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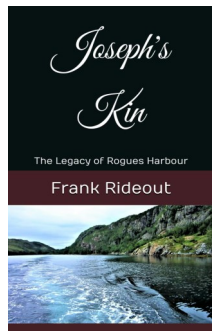


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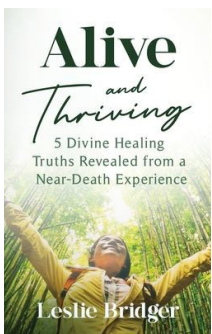


Joseph's Kin: the legacy of Rogues Harbour

Frank Rideout

Independently Published, 2022

Numerous North American families trace their roots to the hardy sea-dogs of the English shires of Dorset, Devon, Bristol, Cornwall and Somerset. Over a century before the Mayflower sailed, they risked annual crossings of the unforgiving North Atlantic in pursuit of the summer fishery. Future generations opted to emigrate with their families in tiny wooden ships most of us would not trust out of sight of land on a calm summer day. Broad prairies of hull-crushing ice, wind driven snow, sleet and freezing rain forced every able-bodied man and woman on deck and into the rigging, to chip away at the destabilizing ice buildup threatening to shift the ship's center of gravity and send them to the bottom. Caught without warning by the fury of a hurricane; many ships, their crews and passengers simply disappeared. At the other end of the spectrum: the risk of running out of provisions while becalmed on a placid sea. A compilation of the indomitable spirit, ingenuity and resilience of our pioneering ancestors, in the face of unimaginable hardships. Most did not leave a heavy footprint on this earth. For successive generations they lived, loved, struggled and died with the full realization that their lives, at best, were only marginally better than their parents. Yet, like all of us, they endured resolute in the belief that for their children life would be better.

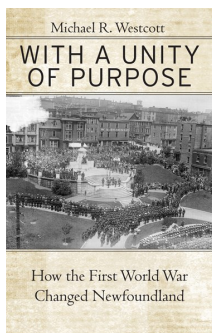


Alive and Thriving: 5 divine truths revealed from a near-death experience

Leslie Bridger

Capucia LLC, 2024

One minute Leslie Bridger was cycling down a steep hill in a busy Canadian urban center and, in an instant, she was catapulted through the sky, looking down on our beautiful planet Earth in all her glory. After a near-death experience following this bicycle accident, Leslie is now a believer in the impossible. Once the medical professionals knew she'd live, they had little hope for her full recovery. She proved them wrong! In **Alive and Thriving**, you will be riveted as you journey with Leslie through the events that unfolded and amazed as she reveals the five Divine Healing Truths she learned while she was on the other side.



With a Unity of Purpose: how the First World War changed Newfoundland

Michael R. Westcott

McGill-Queens University Press, 2024

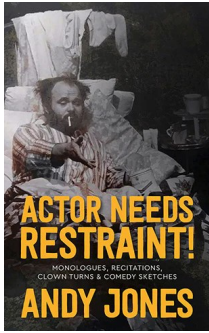
In 1914, the Dominion of Newfoundland found itself at war in defense of the British Empire. On the home front, the war effort reshaped the relationship between citizens and the state, moving from a classical liberalism that emphasized individual rights to a social liberalism that prioritized the rights of the community. The First World War was felt keenly in Newfoundland – in economic hardship, fears of foreign invasion, and anxieties over the fate of loved ones. When the government insisted that all military-aged men owed a duty to enlist with the Newfoundland Regiment, and as it increasingly depended on women's domestic work, citizens expected that their service would be rewarded through measures to ensure security and equality on the home front. There was widespread public support for a range of government interventions, including food rationing and price control, prohibition of the sale of alcohol, higher taxes, initiatives to protect against German spies, and military conscription if necessary. By the end of the war, support for women's suffrage had also grown substantially, in acknowledgment of their major contribution to the war effort.

With a Unity of Purpose is the first book to examine how wartime Newfoundland and Labrador began to be remade in the image of social liberalism, in which citizens and the state recognized not only their individual rights but their responsibilities to each other.

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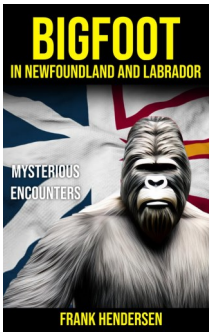


Actor Needs Restraint!: three one-man stage shows

Andy Jones

Breakwater Books, November 2024

Three plays from the repertoire of iconic Newfoundland and Labrador playwright, actor, and member of the ground-breaking Newfoundland comedy troupe CODCO, Andy Jones. Based on Jones' well-known epistolary radio series, *An Evening with Uncle Val* is a set of comic reportages from the perspective of a retired outport-dweller now living with his family in St. John's. Uncle Val is sometimes bemused, sometimes outraged by modern life; he has charmed readers over the decades with his stalwart heart concealed in a curmudgeon's exterior. *Out of the Bin* and *King o' Fun* are zany, fragmented, occasionally philosophical, always hilarious renditions of contemporary life that demonstrate the versatility of one of Canada's most talented and beloved theatre makers.

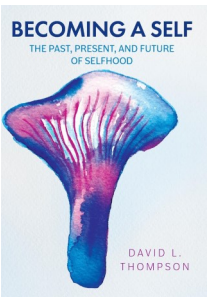


Bigfoot in Newfoundland and Labrador: mysterious encounters

Frank Hendersen

Independently Published, 2024

Nestled within the vast wilderness of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador has become a focal point for Bigfoot enthusiasts, offering a treasure trove of narratives woven into its diverse landscapes. From the towering forests of Newfoundland and Labrador to the secluded shores, these stories offer a gripping glimpse into the enigmatic realm of Bigfoot and the fortunate individuals who have come face-to-face with its mysterious presence. In this collection, you'll find perplexing footprints, haunting cries, and encounters that challenge our comprehension of the natural world.

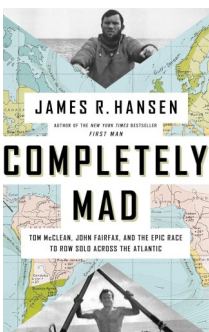


Becoming a Self: the past, present, and future of selfhood

David L. Thompson

Friesen Press, 2024

What makes us persons? Is it our bodies, our minds, or our consciousness? For centuries, philosophers have sought to answer these questions. While some believe humans are physical or biological in both mind and body, others claim we have an immaterial soul. Author and philosopher David L. Thompson proposes a new alternative. Based on evolutionary biology and philosophy, **Becoming a Self: The Past, Present, and Future of Selfhood** explores the development of the human "self." Thompson theorizes that our selves formed through connections and commitments to others when early hominins lived in tribal groups and developed languages. As humans learned to fulfill these commitments, they not only cultivated relationships but also created their personal identities. Their habits of responsibility established their characters and therefore their reputations within their communities. This naturalistic approach proposes that a self is defined by the history of its commitments to cultural and personal norms. While brain processes are required, the self is not some internal, private mind but primarily a role within its community. As technology advances, selfhood could in the future be enabled by electronic, quantum, or other non-biological means. So if a self is formed through norms, could artificial intelligence evolve to have self-identity? Thought-provoking and timely, **Becoming a Self** shows how investigating the past can help us understand our present status and illuminate our future.



Completely Mad: Tom McClean, John Fairfax and the epic race to row solo across the Atlantic

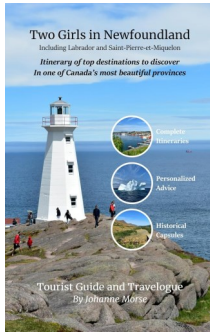
James R. Hansen

Pegasus Books, 2023

A sweeping saga involving two extraordinary--and extraordinarily different--adventurers who have only one thing in common: the ambition to cross the Atlantic in a rowboat...alone.

