ships and the heritage of the villages that knew them. With extensive research and vivid prose, local maritime historian Robert C. Parsons documents all of this in **Shipwrecks and Sailors of Prince Edward Island**. Prince Edward Island's legacy of tales from this era of sail is great. There is the wreck of the immigrant-laden Elizabeth at Cascumpec, where the castaways were saved by a Native, and the famous story of PEI's Jessie thrown onto the shores of deadly St. Paul Island. Then there is the strange tale of Rival caught in the "Yankee Gale" and the SS Quebec's demise in the death-dealing tides of East Point. PEI ships were involved in mystery, mayhem and wrecks in practically all parts of the North Atlantic: gripped in the sandbars of Sable Island, plundered on the rugged coasts of Newfoundland, drifting with no crew off Ireland, wrecked on Nova Scotia's shores, stranded on the Magdalenes, and "Lost with Crew" in the vast Atlantic.



The Newfoundland Turnip: book of memes, volume 1

Flanker Press, 2024

It started as an anonymous Facebook page in July 2015 posting daily Internet memes with a Newfoundland twist. Eight years later, the Newfoundland Turnip has amassed a following of over 250,000 from all over the world. The Turnip, as it's called by fans, puts a Newfoundland spin on everything it shares online. Think of it as your modern-day Newfie joke book. Part comic book, part biography on the growth of a local Internet sensation, this book will take you through the journey of The Newfoundland Turnip thus far. Featuring commentary from some of Newfoundland's local celebrities, this book will have you cracking up laughing while confusing you, offending you, and warming your heart like you'd just had a cup of tea in Nan's kitchen—just like any basic cultural Newfoundland experience should.



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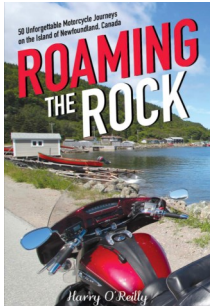
Ashleigh Matthews

Breakwater Books, July 2024

At only 35 years of age, Ashleigh Matthews found a dense mass in her breast that was eventually diagnosed as stage-three, grade-three multifocal invasive mammary carcinoma: breast cancer. This memoir tells the story of a regular woman facing an irregular cellular divergence at a young age. Cancer always sucks, but being in your mid-30s at diagnosis adds an extra layer of garbage thrown on top. There is no silver lining here, rather this book is an honest and raw chronicle of what the human body can endure and from what depths the human spirit can forge a new path home from. **Otherwise grossly unremarkable** demonstrates that any person that hears the word cancer used to medically describe their body becomes a survivor of cancer at that very same moment.

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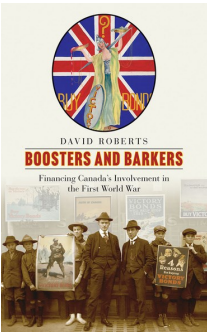


Roaming the Rock: 50 unforgettable motorcycle journeys on the Island of Newfoundland, Canada

Harry O'Reilly

Boulder Books, 2024

From early spring to Halloween each year, motorcycle enthusiast Harry O'Reilly roams “the Rock” (a.k.a. the island portion of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador)—sometimes with other motorcyclists, sometimes on his own, camera at the ready. Taking time to explore his home province and document the sights is as much a part of his adventures as the ride itself. **Roaming the Rock** details 50 must-do motorcycling trips, covering some 11,000 kilometres of paved routes and taking riders to every corner of Newfoundland, from main highways to twisty coastal roads, lush farming valleys to the Long-Range Mountains. Along the way, riders should be prepared for wildlife sightings, expansive beaches, dramatic ocean views, and historic fishing villages. Most trips are between 200 and 400 kilometres in length, requiring between two and five hours riding time (and once in a while, a short ferry ride), depending on conditions and speed. Multiple rides can be combined for longer day trips—but O'Reilly suggests that all riders build extra time into every trip to get off the bike and explore. This is a must-have guidebook for anyone planning to ride the Rock—or daydreaming about doing so.

