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## New Arrivals

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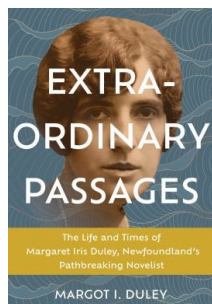


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# NON-FICTION



## Extraordinary Passages: the life and times of Margaret Iris Duley, Newfoundland's pathbreaking novelist

Margot I. Duley

Memorial University Press, 2024

Through the voices of vivid characters, witty and moving dialogue, and poetically drawn landscapes and seascapes, Margaret Duley created a Newfoundland stage upon which she explored existential and universal questions. Duley won international recognition with four novels, and though lauded by leading critics abroad, her appreciation at home was comparatively muted. In her native St. John's, Duley's strong female protagonists prompted speculation and gossip about her own life as a single, questioning woman. Skillfully interwoven with historical events, including the devastating impact of the first World War, the women's suffrage movement, the Depression, the loss of Newfoundland's self-government, and Confederation with Canada, **Extraordinary Passages** explores the influence of these critical times on Duley's life and writing. Within these pages, Margaret Duley is freed from flattened descriptions of her as a wealthy jeweller's daughter, unearthing the origins of her lifelong search for a fairer society and her deep appreciation for her island home. Disillusioned with Christian institutions that had justified war and entrapped women, she sought new answers at home and abroad in her search for spirituality, feminism, and anti-militarism. Margot I. Duley is an historian and Margaret's niece. Reflecting on personal knowledge, novels, letters, and a wide array of other sources, Margot I. Duley draws a lively portrait of the brilliant, complex and indomitable woman regarded as a precursor to modern feminist writers.

## Searching for the Origins of the Portuguese Waltzes

Richard Simas

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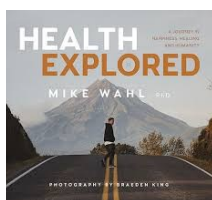
Peter Lang Publishing, 2024

**Searching for the Origins of the Portuguese Waltzes** is a collection of narratives depicting a six-year quest to discover the roots of a piece of traditional music played in St. John's, Newfoundland: the Portuguese Waltzes. Through interviews, research, and observations, author Richard Simas explores the relationship between Portuguese bacalhoeiros (cod fishermen) and the population of St. John's during the recent cod-fishing era (approximately 1950 to 1980). Memory, and its varying interpretation among different communities, is a major underlying theme. Above all, though, this is a book about music, shared, invented, and improvised, underscoring the power of melody to capture and conserve emotional memory across the Atlantic.

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## Health Explored: a journey in happiness, healing and humanity

Mike Wahl

Breakwater Books, 2025

Follow author Dr. Mike Wahl as he mines not only his history of extensive travel and research, but his discovery and trial of health wisdom and insights from around the world. Illustrated with stunning photography by Braeden King, this approach seeks to capture the essence of each culture and landscape visited, along with how to practically integrate these global health practices for enhanced well-being here at home.

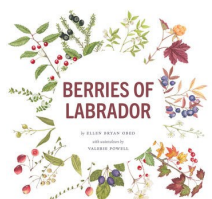
## Berries of Labrador

Ellen Bryan Obed

Memorial University Press, 2024

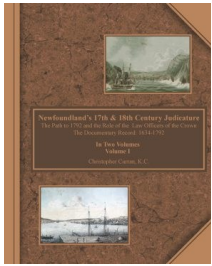
Berries grow in every part of Labrador—bogs, barrens, forests, gulches, roadsides, yards, mountains, open sand, and wet, shady streambanks. Ripening red, orange, blue, purple, black, or white. Tasting bitter, juicy, sour, sweet, dry. Like wintergreen. Like tobacco.

**Berries of Labrador** combines storytelling with science to celebrate more than forty species of berries and their various uses, from food to medicine. Beautiful watercolour illustrations by Valerie Powell and short anecdotes from community members accompany each description, highlighting the cultural, historical, and ecological significance of the berries of Labrador.