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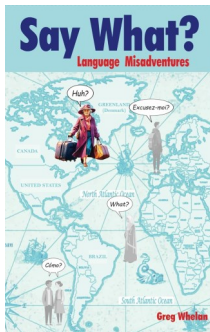


Two Girls in Newfoundland: itinerary of top destinations to discover in one of Canada's most beautiful provinces

Johanne Morse

Self-published, 2024

- One complete 30-day itinerary and three condensed itineraries
- Descriptive steps for better knowledge of the province
- Personalized tips and advice for an easy and trouble-free trip
- Historical capsules to immerse yourself in the life of ancient peoples
- Distances and driving times between each trip for good planning
- Summary maps and photos



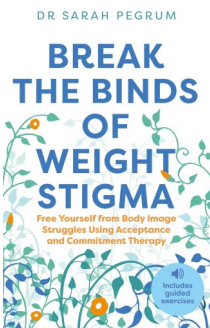
Say What? : language misadventures

Greg Whelan

WordsMyth Press, 2024

Most of us have an extraordinary gift for saying the wrong thing - a slip-up, faux pas, gaffe or other innocent mistake - especially when speaking in a different language, region or dialect. Greg Whelan presents this unique and unprecedented collection of real-life intercultural blunders, from all over the globe. Whelan explores these unintentional miscommunications from the humorous perspective of "the truth is funnier than fiction." He shows that, while not meaning to project ourselves as insensitive, unintelligent, crude, perverted or even racist, the words that come out of our mouths in foreign lands or tongues often land us in the most awkward and embarrassing of situations.

A light and amusing read for language enthusiasts everywhere, and anyone who likes to laugh!



Break the Binds of Weight Stigma

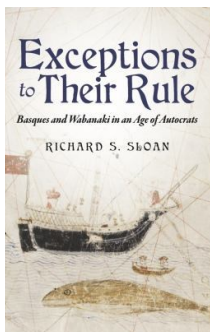
Dr. Sarah Pegrum

Also available as an ebook.

Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2023

What if you didn't feel held back by your body? This guide helps you to free yourself from harmful social attitudes about weight and to start living now.

Break the Binds of Weight Stigma draws on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), a positive, action-based form of therapy that works by accepting your natural emotions and using your own personal values to build a path to the life you want to live. Stories, worksheets, reflection questions, and guided exercises show you how to embrace yourself and fight back against the social structures that tie value to size. This is not a book about changing your body or losing weight. It's a guide to help you connect with the things that are important to you regardless of your weight. It's a step towards countering the harmful messages in society about our bodies. It's a movement. It's radical. It's freedom.



Exceptions to their Rule: Basques and Wabanaki in the age of autocrats

Ricard S. Sloan

BookBaby, 2022

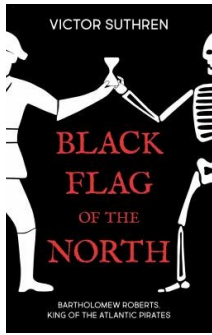
In **Exceptions to Their Rule**, Rick Sloan invites readers to embark on a journey back to a world dominated by the iron grip of autocrats. From 1420 to 1620, monarchs, popes, and cardinals, driven by greed and lust for power, left a trail of destruction, decimating Indigenous cultures across five continents. But amidst the chaos and devastation, two cultures—the Basques and the Wabanaki—emerged as beacons of hope, embodying the ideals of democracy and self-governance. The Basques, valiant warriors of their rights, shattered the stone fortresses of autocrats, nurturing a culture that prioritized universal nobility and self-rule. The Wabanaki—Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot—nurtured a cosmology that saw the divine in all things, fostering a society rooted in peace, sharing, and mutual respect. Sloan presents the fascinating interaction between these two cultures, united in their pursuits of sustainable industry—fishing, whaling, fur trading—and mutual understanding. This extraordinary alliance stands as a testament to the power of cooperation, respect, and common sense, offering a tantalizing glimpse into a path not taken. Yet, these democratic shoots were fragile, ultimately overshadowed by the might of autocratic forces.

Exceptions to Their Rule is a compelling tribute to the resilience of the Basques and Wabanaki, reminding us of the enduring struggle between democracy and autocracy and the profound lessons we can learn from history.

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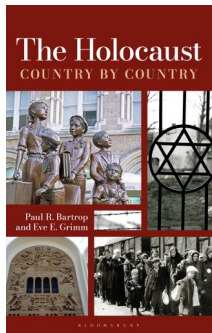


Black Flag of the North: Bartholomew Roberts, King of the Atlantic pirates

Victor Suthren

Dundurn, 2018

He was tall, dark, and handsome, he wore fine velvets and lace, and in four tumultuous years he tore the guts out of the Atlantic. Bartholomew Roberts took over 400 ships and rarely lost a fight at sea in his short, spectacular reign. He set the Atlantic aflame from the Grand Banks to Brazil, and by blood and fire won his reputation as the fearless and feared King of the Pirates. Cast in a gripping narrative that combines historical accuracy with a novelist's flowing prose, **Black Flag of the North** tells the story of Roberts's dramatic life, from his boyhood in rural South Wales through his days at sea during the slave trade, culminating in the stunning events in Canada that opened his four-year piratical career, to his fiery end beneath British guns off the coast of West Africa.



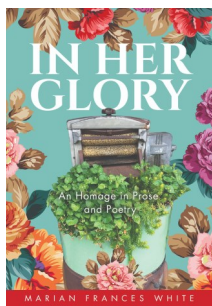
The Holocaust: country by country

Paul R. Bartrop and Eve E. Grimm

Bloomsbury Academic, 2024

While often conceptualized as a single event that happened the same way across all Axis or Axis-occupied countries, the Holocaust and reactions to it varied widely from country to country. In many cases, political and economic conditions in the prewar years, as well as the degree of anti-Semitism in a nation, influenced that country's experience of the Holocaust. Even after the war, countries experienced the aftermath of the Holocaust in different ways. Some places, such as Palestine, became a beacon for Jewish refugees, while others, such as Brazil, became a hideout for Nazi war criminals.

This book profiles 50 nations and territories from around the globe, examining how prewar conditions and attitudes toward Jews influenced the trajectory of that place's wartime experience and its role in the Holocaust. It also explores the aftermath and lasting impact of the Holocaust in these places. All profiles begin with a brief introduction, followed by information about the Jewish population in that place, the prewar environment, wartime experiences, and the aftermath of the Holocaust. This standardized format makes it easy for readers to find specific information while also helping them place events within the proper historical context. A curated selection of further readings at the end of each profile and an end-of-volume list of books and Internet resources point readers toward materials for additional study.



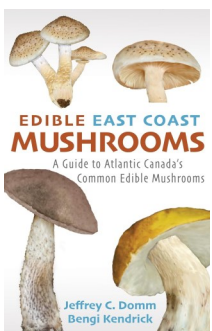
In Her Glory: an homage in prose and poetry

Marian Frances White

Boulder Books, 2024

Deeply rooted in Newfoundland culture and experience, **In Her Glory** sheds light on a way of life that has all but disappeared. White's mother, Florence, only had a Grade 3 education, yet she raised her 12 children with education as her focus. The book reveals how women who gave birth and raised huge families are our unsung heroines. Within these pages, White celebrates her mother's contribution to our culture and world. This story-driven poetic journey criss-crosses pre-confederation Newfoundland, takes readers into Confederation with Canada in 1949 and to ancestral homelands in England, Ireland, and Boston and back to present day. White's writing leans on social history as context and shows the relevance of knowing our past and coming face to face with truth that often exposes some not-so-pretty memories. Harsh realities abound amidst stories of resilience.

While White's writing is about love, life, grief and loss, it is not macabre, but uplifting and celebratory as White takes an expansive look at her mother's life; a life well-lived.