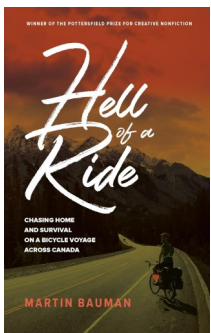


Boosters and Barkers: financing Canada's involvement in the First World War **Also available as an ebook.**

David Roberts

UBC Press, 2024

“Stick it, Canada! Buy more Victory Bonds!” The First World War demanded deep personal sacrifice in the field and at home – even when home was far from the front. It also made unrelenting financial demands on both the governments and populations of Canada and Newfoundland. **Boosters and Barkers** is a highly original examination of the drive to finance Canadian participation in the conflict. David Roberts examines Ottawa's calls for direct public contributions in the form of war bonds; the intersections with imperial funding, taxation, and conventional revenue; and the substantial fiscal implications of participation in the conflict during and after the war. Canada's six bond-selling campaigns received an astounding response, generating revenue that covered almost a third of the country's total war costs, which were estimated at \$6.6 billion. This amount was modest in comparison with the burdens placed on European countries, but it was still a dramatic contribution from a dominion so distant from the front. This story is one of inexorable need, shrewd propaganda, resistance, engagement, and long-term consequence. **Boosters and Barkers** mines a wide range of sources in Canada, the United States, and Britain to reveal how bond campaigns used coercive, modern marketing techniques – encompassing print, images, and music – to sell both the war and wide public participation. Social, military, and financial historians will find this a fascinating study of an underexplored area of First World War scholarship.



Hell of a Ride: chasing home and survival on a bicycle voyage across Canada

Martin Bauman

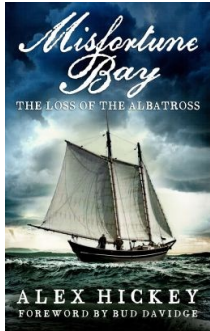
Pottersfield Press, 2024

Martin Bauman was twenty-three and restless when he embarked on a solo bicycle trek across Canada. It was a ride that came in the wake of his father's sudden depression, his cousin's suicide, and the stirring up of his own childhood of buried memories. He had billed the 7,000-kilometre journey as a mission to encourage people—men, especially—to talk about depression. It was ironic that he was so reluctant to talk about his own. In **Hell of a Ride**, Bauman—named one of Canada's "emergent" authors by the RBC Taylor Prize in 2020—brings his sharp reporting instincts and lyrical prose to explore a timely question: how much of the past do we carry with us? And how much of our fate is ours to choose?

Hell of a Ride takes its readers on a journey from the rain-slicked streets of Vancouver, British Columbia, to the hills of St. John's, Newfoundland, through encounters with couch-surfing swingers, pot-smoking Maritimers, runaway army veterans, prairie farmers, steely-eyed birdwatchers, and Kiwi empty-nesters. Along the way, Bauman interrogates the past through reflections on home, family secrets, and belonging: How to feel at home in a place one always itches to leave? And if one is always on the move, how to find a home at all? Heartfelt and uplifting, **Hell of a Ride** is a coming-of-age tale of a son's search to connect with his father and also come to terms with his own past. It is a clarion call for deep community, an ode to forgiveness—of oneself and others—and a love letter to the call of adventure.

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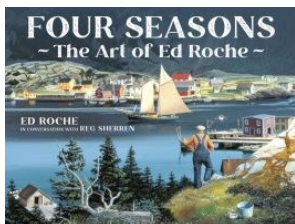


Misfortune Bay: the loss of the Albatross

Alex Hickey

Flanker Press, 2024

In 1916, as a costly war raged in Europe, the Newfoundland Government sought to curb spending on social support programs in order to finance the war effort. This decision led to deadly consequences for a group of people in Fortune Bay. A lightkeeper on St. Jacques Island, after witnessing the capsizing of a motorized yacht during a July storm, led a heroic effort to rescue the local welfare officer and the owner of the vessel. At the same time, a small schooner used as a floating medical clinic approached the stricken vessel to aid its passengers, when catastrophe struck—she was rammed and sunk by a former whaling ship plying the waters nearby. Outcomes from that historic night rippled through the lives of St. Jacques residents for generations. Recalled by John Guille Millais, a British naturalist and explorer who had lived among these people, we get to meet each of them in the lives they lived.