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## Newfoundland's 17th & 18th Century Judicature: the path to 1792 and the role of the law officers of the Crown (2 volumes)

edited by **Christopher P. Curran**

*Newfoundland and Labrador Law Society, 2024*

These volumes trace the development of the rule of law in Newfoundland in the 17th and 18th century from the Western Charter and its antecedents through to the emergence of a Supreme Court of appellate and original inherent jurisdiction in 1792. They explain the evolution of the legal environment in which Newfoundland's early Chief Justices worked and carried out their duties in interpreting and applying the law to the issues which litigants, high and low, brought before them. They also highlight the role played by the Law Officers of the Crown in advancing legal institutions in Newfoundland, a role previously either undervalued or overlooked.



## And Then Some: collected columns

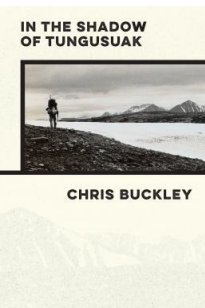
**Bob Wakeham**

*After Books, 2024*

Veteran Journalist Bob Wakeham satirizes, skewers and salutes in this retrospective work, a selection of political and cultural commentaries spanning 18 years. Selected and edited by Bob Wakeham and writer and literacy advocate Frances Ennis, the columns offer the perfect blend of a time capsule of Newfoundland and Labrador popular discourse, and a love letter to political satire.

Wakeham's sharp wit and piercing insight are leveled at everything from the early days of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric development and Don Cherry's ejection from Hockey Night in Canada, to every premier since Joey Smallwood and what Wakeham labeled the "Stunned Arses Awards". But for every punch thrown, there's a tender tribute to a lost colleague, an unflinching examination of the author's own life, or a reflective look at societal issues.

Wakeham's columns are a must-have for fans of satirical favourites like Ray Guy and Mary Walsh. This writing reminds us of the journalist's duty to keep politicians, the justice system, and influencers accountable for their words and actions.

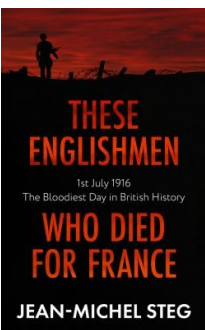


## In the Shadow of Tungusuak

**Chris Buckley**

*Brack and Brine, 2024*

Two brothers journey through the mountains, glaciers, rivers, and meadows of the land now known as Tongait KakKasuangita SilakKijapvinga, the Torngat Mountains National Park, northern Labrador. **In the Shadow of Tungusuak** is a rare, true story of travel inland from Nunatsiavut's famous coastal fjords.



## These Englishmen Who Died for France: 1st July, 1916: the bloodiest day in British history

**Also available as an ebook.**

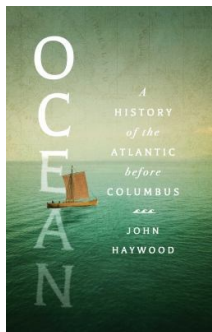
**Jean- Michel Steg**

*University of Buckingham Press, 2022*

Englishmen, Scotsmen, Irishmen, Welshmen, Canadians, South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders - many soldiers from Great Britain and the Commonwealth volunteered in 1916 to attack on the front in Picardy, a much heavier involvement than in the previous years of the First World War. On 1st July 1916, more than 20,000 of them lost their lives on the battlefield of the Somme, coming to the aid of a French army exhausted by Verdun. It is the deadliest day in British history and the recognition of this sacrifice was then - and has remained since - relatively muted in France, as this grim anniversary is celebrated across the Channel, illustrating how much national collective memories differ. Comparing French and English archives to try to understand why and how so many men died, Jean-Michel Steg gives this episode its central place in the memory of the Great War.

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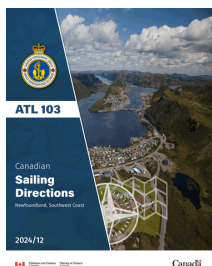
## Ocean: a history of the Atlantic before Columbus

John Haywood

Also available as an ebook.