Edible East Coast Mushrooms

Jeffrey Domm with Ben Kendrick

Formac Publishing, 2024

This new guide from best-selling illustrator Jeffrey Domm with Ben Kendrick will help readers identify 30 edible mushrooms found on Canada's East Coast. The only book to focus on regional edible mushrooms, this illustrated guide features: foraging 101; colour portraits of each species; identification checklists; when each species is in season and where to find them; key information to prevent misidentification; tips for cooking with wild mushrooms

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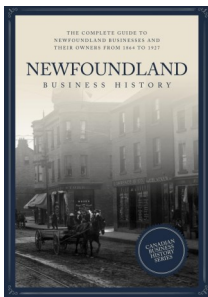
Mindfulness in the Workplace: cultivating well-being at work

Andrew Safer

2nd Tier Publishing, 2024

Deadline-driven and one heartbeat away from overwhelm? What does the ancient practice of mindfulness have to do with today's stacks of files? It shows us how we can cultivate the clarity and well-being that are our birthright, even in the midst of chaos, the high-stakes trade-offs of competing demands, and rapid-fire change in the workplace.

With 55 years as a mindfulness practitioner, Andrew Safer provides instruction and guidance in the mindfulness practices and exercises needed to productively navigate stress, relationship challenges, and work pressures. **Mindfulness in the Workplace** boils it all down through colourful and relevant workplace scenarios. Topics range from Seeing the Big Picture Beyond the Details, and Responding Instead of Reacting, to Problem Solving and Innovation. Leaders share stories about mindfulness implementations at Google, LinkedIn, General Mills, Intel, and in other business contexts. Participants of Safer's 'Workplace Mindfulness' training program relate how mindfulness has become woven into their work



Newfoundland Business History: the complete guide to Newfoundland businesses and their owners from 1864 to 1927

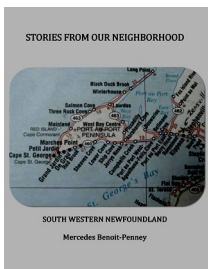
Kevin McKague

Bluefish, 2024

If your family's roots were intertwined with Newfoundland's mercantile businesses during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, or if you're simply captivated by the bustling commerce of Newfoundland's past, this comprehensive book is an invaluable window into this era, meticulously compiling the names of every business owner and their respective enterprises and organizing them by year.

Cape Breton University business professor Dr. Kevin McKague introduces original records maintained by credit rating agencies from a time when detailed data collection was the lifeblood of commerce and essential to trade and economic development.

Discover not only the names of these enterprising individuals but also the financial health of their businesses, offering a unique glimpse into the economic pulse of the town.



Stories from our Neighborhood

Mercedes Benoit-Penney

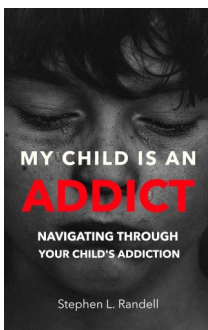
St. Clair Publications, 2024

Many potential tourists will never hear about the beauty of our neighborhood and our people, west of the rock cut in Corner Brook. All media, television, radio, newspapers, even our airport have been stripped away from us and are monopolized by our Capital City, St. John's, some 500 kilometers away.

Just as it's concentration of news-worthy information is applied (almost entirely) to the Avalon Peninsula or Metro, so too is the dispersion of tax dollars. NTV's (Newfoundland Television) international viewing and listening audience must falsely believe that Newfoundland and Labrador is comprised of St. John's and/or the Avalon alone.

Surprisingly, Acadian and Continental French, Mi'kmaq and other Aboriginal, English and a splash of up to 24 mega languages are unique to our part of the Island, so unique as to be labelled "The Tower of Babel". Yet, our family names and the names of our communities are so rarely spoken by news media hosts, that they are embarrassingly mispronounced.

This book is a rare chance to give readers a glimpse into those communities, to introduce you to some of our characters who make our neighborhoods so rich and so special. Hope you enjoy the ride!



My Child is an Addict: navigating through your child's addiction

Stephen J. Randell

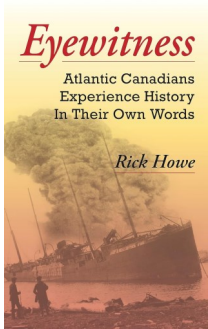
Self-published, 2024

This book is for parents and loved ones alike who discover that their precious loved one is being gradually and cruelly stolen from them as the predator of addiction and the challenges of mental illness enter the family. Deeply honest and incredibly vulnerable, this true story, told from a father's perspective, tells the reader of the heartbreaking and frustrating journey that is set upon when one finds themselves loving, and attempting to care for, a loved one who suffers with mental illness and addiction.

My Child Is An Addict also serves as a beacon hope. The lessons learned and shared throughout these pages will help you find meaning, purpose and offer a glimmer of light in the otherwise darkest of moments.

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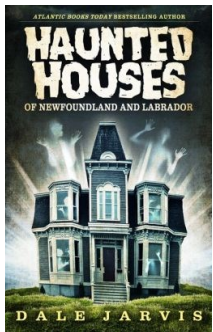


Eyewitness: Atlantic Canadians experience history in their own words

Rick Howe

Pottersfield Press, 2023

A sunny but crisp winter's morning takes a tragic turn after two ships collide in Halifax Harbour. The calm of a south end Halifax summer's evening is shattered by a murderous teenage boy. A young university student fumbles with his camera during a once-in-a-lifetime personal encounter with Queen Elizabeth. A reporter journeys down a rural Newfoundland highway to rendezvous with a young man he has never heard of but soon to be recognized as a Canadian icon. **Eyewitness: Atlantic Canadians Experience History In Their Own Words** details how some Atlantic Canadians reacted and what they remembered when faced with a memorable experience, such as the disastrous Halifax Explosion in December 1917. Howe also takes you to Moscow where you'll meet a local reporter assigned to cover hockey's historic 1972 Summit Series, and you will read about a chance encounter with Hollywood actor Ronald Reagan. In **Eyewitness**, Rick Howe explores historic events that have affected our region, from the aftermath of the Halifax Explosion to royal visits to storms that have caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage. Here, too, are stories of murder. Was a one-time Halifax police chief also a murderer? What prompted a young teen to kill and how did he manage to evade police for days? Howe also provides new information on unsolved murders and stories about some of Canada's most notorious serial killers.



Haunted Houses of Newfoundland and Labrador

Dale Jarvis

Flanker Press, 2024

Nestled along the rugged coastline of Newfoundland and Labrador are old buildings with histories shrouded in a veil of mystery and intrigue. With their peeling paint and weathered clapboard, these are the province's historic homes and dwelling places haunted by spectral whispers and eerie apparitions. With stories passed down through generations, locals and visitors alike are drawn to these enigmatic places, seeking to unravel their secrets and uncover the truth behind the unexplained phenomena that lurk within. Folklorist and storyteller Dale Jarvis is your guide to these haunting tales which have echoed down through the centuries. If you dare, explore a haunted cabbage patch in Port aux Basques, navigate the dangers of a skull's curse in downtown St. John's, and take a ride with a phantom coach driver in Harbour Grace. In this new collection of stories, Jarvis investigates haunted gates, flying candles, forgotten treasures, and more, providing a rare peek inside some of Newfoundland and Labrador's most haunted properties. These possessed premises include private dwellings ranging from settlers' tilts to elaborated merchant homes, lightkeepers' houses, a haunted hotel, an abandoned mine, and even a modern library bedevilled by persistent urban legends. If you have always been curious about what strange secrets lurk behind closed doors, this is the book you've been waiting for.



Canada's Prime Ministers and the Shaping of a National Identity

Raymond B. Blake

University of British Columbia Press, 2024

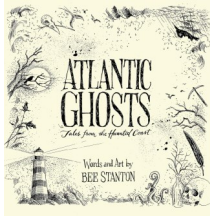
Since Confederation, Canadian prime ministers have consciously constructed the national story. Each created shared narratives, formulating and reformulating a series of unifying national ideas that served to keep this geographically large, ethnically diverse, and regionalized nation together. This book is about those narratives and stories.

Focusing on the post-Second World War period, Raymond B. Blake shows how, regardless of political stripe, prime ministers worked to build national unity, forged a citizenship based on inclusion, and defined a place for Canada in the world. They created for citizens an ideal image of what the nation stood for and the path it should follow. They told a national story of Canada as a modern, progressive, liberal state with a strong commitment to inclusion, a deep respect for diversity and difference, and a fundamental belief in universal rights and freedoms. Ultimately, this innovative history provides readers with a new way to see and understand what Canada is, and what holds us together as a nation.