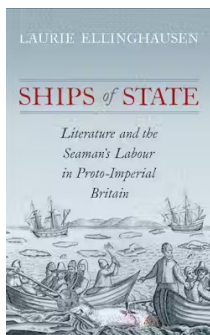


Four Seasons: the art of Ed Roche

Ed Roche in conversation with Reg Sherren

Flanker Press, 2024

Ed Roche has made it his life's work to capture the beauty of Newfoundland and Labrador on canvas. The paintings of this world-renowned artist are acknowledged and celebrated far and wide. In **Four Seasons: The Art of Ed Roche**, award-winning journalist and author Reg Sherren explores Ed's approach to his craft in an easy conversational style that reflects their twenty years of friendship. The book also takes you on a visual journey across Newfoundland and Labrador as it transitions through the seasons showcasing fifty of his favourite pieces. Ed Roche's body of work is visual poetry in motion. His unique use of colour creates the balance in each piece, a palette of vibrancy unparalleled. In **Four Seasons: The Art of Ed Roche**, the artist invites the reader to grab a cup of tea and drink it all in. Come take a walk with Ed across the province he loves.



Ships of State: literature and the seaman's labour in proto-imperial Britain Also available as an ebook

Laurie Ellinghausen

U of T Press, 2024

The ideological roots of the British Empire have been widely discussed in early modern studies, as have maritime settings in the period's imaginative writing. However, these perspectives have not adequately accounted for how literature's evolving representations of the common British seaman shaped the early stages of public discourse about Britain's imperial endeavours. Filling that gap in scholarship, **Ships of State** argues that literary representations of seaborne labour play a distinct and crucial role in the early formation of British imperial attitudes. The book analyses these representations across an array of popular genres: New World promotion tracts, civic pageantry, stage drama, and broadside ballads. These genres demonstrate how imaginative modes of discourse both reflected and influenced popular conceptions of the common seaman and, by extension, the national ambitions he represented. Placing these depictions into dialogue with the larger national conversation about maritime expansion, **Ships of State** sheds new light on the role of seaborne labour and its literary representations in creating and sustaining empire.



Healthy Comfort Foods: gluten-free, diabetic-friendly and keto recipes

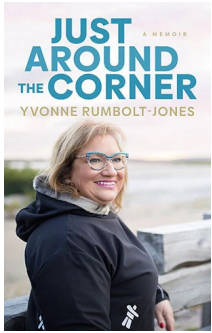
Bobbi Pike with Geoff Pike

Boulder Books, 2024

We're all busy. Life is stressful. And food can be a great source of comfort, entangled as it is with memories of celebrations, family meals, and adventures with friends. Unfortunately, quick-grab foods are usually processed and full of preservatives, additives, and empty calories. What if we could gently tweak our food choices so we can enjoy family favourites without the food guilt and the blood glucose spikes? If we had alternatives that were just as delicious as you remember—but easy to prepare and healthful? In **Healthy Comfort Foods**, Bobbi Pike offers 150 recipes that do just that. Beloved appetizers, soups, entrees, sauces, and desserts get a healthy, tasty makeover in easy-to-follow recipes accompanied by lively full-colour photos.

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[Just Around the Corner](#)

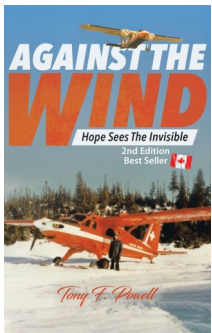
Yvonne Rumbolt-Jones

Breakwater Books, October 2024

The intimate memoir of the longest-serving woman politician in Newfoundland and Labrador, beginning with her challenges as a survivor of child sexual abuse, family alcoholism, a broken marriage, as well as the grief of losing a child and a brother, and being diagnosed with cancer. Twice...

Just Around the Corner is the story of Member of Parliament for Labrador Yvonne Rumbolt-Jones – an Indigenous girl from a Northern community who broke free of her geographic and political isolation to embrace opportunity in the world. It is the story of a woman who refuses to let the scars of the past define her, but rather uses them to help her grow and understand that while we may not control the events that cause us great harm in life, we do control how we move forward – how we use those events to make ourselves stronger, more forgiving, and grateful for new days.

Rumbolt-Jones writes with confidence and candor about how she overcame adversity and marginality to be elected to both the provincial House of Assembly (1996 - 2013, five consecutive elections) and the national Parliament (2013 - present, four consecutive elections), where she has been a strong leader and voice for not only Canada's North, but women and Indigenous peoples.