Pegasus Books, 2024

A dazzling and ambitious history of the pre-Columbian Atlantic seas, **Ocean** is a story that begins with the formation of the mid-Atlantic ridge some 200 million years ago and ends with the Castilian conquest of the Canary Islands in the fifteenth century, providing a template for the methods used by the Spanish in their colonization of the New World. John Haywood eloquently argues that the perception of Atlantic history beginning with the first voyage of the celebrated Genoese navigator Christopher Columbus is a mistaken one, and that the seafaring and shipbuilding skills that enabled European global exploration and expansion did not arrive fully formed in the fifteenth century, but instead were learned over centuries and millennia in the Atlantic and its peripheral seas. The pre-Columbian history of the Atlantic is the story of how Europeans learned to master the oceans. This story is, therefore, key to understanding why it was Europeans, and not any of the world's other seafaring peoples, who "discovered" the world. Informed by the author's extensive travels in and around the Atlantic Ocean, crossing Newfoundland's Grand Banks, the Sea of Darkness, and the weed-covered Sargasso Sea to make landfall at locations as diverse as Vinland, Greenland, the Faeroes, and the Cape Verde Islands, and populated by a heterogeneous and multi-ethnic cast of seafarers, fishermen, monks, merchants, and dreamers, **Ocean** is an in-depth history of a neglected subject, fusing geology, geography, mythology developing maritime technologies, and the early history of exploration to narrate an enthralling and intriguing story—one which lies at the very heart of Europe's modern history and its relationship with the rest of the world.



## Canadian Sailing Directions

Canadian Hydrographic Service

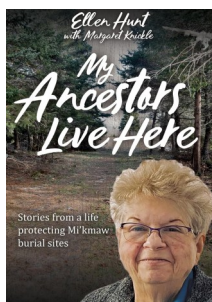
Contains navigational information and a brief description of the main port facilities as well as geographic, oceanographic and atmospheric characteristics.

[ATL 103, Newfoundland Southwest Coast, 2023/09](#)

[ATL 102, Newfoundland East and South Coasts](#)

[ATL 121, Labrador, Hamilton Inlet to Cape Chidley, \(including Button Islands and Gray Strait, 2023/04](#)

Also available online [here](#).



## My Ancestors Live Here: stories from a life protecting Mi'kmaq burial sites

Ellen Hunt with Margaret Knickle

Formac Publishing, 2024

For over twenty years, Mi'kmaq Elder Ellen Hunt has been identifying, researching and fighting to protect Mi'kmaq burial sites in Nova Scotia which have long been forgotten, neglected and destroyed. Moved by a powerful call from her ancestors, Ellen Hunt's work has taken her to burial sites ranging from Nova Scotia's South Shore to Cape Breton. This memoir chronicles her childhood growing up in a Mi'kmaq community in Newfoundland and her activist work through to the present day. Ellen also shares the many challenges she has faced – from indifferent politicians to antagonistic locals. This memoir incorporates stories about the long Mi'kmaq history of the sites Ellen has identified and the teachings of her Mi'kmaq ancestors which have shaped her life and her work.



## Aviation's Holy Grail: the first crossing of the Atlantic by air

Cliff Brown

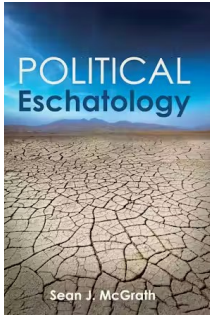
Independently Published, 2024

In 1919, seven airplanes and one airship were part of the quest to be the first to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air - the Holy Grail of aviation at that time. Their departure point - the island of Newfoundland. Within a month, in the spring of that year, three planes were forced down into the icy waters of the North Atlantic, another crashed on take-off (twice), a fifth quit the race altogether, and a blimp broke her moorings and drifted unmanned out over the Atlantic, never to be seen again. One American and one British plane succeeded in crossing. Both, but for different reasons, could claim they won the race.