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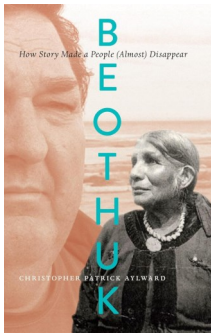
Atlantic Ghosts: tales from the haunted coast

Bee Stanton

Nimbus Publishing, October 2024

Who is the lady in blue who haunts Peggy's Cove? Why is there a strip of land called Ghost Alley in New Brunswick? Who is the ghost with a reserved seat in a PEI theatre? Why is Bell Island, Newfoundland, one of North America's most haunted places?

These questions and more are pondered in **Atlantic Ghosts**. This captivating collection of twenty-four pen-and-ink drawings from Nova Scotia artist Bee Stanton accompanies short tales of hauntings, strange sightings, forerunners, and other supernatural folklore from Atlantic Canada. From ghost dogs and werewolves to haunted lighthouses, inns, and ghost ships, **Atlantic Ghosts** is both a chilling introduction to the haunted coast as well as a gorgeous keepsake for anyone who loves the North Atlantic region.



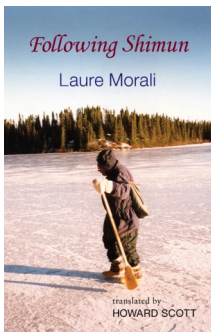
Beothuk: how story made a people (almost) disappear

Christopher Patrick Aylward

McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024

The well-known story of the Beothuk is that they were an isolated people who, through conflict with Newfoundland settlers and Mi'kmaq, were made extinct in 1829. Narratives about the disappearance of the Beothuk and the reasons for their supposed extinction soon became entrenched in historical accounts and the popular imagination.

Beothuk explores how the history of a people has been misrepresented by the stories of outsiders writing to serve their own interests – from Viking sagas to the accounts of European explorers to the work of early twentieth-century anthropologists. Drawing on narrative theory and the philosophy of history, Christopher Aylward lays bare the limitations of the accepted Beothuk story, which perpetuated but could never prove the notion of Beothuk extinction. Only with the integration of Indigenous perspectives, beginning in the 1920s, was this accepted story seriously questioned. With the accumulation of new sources and methods – archaeological evidence, previously unexplored British and French accounts, Mi'kmaq oral history, and the testimonies of Labrador Innu and Beothuk descendants – a new historical reality has emerged. Rigorous and compelling, **Beothuk** demonstrates the enduring power of stories to shape our understanding of the past and the impossibility of writing Indigenous history without Indigenous storytellers.



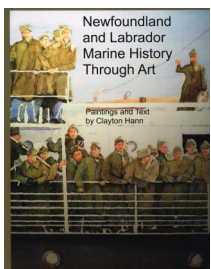
Following Shimun

Laure Morali; translated from French by **Howard Scott**

Mawenzi House, 2024

A young woman arrives in Quebec from France and one day embarks on a journey along the north shore of the St Lawrence River. Beyond Tadoussac, well into Innu territory, she stops at Ekuanitshit. Here she meets two sisters, Penassin and Nuenau, and their father, Shimun, who invite her and make her one of their family. She learns of Innu folklore, their way of life, their joys, and their attachment to the north. She joins Shimun and others into the heart of the Quebec-Labrador Peninsula. "We walk, we paddle, we admire the lake, the mountains, we hunt, we cut our wood, we don't stop for a moment," says Nuenau. "You have to come with us to understand."

Following Shimun paints a stirring picture of the Innu people, for whom the call of the land exerts a magnetic pull and the spirit of hospitality still dictates how they treat unexpected guests.



Newfoundland and Labrador Marine History Through Art

Clayton Hann

Self-published, 2024

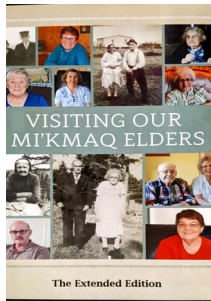
"I enjoy reading NL history and painting it. I agree with the adage that a picture is worth a thousand words, but my paintings do require some explanation...."

A tourist from the United States saw some of my paintings and commented that it is an interesting way to learn about a place, through Art, and this is exactly what I want to accomplish with this book. It scratches the surface of our rich seafaring history."

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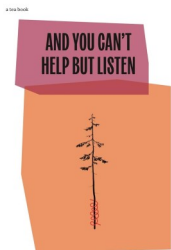


Visiting our Mi'kmaq Elders

Jasen Benwah; Stephanie Benoit; Charlene Benoit; Michael Fenwick

Benoit First Nation, 2021

A collection of elder interviews highlighting historical accounts of life growing up in rural Newfoundland and how they survived by living off of the land.



Jamie Jackman

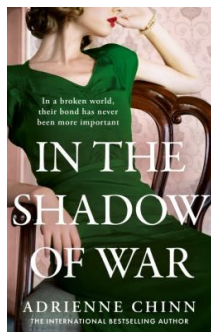
And You Can't Help But Listen

Jamie Jackman

Brack and Brine, 2024

And You Can't Help But Listen is a collection of poetry and song lyrics by Jamie Jackman. Jamie is best known as the main songwriter and vocalist for the award-winning Silver Wolf Band, who are rapidly becoming icons of contemporary Labrador culture.

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In the Shadow of War

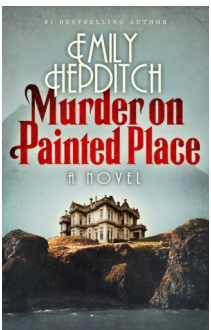
Adrienne Chinn

Harper Collins, 2024

One war may be over, but their fight for survival continues...

For sisters Etta, Jessie and Celie Fry, the Great War and the hardships of the years that followed have taken a heavy toll. Determined to leave her painful past behind her, Etta heads to the bright lights of Hollywood whilst Jessie, determined to train as a doctor and use her skills to help others, is hampered by the men who dominate her profession. On the vast, empty plains of the Canadian prairies, Celie and her small family stand on the brink of losing everything. As whispers of a new war make their way to each sister, each must face the possibility of the unthinkable happening again..

Book 3 of the **Three Fry Sisters** series.



Murder on Painted Place

Emily Hepditch

Flanker Press, October 2024

Upon the death of the legendary (but reclusive) portrait artist Arthur Cherrywood, six strangers receive an invitation to his remote island mansion known as Painted Place. There, his estate—including his priceless private art collection—will be bequeathed to the guests, who for the first time in history will be allowed to explore the secretive home and studio where the painter created so many of his iconic works.

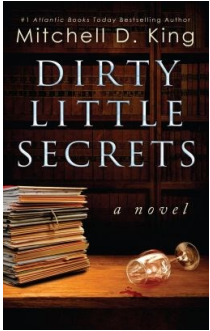
But once the guests have arrived on Painted Place, a storm hits, stranding the group from shore. When morning finally breaks, someone is dead, and all signs point to murder. Together, the strangers find themselves trapped in a secluded mansion with a body, a missing will, and worst of all, a killer.

Set on a remote island off the coast of Newfoundland, **Murder on Painted Place** is a modern twist on the classic noir whodunit—begging the age-old question: which one of us is the killer?

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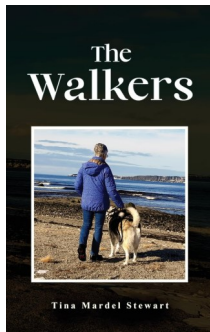
Dirty Little Secrets

Mitchell D. King

Flanker Press, 2024

David Hillier is a named partner with the St. John's-based law firm Matthews Hillier Bursey. He has a loving wife, Olivia, and a son, Harry. On the surface, David lives a picturesque life. But David has secrets. And so does Olivia.

When someone from David's past emerges, their lives are thrown into a downward spiral, threatening to expose everything. As their lives are shaken, both David and Olivia realize that no secret can stay hidden forever.