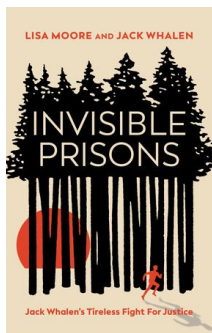


[Against the Wind: hope sees the invisible](#)

Tony F. Powell

Tellwell Talent, 2024

Tony Powell was born on March 16, 1955 in Charlottetown, Labrador, NL, on the Northeast Coast of Canada, son of the late Benjamin and Effie Powell. Together they had nine children - seven boys and two girls. Six boys become bush pilots. Tony is married to Ida Powell, and they have one child, Ramsey, who is a medical doctor. Tony will take you on his life's journey. His stories are captivating, inspiring, and heart-wrenching. Learn of his prognosis, and his courageous determination to survive. Experience his fight to beat the odds. Throughout Tony's recollections you will travel by air, water and land, experiencing historic events and fatal airplane crash scenes in Labrador, including the story of his Grandfather Powell sailing onboard the Dorothy Duff while delivering a load of salt cod fish to the Mediterranean Sea during WWI. It will surely chill you to your core. Tony will welcome you to his childhood family home where you will find pure love overcoming many of life's obstacles. Find out the true meaning of perseverance, courage and strength. Tony has shown us what life's struggles are all about and how he survived them. This book is a true reflection of living our lives one day at a time. Each day we all journey **Against the Wind** and survive the storms of life.



[Invisible Prisons: Jack Whalen's tireless fight for justice](#)

Lisa Moore and Jack Whalen

Knopf Canada, September 2024

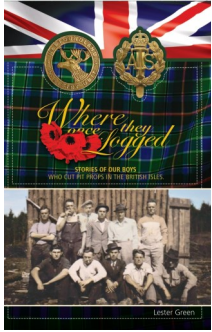
Invisible Prisons is an extraordinary, empathetic collaboration between the magnificent writer Lisa Moore, best-known for her award-winning fiction, and a man named Jack Whalen, who as a child was held for four years at a reform school for boys in St John's, where he suffered jaw-dropping abuses and deprivations. Despite the odds stacked against him, he found love on the other side, and managed to turn his life around as a husband and father. His daughter, Brittany, vowed at a young age to become a lawyer so that she could seek justice for him. Today, that is exactly what she is doing—and Jack's case is part of a lawsuit currently before the courts.

The story has parallels with *Unholy Orders* by Michael Harris about the Mount Cashel orphanage, and with the many horrific stories about residential schools—all of which expose a paternalistic state causing harm and a larger society looking away. Yet two powerful qualities set this story apart. As much as it is about an abusive system preying on children, it is also a tender tale of love between Jack and his wife Glennis, who saw the good man inside a damaged person and believed in him. And it is written in a novelistic way by the great Lisa Moore, who makes vividly real every moment and character in these pages.

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Where Once They Logged

Lester Green

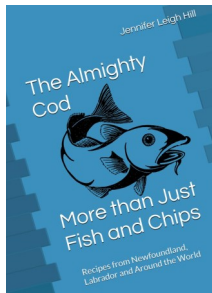
DRC Publishing, 2024

After several years of researching, interviewing and collecting stories, the goal of creating the book **Where Once They Logged** has been attained by author Lester Green. This book is a result of gathered photos, documents, and stories about men from the Southwest Arm area of Trinity Bay who enlisted and served with the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit in the British Isles during World War Two.

Where Once They Logged documents the stories of seventy men from the Southwest Arm area who served overseas with the Forestry Unit. It also tells the stories of four women who served with the Auxiliary Territorial Services (ATS) overseas and went on to marry loggers from the Southwest Arm area.

This book follows the chronological enlistment of loggers from the Southwest Arm area, from the first draft to the last individual to enlist with the Forestry Unit during World War Two.

Some of the loggers from the Southwest Arm area returned home after completing their contract with the Forestry Unit. Others went on to enlist and serve with other armed forces units. Years later, one of those men, Leander Drodge, who served overseas with both the Forestry Unit and the Royal Air Force, had a simple request which was quoted in a local newspaper, the Packet, "I hope they will try to remember us. That is all we want."