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## Political Eschatology

**Sean J. McGrath**

*Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2023*

Nothing is more distressing to the modern person than the experience of an unsurpassable limit of the calculable. Nothing disturbs us more deeply than incalculable time, unpredictable time--the time of the advent of the unpredictably new. In a series of interventions into contemporary political crises, McGrath reactualizes the early Christian sense of eschatology as the experience of a time that runs out rather than moves forward. In contemporary politics, economy, ecology, and technology, much that was familiar for most of the twentieth century--the intra-generational transmission of religious values, progressive economic growth, a stable global climate, and predictable movements of peoples and nonhuman species across the planet--is ending calamitously. Endtime, however, is not only the time of endings; it is also the time of unforeseeable beginnings.

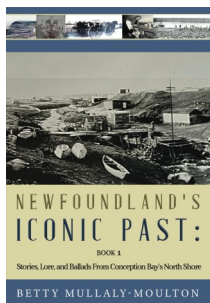


## Beyond the Tourist Trail: unique and off-the-beaten-path destinations to explore

**Katherine Butler**

*Independently Published, 2024*

Ever dreamt of finding hidden gems? Want to explore places untouched by mass tourism? Ready to embark on adventures that most travelers miss? If you answered yes, keep reading. In an era where popular tourist destinations are often overcrowded and commercialized, this book offers a refreshing perspective by focusing on off-the-beaten-path travel. It reveals the charm of lesser-known destinations across North America, Europe, and Asia, guiding you through enchanting landscapes, quaint villages, and pristine natural wonders. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or someone looking to add a unique twist to your journeys, this guide will inspire you to seek out the world's hidden treasures. From the enchanting landscapes of Newfoundland, Canada, to the tranquil rice terraces of Banaue, Philippines, each chapter is packed with detailed insights and practical tips. You'll learn how to find these unique travel spots, prepare for the unexpected, and embrace sustainable tourism practices. These pages are designed to ignite your wanderlust and provide you with the tools to explore beyond the conventional tourist trails. The book is not just about discovering new places; it's about experiencing the benefits of exploring lesser-known destinations. You'll uncover the appeal of hidden gems, understand the significance of sustainable travel, and find joy in the unexpected. Whether it's the rugged coastline of the Faroe Islands or the wilderness of Isle Royale, Michigan, every location promises an adventure that's both enriching and unforgettable.



## Newfoundland's Iconic Past: stories, lore, and ballads from Conception Bay's North Shore

**Betty Mullaly-Moulton**

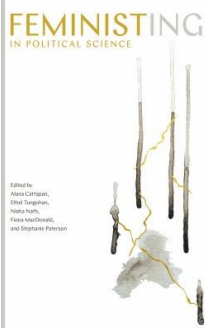
*Independently Published, 2024*

While the information contained in this book focuses on Conception Bay's North Shore and Grates Coves, Trinity Bay, it is comparable to other rural and one-time remote outport communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador during the mid-1800s to mid-1900s. As such, this book should be of interest to a wide range of individuals. It is anticipated that readers from NL will enjoy the opportunity to revisit and reminisce about local culture and traditions, whilst others will see rural NL in a way they may never have seen or read about before.

This book was inspired by the writer's experiences of growing up in Northern Bay during the 1960's and 1970's, her family's generational history of living in the North Shore communities of Northern Bay, Western Bay, and Gull Island, and the stories that were told by her parents, grandparents, and community elders. Although many traditions and celebrations are not held on the same scale they once were, there continues to be pride and regard for maintaining many of them. To that end, motivation in capturing stories, lore, and ballads from the North Shore and Grates Cove and including them in a book comes from the writer's belief in the importance of documenting, preserving, and celebrating local history, traditions, and cultural ways of living so that future generations will remember them.