The Walkers

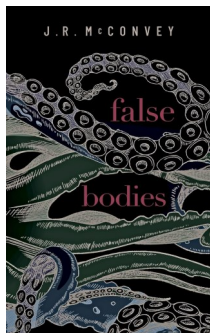
Tina Mardel Stewart

Oxford Book Writers, 2024

A glimpse into the lives of four people and a rescued Labrador Husky who live on an island surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. Their seaside communities are connected by an old railway bed that has become a walking trail. Two people observe life through their windows and two walk the shoreline trail, one with her dog.

Margaret is enjoying retirement in her home surrounded by relatives on family land. From her front window, she keeps an eye on the comings and goings of her community. After several changes in his life, Ben enjoys solitude, whether in his remodelled cabin far from neighbours or walking along the shoreline for hours every day. Carrie is set in her ways and, not always tolerant of the world around her, she keeps busy with well-established habits and routines. For twenty years, Sara has wanted a dog. Now forced to live on her own, she adopts a rescued Labrador Husky for company in her home and during nature walks on the nearby trail.

Margaret, Ben, Carrie and Sara have never been introduced to each other until they contribute to and then attend an event on Canada Day.



False Bodies

J.R. McConvey

Breakwater Books, October 2024

False Bodies follows monster hunter Eddie "The Yeti" Gesner to Newfoundland, to investigate a mass death on an offshore oil rig—which some say is the work of a kraken. A mysterious incident in Eddie's life has made him obsessed with chasing unfathomable things, but when an antique diary plunges him into a watery world of squid cults, tentacled beasts and corporate greed, Eddie finds even his own fractured reality pushed to the brink, as he's forced to confront an undersea power beyond human imagining.



Cryptids from the Rock

edited by Ellen Curtis and Erin Vance

Engen Books, 2024

There are creatures in the dark we cannot explain. The fog rolls in and the light plays tricks, and all logic leaves us in the moment. Every culture has them, and they all exist on an island off the east coast of Canada.

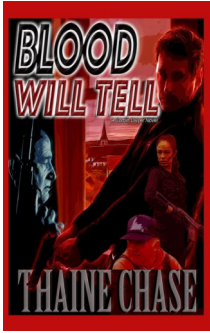
From the editors of the *From the Rock* anthologies comes a new selection of twenty stories, carefully curated from some of Newfoundland and Labrador's favourite authors. Between these pages, revisit old legends and fresh new additions to the world of cryptids.

Including the work of Ali House (The Hunters and the Hunted), Ainsley Hawthorn (Land of Many Shores), Dwain Campbell (Strange Duty), Matthew LeDrew (As Loved Our Fathers) and more!

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Blood Will Tell

Thaine Chase

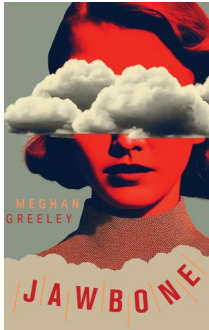
Independently Published, 2024

Having finally found his mother's mysterious birthplace, the small town of Brewer's Bight on Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula, Corbin Dwyer reluctantly allows himself to embrace the possibility of a fresh start -- a life free from guns, fists, blood, or battle. But former Foreign Legion Sergeant Jameson Matisse, Dwyer's teacher, mentor, commander, and friend has a different plan. The highly decorated Matisse has retired from his service to France and now travels the world as a high-priced assassin -- a contract killer with a perfect success ratio... and he's just been hired to kill Corbin... a job he has anxiously accepted.

Unknown to Dwyer, Matisse has become convinced his greatest pupil has turned into a psychotic monster -- and with the sergeant seeing himself as responsible for making Corbin an elite killer, it seems only right he'd be the one to take him out.

Basically, Dwyer is a dead man -- and once Matisse tracks him down, not only will the former legionnaire be targeted, but so will his recently discovered family in Brewer's Bight. Of course Corbin can efficiently take care of himself, but how will he protect those he cares about when his enemy is the one who'd taught him everything he knows.

Jameson Matisse never fails on a contract, and Corbin Dwyer never loses a battle -- it's the unbeatable vs. the undefeated with Brewer's Bight in the middle.

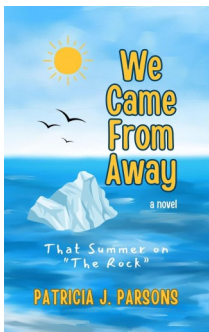


Jawbone

Meghan Greeley

Radiant Publishing, 2023

A young woman has one minute to speak on a submission video to win a one-way trip to Mars, a location she views as the ultimate escape. As she barricades herself in a cottage by the sea and prepares to record, she examines her fixation on the colour red, shame, guilt, a dramatic breakup with her boyfriend, and the breakdown of her relationship with her best friend. There is another problem however: her jaw has been wired shut for a long time, and she's having trouble speaking. A passionate story about queer love and loneliness and a dazzling debut from author Meghan Greeley.



We Came From Away: that summer on "The Rock"

Patricia J. Parsons

Moonlight Press, 2024

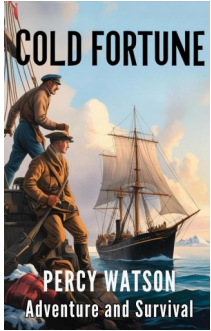
On the island of Newfoundland at the edge of North America, if you're not an islander, you're a "come-from-away." And if you were born here and left never to return, according to Nora Houlihan, who is about to turn one hundred, you're the worst kind of CFA. In celebration of her centenary, Nora has decreed that all her immediate family members—most of whom have deserted her and left her beloved Newfoundland—return to the island for her big day. But before they attend the party, she's arranged for them to have a cross-island road trip in the hopes they will see what they're missing and mend their wayward ways. Her granddaughters Erica Flanagan and Eliza Cohen, feuding cousins, are both perplexed by the dictum but reluctantly agree to join their parents, Nora's two children, and the rest of the cousins on the trip. Erica, a journalist who hails from Toronto and Eliza, a hardened New York cookbook author who left not only the country but converted from Catholicism to Judaism, are both less than impressed by the thoughts of hiking in Gros Morne, staying at roadside motels and eating codfish.

With the mysterious Gordie O'Brien as their tour guide, the Houlihan clan grudgingly embarks on the adventure of a lifetime, prying open their minds and, most of all, their hearts to breathtaking landscapes, friendly people and mouth-watering food. By the time they arrive in the city of St. John's, they are ready to celebrate the one hundred years of the obstinate, tactless, enduringly obnoxious Nora. Or are they? Before she lets them celebrate, Nora insists on a family meeting. Before she dies, Nora is intent on rattling a few family skeletons. By the time they emerge, the Houlihans will realize that they might have thought they knew their own family, but really, does anyone truly know their family?

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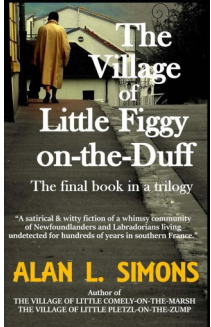
Cold Fortune

Percy Watson

Independently Published, 2024

In the early 20th century, Cabot Grant, a young man born into privilege in New England, finds himself at a pivotal crossroads. Despite graduating from a prestigious Technical Institute, Cabot wrestles with feelings of unfulfilled potential and societal expectations. Unlike his peers who secure distinguished positions, Cabot's path remains uncertain. The unexpected intervention of Thorpe Walling, a wealthy classmate, offers Cabot a chance to escape into the world. However, this opportunity is complicated by his sense of duty to his guardian, President Hepburn, in New York. Facing a difficult decision, Cabot chooses the road less traveled, accepting a challenging exploration project in the remote regions of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Cabot embarks on a solitary journey into the harsh, untamed landscapes of Labrador and Newfoundland. The young graduate's resolve is tested by natural perils, including surviving a shipwreck near Newfoundland, and enduring the frigid brutality of Labrador's wilderness. Through meticulous effort and sheer determination, Cabot uncovers invaluable data on the Bell Island mine, proving its extraordinary potential. Months of hardship, personal trauma, and relentless perseverance culminate in Cabot's return to New York. His transformation is complete as he presents his successful findings to President Hepburn. Rewarded with a managerial position in a new mining venture and financial independence, Cabot emerges from his trials with newfound confidence and competence. **Cold Fortune** is a profound and gripping coming-of-age narrative that explores themes of self-discovery, resilience, and the powerful impact of seizing and creating one's own opportunities. Cabot Grant's story is a testament to the strength of the human spirit in overcoming adversity and the journey toward personal and professional growth. Immerse yourself in a tale that captures the essence of early 20th-century adventures and the relentless pursuit of success against the odds. Let **Cold Fortune** inspire your own journey of discovery and triumph.