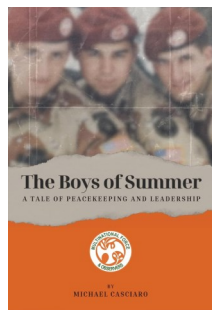
The Almighty Cod: More Than Just Fish and Chips: recipes from Newfoundland, Labrador and around the world

Jennifer Leigh Hill

Independently Published, 2024

This book is about cod; not just 'any old' cod, but Atlantic Cod, the species of cod that is fished off the shores of Newfoundland and Labrador. In total, the compilation includes 125 recipes, obtained from a number of sources, including cookbooks published in the province, as well as websites and blog spots, written by 'locals.' The purpose of the cookbook is to show that there is more to cod than just 'fish and chips.'

While other fish, such as pollack and haddock are often used to make this traditional meal, cod is typically the fish of choice, especially in Britain where fish and chips are sold on just about every corner in the local 'chippy' shop. As you will read, cod is such a versatile fish it can be used to make a myriad of different dishes that can be served at different times of the day, for example from appetizers to soups, as well it can be cooked using a wide variety of different techniques, such dishes in which the cod is baked or steamed, and since Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have never been ones to waste any food, you will read how virtually every part of the fish can be eaten (e.g., from Snout to Tail). In addition, because cod has become so popular around the world, there is even a short section that highlights recipes that have an 'international' twist, including recipes from Jamaica to Japan.



The Boys of Summer: a tale of peacekeeping and leadership

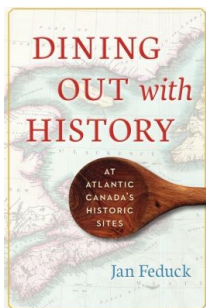
Michael Casciaro

Outskirts Press, 2024

The author, Michael Casciaro served in the 3-60th Infantry battalion as a rifle platoon leader in 1985 when his unit replaced the 3-502nd in the Sinai Peninsula to assume duties in the Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) peacekeeping mission between Egypt and Israel. This is his story of the events leading up to and the aftermath of the Arrow Air Flight 1985 crash in Gander, Newfoundland that killed 248 members of the battalion he replaced. It also chronicles the life of an Infantry Second Lieutenant fresh out of the Infantry Officer's Basic Course (IOBC) and U.S. Army Ranger School after reporting to his first unit. There he endured rigorous training to prepare him to lead his soldiers in combat and perform duties of an officer in the MFO under one of the Army's most inspirational leaders in the 1980s. Leading men under those conditions was tough, not politically correct, and focused on one thing...ensuring your soldiers survived combat.

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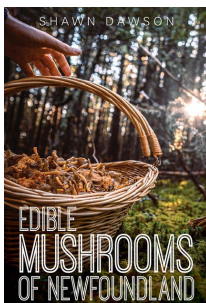


Dining out with History: at Atlantic Canada's Historic Sites

Jan Feduck

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2024

Travels, tales and tastes of Atlantic Canada are woven into the words in this book. From Four-Cents Bread to Switchel, from Topsy Cake to Jailhouse Biscuits, meet characters from the past as they create these dishes, and use this book to guide you to the historic sites where they were cooked. All doors are open at twenty living history sites that offer us a taste of the past in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador. See how people lived, and learn about how they dined - when life moved at a slower pace.



Edible Mushrooms of Newfoundland

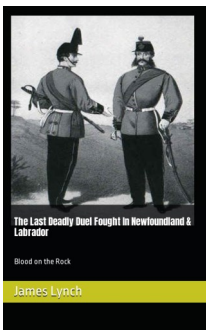
Shawn Dawson

Boulder Books, September 2024

Professional forager Shawn Dawson takes readers to his favorite mushroom picking spots for insightful and useful lessons on dozens of forest floor delicacies. Readers will learn where to look for mushrooms, as well as how to identify which ones are edible, harvest them sustainably, and prepare their harvest.

Mushroom foraging requires attention to detail and solid knowledge — while over two dozen edible mushroom varieties are found in Newfoundland, many hundreds of toxic ones exist. Knowing which is which and exercising an abundance of caution is a must. That's why Shawn's step-by-step guide is so useful. Readers will start by getting to know the parts of the mushroom and key identifiers. Then he'll introduce "the core four" — golden chanterelles, winter chanterelles, hedgehogs, and sweet tooth mushrooms — easily identified, abundant and delicious mushrooms for the burgeoning fungi hunter to look for.

Edible Mushrooms of Newfoundland includes tips for dehydrating, pickling, and other methods of preserving mushrooms to enjoy all year long. It also includes mushroom-forward recipes from some of the province's top chefs.