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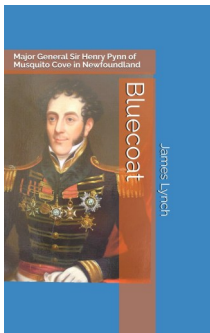


## Feministing in Political Science

edited by **Alana Cattapan, Ethel Tungohan, Nisha Nath, Fiona Macdonald** and **Stephanie Paterson**

*University of Alberta Press, 2024*

Focusing on the discipline of political science, this collection examines what is at stake in contesting the boundaries of the contemporary university. As the study of politics and political life, the mainstream of the discipline has examined power in the institutions and processes of government. But if the personal is political, political science is about much more than what happens in those institutions. This collection draws together personal essays, pedagogical interventions, dialogues, and original research to reflect on how "feministing" as an orientation and as an analytic can centre experiential knowledge and reshape our understandings of political science. Collectively, these contributions lay bare the ways that power moves in and through the academy, naming the impacts on those who are most structurally precarious, all while pointing to potential futures made possible by refusal, solidarity, and hope.

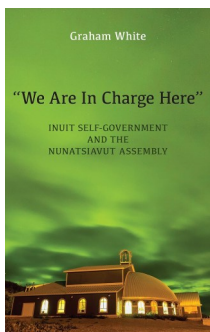


## Bluecoat: the remarkable journey of native-born Newfoundlander Major General Sir Henry Pynn from Musquito Cove in Newfoundland to defender of Portugal in the Napoleonic Wars

**James G. Lynch**

*Independently Published, 2024*

Henry Pynn had distinguished military service during the Peninsular War, demonstrating remarkable resilience and leadership in several critical engagements. Initially, he served with the 82nd Regiment of Foot, participating in the early battles at Rolicca and Vimeiro, where he contributed to British successes against the French forces. After his tenure with the 82nd Regiment, Pynn joined the reorganized Portuguese Army, aligning himself with local efforts to resist French occupation. In this capacity, he played a vital role in several crucial battles, including Busaco, where he fought to defend against French advances, and Fuentes de Oñoro, where he engaged in fierce combat to secure a strategic victory. Pynn's service continued through several vital conflicts, including the sieges and battles at Badajoz and Vitoria, which were pivotal in weakening French control in the region. He also fought through the challenging terrains of the Pyrenees and participated in the engagements at Orthez. His military contributions culminated at the Battle of Toulouse in April 1814, marking the conclusion of his active combat during the war and contributing to the eventual defeat of Napoleon's forces on the Iberian Peninsula. Throughout his service, Henry Pynn exhibited commitment and valor, earning recognition and respect for his contributions to the military efforts of both British and Portuguese forces against the French occupation.



## "We Are in Charge Here": Inuit self-government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly

**Graham White**

*University of Toronto Press, 2023*

Powerful, innovative Indigenous self-governance regimes are increasingly important players in Canadian politics, but little academic work has been done on their structure, operation, and effectiveness. **"We Are In Charge Here"** examines the central institution of the most populous Indigenous self-governance regime in Canada, the elected Assembly of the Nunatsiavut Government.

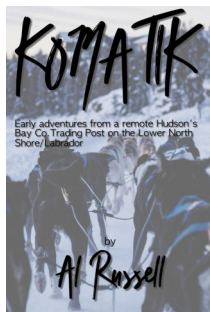
Nunatsiavut – "our beautiful land" in Inuktitut – was established in 2006 by a modern treaty between the Labrador Inuit and the Canadian state. Graham White offers a thorough observation of the Assembly, based on interviews with Assembly members and others involved in Nunatsiavut politics, observation of Assembly sessions, and a review of official documents, in order to provide a comprehensive picture of the Assembly, its members, and its operations. The book examines the Assembly's effectiveness in performing traditional legislative functions such as representation, policy making, and accountability. It addresses key concerns including executive-legislative power relations, Inuit influence on Assembly operations, and the Assembly's role in realizing self-government.

Illuminating the intersection of Indigenous self-governance approaches and Western institutions, **"We Are In Charge Here"** will be of interest to political leaders, legislative officials, and academics concerned with the design and on-the-ground functioning of Indigenous self-government.