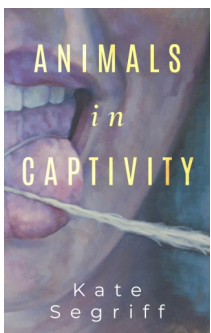
The Village of Little Figgy-on-the-Duff

Alan L. Simons

Baronet Books, 2024

This hilarious and satirical story is about what happens to a distinct, proud, homogeneous community of 1,949 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, whose ancestors originally fled their homeland because of a fear the Vikings would make them wear traditional Norse clothing and take over the dry salt cod industry. Now living for hundreds of years in a small village, somewhere in southern France, exclusively in their own world, without a care or a familiarity with their surroundings, they encounter, by chance, a 90-year-old stranger ...

Book 3 of The Village Trilogy.



Animals in Captivity

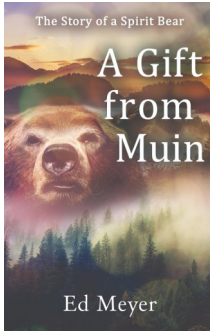
Kate Segriff

Riddle Fence Publishing, 2024

In her unyielding debut story collection, Kate Segriff's characters are fierce, unapologetic, and not afraid to plunge headfirst into chaos. **Animals in Captivity** takes us from the 1930's to the present day, from Fogo Island, NL, to Lethbridge, Alberta, from speakeasies to heavy metal concerts on Hudson's Bay, where we meet neurodiverse miners, opiate-dependent, train-riding teens, and a tree-murdering grandma. With matter-of-fact prose and dark humour, Segriff guides us through desperate times and unusual circumstances toward hope in an imperfect world. For fans of *We Want What We Want* by Alix Ohlin, David Huebert's *Chemical Valley*, and Cary Fagan's *Great Adventures for the Faint of Heart*, **Animals in Captivity** features a motley cast, each ready to snatch their due from the clenched hand of the universe.

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A Gift from Muin: story of a Spirit Bear

Ed Meyer

Independently Published, 2024

A Gift from Muin is the story of a "spirit bear" in Newfoundland. The story occurs over a period of over 1000 years. Muin is tied to the native Mi'kmaq people who he serves throughout the story in many ways. In addition to these native people, readers will meet a French-Canadian fur trader, a pirate king and queen, 20th century rum runners and the great western romance writer, Zane Grey. These characters and more are woven into a tale of buried treasure, adventure and treachery.

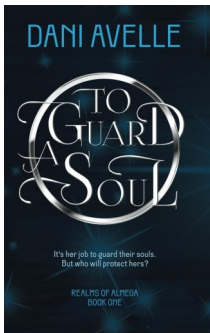


First Contact: Mi'kma'ki

Jasen Benwah and Kelsey Power

Independently Published, 2022

First Contact blends science fiction with Mi'kmaq culture, bringing the two together in an exciting story of time travel and first contact with European Explorers in an imaginative tale where timelines clash. Jaden uses the university experimental time travelling experiment to travel back to his ancestral home to protect the Mi'kmaq indigenous population from the European explorers.

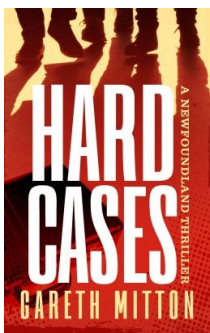


To Guard a Soul

Dani Avelle

Self-published, 2024

Lucie has waited more than a century to begin her job as a Guardian angel. She's ready to enter the human realm and protect human souls from expiring before their assigned date of death, and she won't let anything—or anyone—distract her from her work. But plans can go awry for even the most well-prepared angels. For one, she couldn't have expected the infallible Guardianship system to fracture on her very first Assignment. Her plan also didn't include having to work closely with her best friend's older brother, a fellow Guardian she's been harbouring a secret crush on for decades. With the existence of every soul under threat, Lucie must navigate an uncertain future in pursuit of saving the realms—all while her own heart hangs in the balance.



Hard Cases: a Newfoundland Thriller

Gareth Mitton

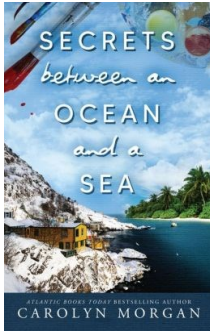
Flanker Press, October 2024

If you found a briefcase sitting on a city bus, would you take it?
If you found \$50,000 cash inside, would you keep it?
If you could make a million for doing something truly terrible, would you do it?

Hard Cases is a fast-paced thriller set on the streets of St. John's and escalating to a hair-raising conclusion amid the ancient fjords of Newfoundland's west coast. A twenty-something Englishman new to the Rock, Greg, soon falls in with "The Gulls"—a gang of characters as colourful as the capital city's famous jelly bean row houses. After finding a briefcase full of cash on a city bus, he and his misfit friends are pulled into a series of increasingly risky dares perpetrated by a mysterious, riddling benefactor. Finding a twist at every turn, the Gulls embark on a journey that tests their friendships, their loyalties, and the limits of their morality, all leading to the million-dollar question: Where would you draw the line?

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Secrets Between an Ocean and a Sea

Carolyn Morgan

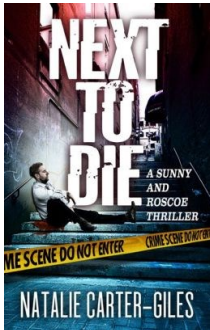
Flanker Press, 2024

Two islands, two families, and one painting that each family claims to own.

Renata Jones is the owner of the Bond Art Gallery in Kingston, Jamaica. The gallery is very successful, but Renata's personal life is a mess. Her father disappeared the year Renata was born, and now, fifty-four years later, his murdered remains have been found. The discovery has left Renata struggling to re-evaluate her life.

Artist Isabel Davis-Jensen is travelling to Jamaica for her niece's wedding. Like Renata, her life is in pieces. She has been struggling since the death of her beloved husband to find purpose in her life. She is hoping to create a niche for herself in the art world. This trip to Jamaica will be a welcome distraction from the stresses of the last few years. Isabel's uncle once lived in Jamaica, and his stories about the island filled her childhood. She can't wait to explore the island after the wedding.

When Isabel visits the Bond Art Gallery, she sees a painting that mystifies her. She is certain it is the same painting that once hung in her uncle's home in Newfoundland. When she inquires about the painting, Renata and Isabel's worlds collide and secrets unfold.



Next to Die

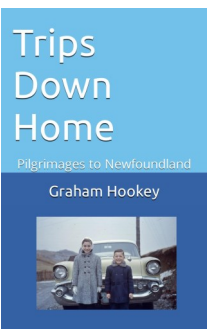
Natalie Carter-Giles

Flanker Press, 2024

The Disciple is on a mission to rid the city of sinners. With a twisted view of the Bible, he finds unique ways to kill those he believes deserve to die, then puts their bodies on display for all the world to see. He claims he's teaching the city a lesson. It turns out he's done this before. But this time, there's a major difference—the Disciple has now discovered how much he enjoys executing his mission. The thrill of the hunt, elaborate methods of murder, and a city on edge are the ingredients of the Disciple's perfect cocktail. Intoxicated by the pursuit, and armed with a long list of names and a twisted desire to please God, he is just getting started.