The Last Deadly Duel Fought in Newfoundland & Labrador: blood on the rock

James Lynch

Independently Published, 2024

As the pivotal moment approaches and their pistols are raised, tension fills the air, and Captain Mark Rudkin and Ensign John Philpot's destinies become entwined. Amidst a backdrop of 19th-century St. John's, Newfoundland, the author skillfully unfurls a tale enriched with duty, sacrifice, and the profound consequences borne by those who navigate the treacherous waters of unwavering honour.

The Last Deadly Duel Fought in Newfoundland illuminates a forgotten piece of Newfoundland's rich military history, capturing the relentless struggles, resilience, and indomitable spirit that echoed through the garrison town. With meticulous research and masterful storytelling, the author unveils the events leading up to that fateful clash, transporting readers to a bygone era where personal vendettas took center stage. Prepare to be captivated by this enthralling historical novel, where bravery collides with recklessness, duty grapples with passion, and the repercussions of a solitary duel transcend the confines of time.



Big Splash Knits: mittens, hats socks and more from Atlantic Canada

Shirley A. Scott

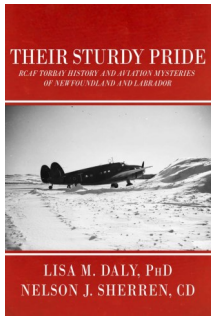
Boulder Books, September 2024

Big Splash Knits presents more than 20 outerwear knitting projects perfect for a boil-up in the woods, a hike by the sea, or a trot around town. Each pattern is accompanied by expertly and clearly written instructions and inspirational full-colour photographs. Helpful tips and colourful stories round out this collection. Written with the same passion and attention to detail as the award-winning *Saltwater Knits* series, **Big Splash Knits** will appeal to a wide range of knitters. The designs are inspired by the traditions of Atlantic Canada, showcasing a love of life by the ocean that will resonate with neighbours in New England and like-minded knitters in Europe and Scandinavia.

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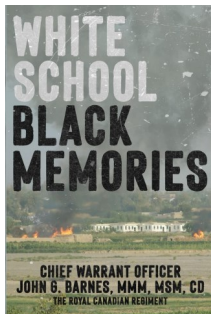
Their Sturdy Pride: RCAF Torbay history and aviation mysteries of Newfoundland and Labrador

Lisa M. Daly and Nelson J. Sherren

Engen Books, 2024

The St. John's Airport near the town of Torbay, originally Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Station Torbay, was built as a military aerodrome in 1941. At this time Newfoundland and Labrador was not a part of Canada but was administered by a Commission of Government under the chairmanship of the Governor of Newfoundland, Admiral Sir Humphrey Walwyn, who was appointed by the Government of Great Britain. With the outbreak of war in 1939, Canada was immediately concerned with the defence of Newfoundland and Labrador. As the Second World War escalated, concerns were raised about the safety and protection of Newfoundland, and how those concerns impacted North America. As the United States were building bases on the colony, Canada determined the need for an RCAF station near the capital. U-boat activity around Newfoundland highlighted the hazards of crossing the Atlantic and pushed the need for a Canadian airbase.

Includes: the Second World War history of the Torbay Airport, from construction, through the war era, to commercial aviation; the 1945 crash of a B-24 near Gander carrying top secret equipment; the American Overseas Airlines 03 October 1946 crash near Stephenville on what is now Crash Hill; the mysterious disappearance of The Dawn in 1927 en route to Harbour Grace, carrying Frances Grayson who hoped to be the first woman to fly the Atlantic. And more!



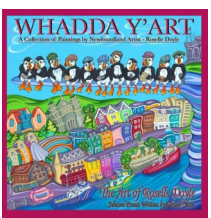
White School, Black Memories

John G. Barnes

Also available as an ebook.

Double Dagger Books, 2022

The fight for the "White School" during Operation MEDUSA in Afghanistan was the fiercest combat the Canadian Army had seen since the Korean War. Chief Warrant Officer John G. Barnes was in the thick of it as the Company Sergeant Major of Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment. Barnes' extremely frank and highly detailed memoir is a fast-paced tale of courage, loss and eventual redemption that reads like someone telling you their story across the kitchen table. Above all else, this book tells the unvarnished truth of the modern-day veteran experience from a senior non-commissioned officer's point of view.