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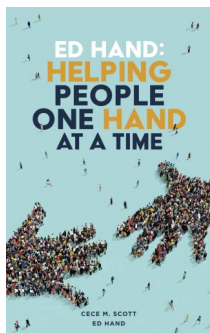


## KOMATIK

Al Russell

*Independently Published, 2024*

Have you ever wondered what it might have been like to live at a remote Hudson's Bay Company Trading Post? **KOMATIK** chronicles my very 'out of the ordinary' way of life on the Lower North Shore / Labrador at a time when dog teams were the primary means of travel in winter. Where summers were short but full of life and adventure. My formative years there can best be described as a childhood dream! There have been many occasions throughout the years when circumstances were such that I recalled how it used to be back then and I longed to return to my youth. Instead, as it should be, the past is left to reflection and the mulling of treasured memories, too important to forget, impossible to repeat.



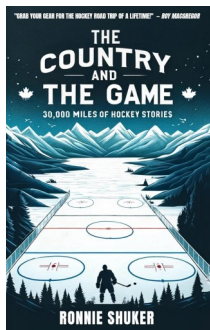
## Ed Hand: helping people one hand at a time

Cece M. Scott

*Dolce Media Group, 2024*

Ed Hand was a young man -17 years old, in fact - who quit school after completing Grade 7 in Newfoundland to seek his fortune in Toronto. Naive to the core, Ed met every challenge and prank played on him with sportsmanlike good humour. Never before having been in a building more than three storeys high, Ed took off his shoes when he got out of the elevator of his first Toronto high-rise apartment so that he wouldn't ruin its hallway's plush carpeting. Ed's unabashed and enthusiastic approach to life propelled him up the ranks of two multi-store shoe chains before he was in a serious car accident that profoundly set him back physically, financially and emotionally.

But serendipity plays a big role in Ed's life, and while there were times when the road was littered with personal trials and challenges, Ed stuck to his core beliefs, which include the principle that the more you do for people, the more it will come back to you in other ways; and, never give up no matter how tough the going gets.

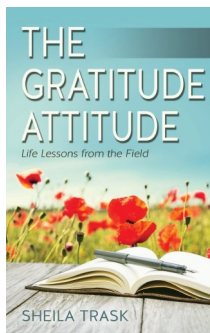


## The Country and the Game: 30,000 miles of hockey stories

Ronnie Shuker

*Sutherland House Books, 2024*

In the waning days of the pandemic, sportswriter Ronnie Shuker stuffed his skates, sticks, and backpack into his faithful automobile, Gumpy, named for legendary goaltender Gumpy Worsley, and set off on a 30,000-mile, coast-to-coast-to-coast investigation of the many ways hockey touches the lives of Canadians. From St. John's, home of hockey's most colorful father-son combo, to a frigid barn in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, and the world's largest hockey stick in Duncan, British Columbia, Shuker finds the people and places that make hockey an indelible part of the Canadian experience. He hits famous sites of hockey lore, from the cradle of the game in Windsor, Nova Scotia, to Brantford, Ontario, where streets, highways, schools, and much else bear the name Gretzky, to Vancouver, site of the infamous 1994 and 2011 Canucks riots. But he also finds the game in unlikely places—crash sites, greenhouses, houseboats, memorials, backyard halls of fame, even a Hutterite colony—where a seemingly endless and always engaging cast of characters, including pros, semi-pros, beer-league veterans, family, and fans, share unforgettable stories of how pucks have dented their lives.



## The Gratitude Attitude: life lessons from the field

Sheila Trask

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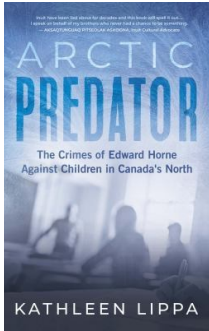
*Balboa Press, 2019*