Travis Parker, a.k.a. Parker Travis, is the lead hand in the produce department at the local grocery store. However, he fancies himself a journalist. When he stumbles across a grisly scene in a dark downtown alley in the city of St. John's, Travis alerts the police, but not before taking his own pictures and slipping away before the police arrive—and taking with him a note that the killer left in the victim's pocket. Travis has big plans, but his amateur sleuthing lands him in trouble with the police, and unbeknownst to Travis, he catches the eye of a very dangerous man with a plan of his own.

Corporal Sunny Bronson and her partner, Sergeant Roscoe Pratt, are members of the RCMP's Major Crimes Unit in the city of St. John's. They've just been handed the most difficult case of their career. The body count is rising, and the mountain of evidence is growing, yet they can't seem to connect the dots. If that wasn't enough, someone named Parker Travis is one step ahead of them, and he's flaunting their case on the front pages of the city's newspaper. With a case that spans three countries and two continents, the pair scramble to bring a killer to justice. The Disciple's list is growing, and time is running out for the next to die.



Trips Down Home: pilgrimages to Newfoundland

Graham Hookey

Independently Published, 2024

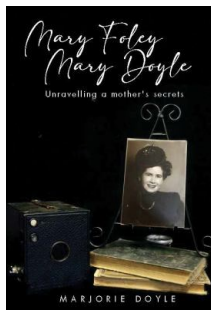
Mattie Miller, the son of Newfoundlanders, begins his first journey from Ontario to "down home", for the funeral of his Grandfather, in 1957. It will be followed by many more such journeys throughout his life as he learns much about himself, his family and the place of his ancestors. This is a story of the undeniable link between place and family and the spiritual attraction that continuously draws them together. It follows the parallel paths of the coming-of-age of Mattie and the coming-of-age of the newly-minted province of Newfoundland. Heartbreakingly tragic at times, and heartwarmingly joyful at other times, it is a fictional story that anyone who seeks to understand their roots, in any place their family calls home, can relate to.

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

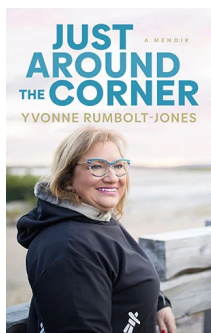
Marjorie Doyle

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. Mary remains at centre stage of the story, as Marjorie—challenger, admirer, detective, herself part of the narrative—tries to record a life and penetrate the shield of a proud and secretive woman.



Just Around the Corner

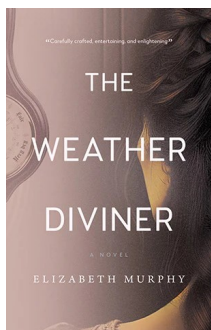
Yvonne Rumbolt-Jones

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.



The Weather Diviner

Elizabeth Murphy

Breakwater Books, 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 outport 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.

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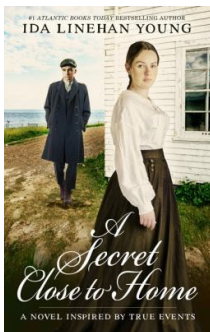
We Will Meet Again

Helen C. Escott

Also available as an ebook.

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.



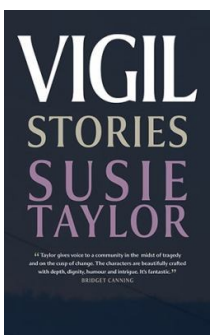
A Secret Close to Home

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 menfolk 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 women 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?



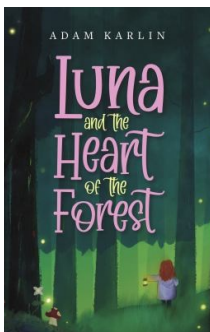
Vigil: stories

Susie Taylor

Also available as an ebook.

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.



Luna and the Heart of the Forest

Adam Karlin

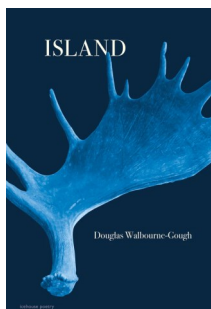
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Breakwater Books, 2024

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.

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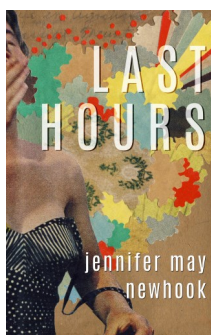


Island

Douglas Walbourne-Gough

Goose Lane Editions, 2024

Centred around the Newfoundland Mi'kmaq experience in the wake of the controversial Qalipu First Nation enrolment process, **Island** wades through the fracture and mistrust that continues to linger in many communities. In this new collection, Douglas Walbourne-Gough expands upon issues of identity and history that he introduced in **Crow Gulch**, offering a deeply personal and equally beautiful exploration of Mi'kmaq and Newfoundland identity.



Last Hours

Jennifer May Newhook

Riddle Fence Publishing, 2024

Last Hours is a propulsive collection of poems that stalks a rocky landscape of racing shadow and volatile sunlight. Equal parts unsettling and celebratory, these poems poise the reader on the unstable hinge that separates joy from sorrow and the mundane from the ethereal. Mining mythos and memory, séance and science, motherhood and mortality, the unforgettable cast of characters that populate these poems are vividly rendered and tempered with wry humour. From the frustrated musings of Selene, Goddess of the Moon, the formulas of Fibonacci, and that mesmerizing Queen of the Grade Five classroom, Wanda Whalen, to the enigmatic Umma Mumma Man, eternally roaming 1980s Rabbittown with his dented shoeshine box, these poems dive deep into our unavoidable past even as they surface, striving for an unknowable future. Battered by the powerful currents of the North Atlantic but grounded firmly in the coastal landscape of the island of Newfoundland, Jennifer May Newhook's diverse debut pulls the reader out on a powerful riptide of imagining, anchored by pure sonic force.

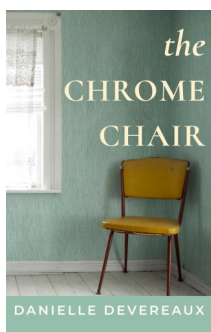


Happy Anniversary

Vanessa Cardoso Whelan

Playwrights Canada Press, 2024

It's Carlos and Marta's twelfth wedding anniversary, yet while Marta yearns to tango, Carlos insists on the comfort of routine. As their story unfolds through a mosaic of memories, we see what began as a blissful courtship quickly descend into a pas de deux of possession, control, and resentment orchestrated by Carlos. But like a dancer ensnared in an unyielding abrazo, Marta must battle with herself to finally break free. A story about many women told by many voices, **Happy Anniversary** is an unflinching portrayal of the insidious violence that can infiltrate relationships disguised as love. It sheds light on the silent battles waged at home, giving voice to the countless women who endure the painful dance of domestic abuse.



The Chrome Chair

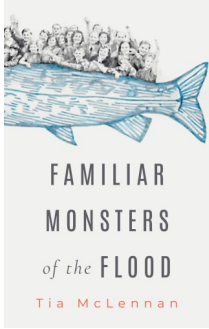
Danielle Devereaux

Riddle Fence Publishing, 2024

Rooted on the island of Newfoundland, cut through with humour and anxiety, the poems in this debut collection are serious, both irreverent and reverent by turns, feminist, sexy and sometimes a little bit wacky. The chrome kitchen chair, as an object, is a poor second cousin to the stately wooden dining chair – it is vintage, but not antique. And yet, there is something appealing about its shiny silver legs, the brightly coloured floral or starburst patterns on its padded back and seat. If, when promised a seat at the table of nations, Newfoundland was handed a chrome chair, so too was a chrome chair kicked in the direction of women promised equality. Divided into two sections, these poems are about fear and feminists and Barbie and hearts that won't behave. And they are about Rachel Carson, what her life might have looked like without the confines of white female respectability, and what she might think of us now.

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Familiar Monsters of the Flood

Tia McLennan

Riddle Fence Publishing, 2024

The poems in **Familiar Monsters of the Flood** speak to each other through an invisible connective tissue that weaves together dream space, loss, childhood memory, motherhood, the domestic-gothic, medical-speak, and life's inevitable bureaucracies. These poems share an uneasiness and a foreboding. In these pages it becomes impossible to distinguish between the grief in losing a father, in losing multiple pregnancies, and in losing the planet as we know it to our own destruction. Throughout the deluge of loss, Tia McLennan's stunning debut collection of poetry is grounded in wonder, the surreal, and the hope gleaned from those peculiar moments that can stop us in our tracks and, for a moment, make us fully present.