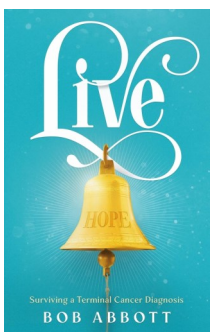


Whadda Y'Art: a collection of Paintings by Newfoundland Artist—Roselle Doyle

Roselle Doyle with poems by Thaine Chase

Independently Published, 2024

As inspiring as the landscapes she paints, Newfoundland artist Roselle Doyle shares some of her favourite works in this lovely book. With fierce use of colour and motions heavily influenced by her prior figure skating career, Roselle's style and works are so powerful and unique they are always a wonderful topic of discussion. From the rural townscapes of places like Trinity or the whimsical Dildo, to the more recognizable streets of Newfoundland's capital city of St. John's and everything else in between, let the works of this exciting and fearless artist charm and mesmerize you.



Live: surviving a terminal cancer diagnosis

Bob Abbott

Abbott Books, 2023

Bob Abbott was diagnosed with bowel, liver, and lung cancer on December 19th, 2013, and told he had up to six months to live. The tumor in his bowel had erupted, requiring immediate surgery to save his life. A surgery he wasn't guaranteed to survive. For the next three years he underwent liver and lung surgeries interspersed with two rounds of chemotherapy, each consisting of twelve treatments. The first round caused two blood clots to form: One passed through his heart, the other lodged in his liver.

Today, Bob is healthy and grateful he beat a literal death sentence called terminal cancer. He hopes his story will inspire those going through a life-threatening illness to keep fighting no matter the odds.

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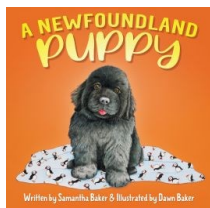


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A Newfoundland Puppy

Samantha Baker

Flanker Press, 2024

Lucky, an adorable Newfoundland puppy, is about to embark on the first big adventure of his young life — getting to know his newly adoptive family and making himself at home on their farm. Join Lucky as he follows Rebecca and Alex, the two family children, as they work and play on the farm. All three discover new things about their world and themselves in this sweet tale about bonding and growing up.

Illustrated by **Dawn Baker**.



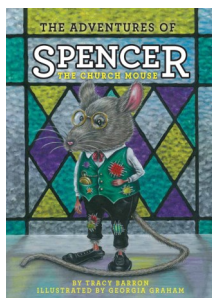
Luna and the Heart of the Forest

Adam Karlin

Also available as an ebook.

Breakwater Books, 2024

Luna is eleven years old and obsessed with adventure. While visiting the island of Newfoundland, Luna finally has a chance to explore a setting as big as her imagination, but her father, a roving journalist and widower, doesn't want her straying too far. Ignoring his caution, Luna sets off on her own and enters a mysterious forest, where she bests a monster in a battle of wits—and unleashes a creeping darkness that devours her father. Now she must embark on a real quest: to heal the island, the ghosts that haunt it, and the people she cares about most.



The Adventures of Spencer the Church Mouse

Tracy Barron

Boulder Books, 2024

Spencer is a gentle church mouse who is used to a quiet life in the country. No one had been in the church for a long time and Spencer was content. But suddenly a loud thud broke the silence and the building lurched from under him. A big machine was lifting his church house up, up, up, and away! Spencer had seconds to decide whether to stay safely behind or embrace the adventure of a lifetime. He hoped for the best as he leapt into the air and scrambled back into the only home he has ever known. What adventures await him? How will this well-mannered country mouse fare when he meets his field mouse cousins?

Illustrated by **Georgia Graham**.



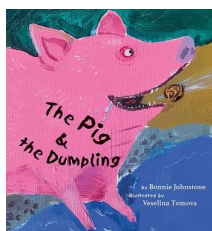
Nan's House

Jillian McCarthy

Pennywell Books, 2024

The best things in life are not things. A child's experiences while visiting grandparents can be extra special. In **Nan's House**, you will take a journey using your five senses while soaking up all that is offered from the moment you first open the door. Through the years, traditions and decor may change, but the love and joy of family remain the same. Join in on this colourful and rhyming adventure as we explore the small moments in childhood that end up making the biggest memories!

Illustrated by **Corey Majeau**.



The Pig & the Dumpling: a tale of Witless Bay

Bonnie Johnstone

Running the Goat, 2024

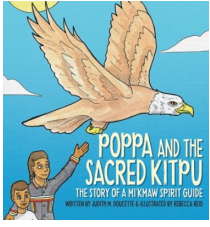
Ignatius is a pig with a big appetite and very little patience. When someone tosses a fresh dumpling his way, he grabs it in mid-air and swallows. That dumpling is big and it is hot, and very quickly it is stuck—right in Ignatius's throat! Desperate for relief, the poor pig races through his little community to reach the cooling water of the ocean. And careening on his way to the sea, he has plenty of near misses, and a few collisions, with local village folk. How much trouble can one pig cause? A playful story with a “you-can't-catch-me” spirit that celebrates small rural communities, simple living, and silly pigs.

Illustrated by **Veselina Tomova**.

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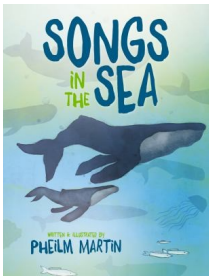
Poppa and the Sacred Kitpu: the story of a Mi'kmaq Spirit Guide

Judith M. Doucette

Flanker Press, 2024

After being invited to his grandson's school to share his wisdom and knowledge of his traditional Mi'kmaq culture, Poppa is happy to return as a respected Indigenous Elder and Knowledge Keeper. Now we find Poppa giving his next gin'masuti—lesson in our culture—to his grandson, François, and his friends Paul and Joe. While spending the afternoon with Poppa, the boys get to learn about the Sacred Kitpu—the bald eagle—and why it's so important. Poppa engages the children with eager imaginings of how the Sacred Kitpu is not only a powerful spirit guide but also represents the Spirit of the Creator among us. It is the messenger between Mother Earth and the Spirit World, whispering to the Creator our prayers, touching the face of the Creator with its wing. Poppa teaches the children through mystic wonder how we use the Sacred Kitpu feather in many different cultural ceremonies. He embraces their eagerness to learn and shares the tradition of smudging—using the Kitpu feather, along with Sacred Medicines that burn in a smudge bowl to purify our body, mind, and spirit. The children delight in discovering the importance the Sacred Kitpu plays in Mi'kmaq culture and heritage.

Illustrated by **Rebecca Reid**.



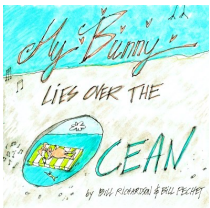
Songs in the Sea

Pheilim Martin

Breakwater Books, 2024

Oh no! The loud traffic of ships sailing on the ocean sunk under the waves, now Little Whale is confused! With the noise all around him, he has lost track of Mama Whale's song and lost his way on their migration north. How will he ever find her, and his way home, again? Getting lost is scary. But Little Whale learns that with perseverance and determination, along with remembering the things your mother has told you, you can bravely face any obstacle.

Packed with adventure and colourful marine characters like sea turtles, squids, other whales, **Songs in the Sea** is a delightful book about bravery, resilience, and the bonds between family, especially mother and child.

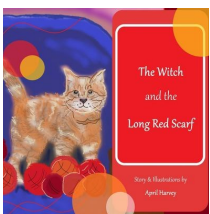


My Bunny Lies Over the Ocean

Bill Richardson and Bill Pechet

Running the Goat, 2024

Award-winning duo Bill Richardson and Bill Pechet are back with another brilliantly funny and charmingly quirky picture book—**My Bunny Lies Over the Ocean**. When a beloved stuffed toy gets left at the beach and swept out to sea, all hands pitch in to see that poor bedraggled Bunny gets safely home. With its chorus of Bunny-smitten seagulls, super starfish rescue operation, accommodating whale, kind kangaroo, round-about postal adventure, and more, this hilarious romp will delight listeners young and old.



The Witch and the Long Red Scarf

April Harvey

Self-published, 2024

There are so many changes happening inside the tall, creaky, leaky house where little Newfoundland Witch Millicent Hartery lives. Why is Grandmother knitting so many tiny clothes? Why is Mama's lap so big? What does it mean when Dad says Poppy is sick? There are many Big Questions asked in this origin story of Millie the Newfoundland Witch and many big emotions are waiting to be discovered. **The Witch and the Long Red Scarf** is a story about grief and joy where LOVE is the most powerful magic in the world!

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