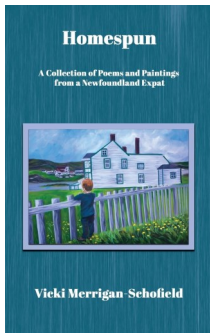


Life and Death: Monroe 2023

Peter Ralph Harley

Wheatmark, 2024

In **Life and Death: Monroe 2023**, Peter Harley continues his tradition of publishing his poetry every ten years. Monroe is an alter ego that has allowed him to write about certain ideas and experiences in the third person. In this volume, as in previous ones, there are poems of a political nature, such as "Torture" and "Animal Skins at the Singularity". While there is a measure of levity in many of these, there are also poems of grief like "Days Now", since the poet's wife, Carolyn, died in 2022.



Homespun: a collection of poems and paintings from a Newfoundland expat

Also available as an ebook.

Vicki Merrigan-Schofield

Storylines Press, 2024

Homespun: A Collection of Poems and Paintings from a Newfoundland Expat is a collection of writing, art, processing, and healing from the earliest part of my life in a beautiful province. I hope it inspires you on your journey, brings you peace and joy and reaffirms your belief that Newfoundlanders are often resilient, kind and full of hope, not only after hard times but during them. It's these hard times that make Newfoundlanders and Labradorians salt of the earth.



Interrobang

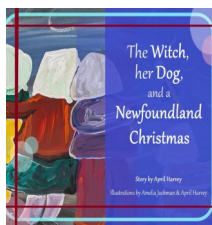
Mary Dalton

Véhicule Press, 2024

The spirit of the interrobang, a punctuation mark merging the questioning and the exclamatory, informs Mary Dalton's compelling investigations of home and identity in this, her sixth poetry collection-in extraordinary poems of aging; of despised plants once revered; of rites and sites of community abandoned. The "flared mouth" of Dalton's acclaimed musicality gives voice to lost souls and a lost sense of the earth. The collection's unique mix of bleakness and beauty is also reflected in various riddle and riddle-like series with their ambiguity, open-endedness, playfulness, and unexpected linguistic shifts. Interrobang movingly fuses notions of exploration -of glancing at things slant-with an emotional range that feels new and visionary. This is a steely, brilliant book from a major Canadian poet.

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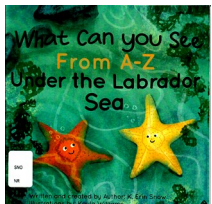
The Witch, Her Dog, and a Newfoundland Christmas

April Harvey

Self-published, 2024

Lance Larry loves his Newfoundland Witch Millicent Hartery soooo much! And he absolutely loves sharing the light of the holidays with his family. Join Millie and her silly German Shepherd Lance Larry as they journey through a magical Christmas season in Newfoundland!

Illustrated by **Amelia Jackman** and **April Harvey**.



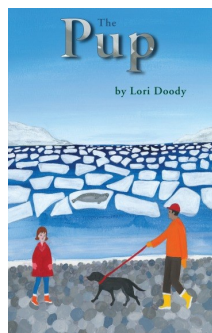
What Can You See From A-Z Under the Labrador Sea

K. Erin Snow

Self-published, 2024

The wonders underneath Labrador's sea, its creatures and beautiful nature, reflects the Southern Labrador Indigenous culture and heritage with impressive imagery and Inuktitut translations. Erin's first educational children's book comes to life throughout her book. Inspired by her son and her own life experiences as an Indigenous woman who has strong connections to Southern Labrador, traditional ways of life including the Labrador fishery.

Illustrated by **Kayla Williams**.

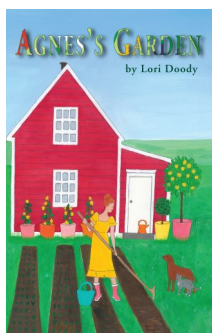


The Pup

Lori Doody

Running the Goat, 2024

Spring seems like the perfect time for something new, so Jenny decides to adopt a pet. When she comes upon a stray pup, she happily takes her home. But this pup knows a trick or two, and has some very unexpected friends. Acclaimed picture book maker Lori Doody is back with a charming and quirky story about finding the perfect pet and making it welcome.

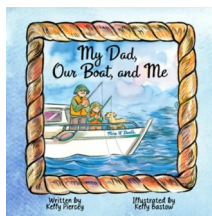


Agnes's Garden

Lori Doody

Running the Goat, 2024

Agnes's neighbours think her penchant for vegetable gardening a bit odd. Why, she never seems to sit down to a fish pie or a bit of roast beef. But when the dread pirate Captain Brisket arrives on her ship the Carnivore and begins causing mayhem, it is Agnes who saves her garden and the day. A quirky and slant celebration of vegetables!



My Dad, Our Boat, and Me

Kelly Piercey

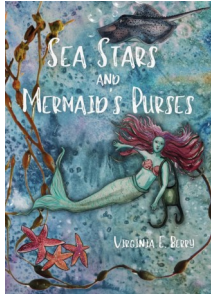
Engen Books, 2024

Exploring the waters of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, a little girl and her father discover the wonders of the ocean. What memories will they make on the deck of their boat?

Illustrated by **Kelly Bastow**.

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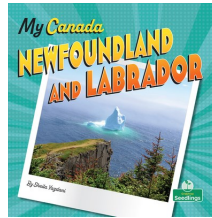


Sea Stars and Mermaid's Purses

Virginia E. Berry

Berry Publishing House, 2024

Come along on a treasure hunt with Miri and her mom Annie along the rocky coast of the North Atlantic Ocean, off Newfoundland. They'll look for mermaid's purses, pirates treasure, and learn some interesting marine biology along the way. Can sea stars have only two arms? Are mermaid's purses filled with treasure? Dip your toes in the icy water to find out if they find any treasure? Or go home empty handed? A sprinkle of learning mixed with an adventure, read many times and you get The Armchair Adventure Club Collection.



My Canada: Newfoundland and Labrador

Sheila Yazdani

Crabtree Seedlings, 2024

Welcome to Newfoundland and Labrador! Come with me, Izzy, as I show you around the province where I live. Learn about the provincial flag, bird, and flower. Find out my favorite activities too Also includes a page for caregivers and teachers that suggests guiding questions to help aid in reading comprehension. Downloadable Teacher Notes available.

Illustrated by **Bobbie Houser**.



Tig

Heather Smith

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

Penguin Random House Young Readers, 2024

After months of living without electricity or parents, Tig and Peter are forced to move in with their Uncle Scott and his partner, Manny. The transition from down-and-out to picture-perfect isn't easy, especially in pristine Wensleydale with the idyllic couple and their beautiful home. Tig, with Peter's support, decides to make their new life messy, starting with daily arguments and her plans to become a competitive cheese racer. She'll run circles around her new guardians, outrun a wheel of cheese, and leave the past buried in her dust. But things don't always go as planned, and Tig must decide what to truly leave behind in order to move forward.

Blacky the Border Collie
(Trouble in Toy Land)



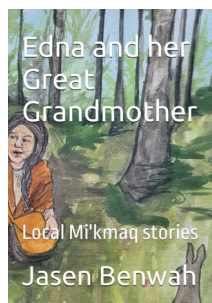
by Tom Moore

Blacky the Border Collie (Trouble in Toy Land)

Tom Moore

Independently Published, 2024

Blacky is a little dog with many toys. Her toys have different personalities and issues. She learns important lessons about friendship, understanding, and forgiveness.



Edna and her Great Grandmother: local Mi'kmaq stories

Jasen Benwah

Benoit First Nation, 2024

Young Edna is so happy to get a visit from her Great Grandmother Desiree, a very well-respected elder of the community, a midwife and medicine woman.

Illustrated by **Kassandra Simon**.

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