Apply Sheila's easy three-step process to develop a gratitude attitude and watch life challenges become life's greatest joys. The eight life lessons highlighted in this book will teach you how the gratitude attitude changes the way you look at things, and "when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change" (Dr. Wayne Dyer). Inspired by the teachings of Dr. Wayne Dyer, this fascinating book is for anyone who wishes to transform their life or learn to appreciate the one they have. Sheila demonstrates creatively how any experience can become a life lesson. Real-life stories from the wild flowers bring the life lessons to life. Shared from the heart, these stories will make you smile and perhaps shed a tear, but most importantly, they will cause you to rethink how you currently do things. Share in the stories of those who have learned firsthand how gratitude heals, hugs, and promotes happiness. Visualize a calmer, more serene life where gratitude becomes your new state of mind. **The Gratitude Attitude: Life Lessons from the Field** allows you to experience life in a new way.

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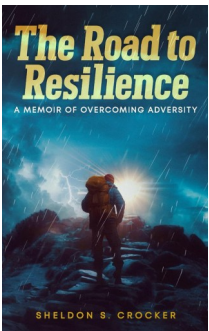


## Arctic Predator: the crimes of Edward Horne against children in Canada's North

Kathleen Lippa

Dundurn Press, 2025

In the 1970s, a young schoolteacher from British Columbia was becoming the darling of the Northwest Territories education department with his dynamic teaching style. He was learning to speak the local language, Inuktitut, something few outsiders did. He also claimed to be Indigenous — a claim that would later prove to be false. In truth, Edward Horne was a pedophile who sexually abused his male students. From 1971 to 1985 his predations on Inuit boys would disrupt life in the communities where he worked — towns of close-knit families that would suffer the intergenerational trauma created by his abuse.



## The Road to Resilience: a memoir of overcoming adversity

Sheldon S. Crocker

Independently Published, 2024

I invite you to walk with me along **The Road to Resilience**, the second book in my transformative trilogy. In this deeply personal memoir, I not only recount my ongoing battles with adversity but also share the wisdom and tools I've gained to help you navigate your own challenges. From growing up with a disability to overcoming unimaginable obstacles, my life in Newfoundland is a story of perseverance and determination. I'll show you that even in life's most difficult moments, there is always a way forward.

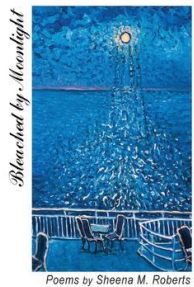


## Time Travel and Decisions

Daniel Hefferton

Readiness is your responsibility. You are your own first responder. You watch films and read about epic adventures of badass action heroes who leap into the fray, battle dragons, and bring home treasure and stories. We want to help you become your own adventurer, capable of handling chaotic situations and saving the day. In **Time Travel and Decisions**, we take you on a journey across time and space where you challenge your decisions, fight your insecurities, and practice new routines to move yourself forward. When you embrace ownership and accountability of your decisions, you will build progress, skill, and capability. Are you ready to become more capable?

# POETRY and PLAYS



## Bleached by Moonlight

Sheena M. Roberts

Friesen Press, 2024

**Bleached by Moonlight** is a poetry collection that speaks in many voices. Showcasing the breadth of her poetic oeuvre, senior poet Sheena M. Roberts effortlessly moves between poetic styles, including contemporary free verse, rhyming poems captivating in their rhythm and use of language, and precise calligram. Powerful works on pain, disability, and aging, vibrant nature poems, buoyant and lighthearted verses, and more are all woven together to form this richly realized text. With over eighty poems thematically grouped across eight chapters to be enjoyed alone or read aloud with another, **Bleached by Moonlight** is a collection with something for every poetry lover and a book certain to move you.

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# POETRY and PLAYS



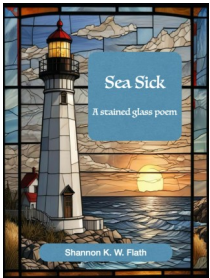
## Altar and Urn: two plays by Santiago Guzmán

**Santiago Guzmán**

*J. Gordon Shillingford Publishing, 2024*

In **Altar**, Eugenio, a young Mexican immigrant living in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, experiences heartbreak when Benjamin, his new boyfriend, inexplicably “ghosts” him. Looking to the traditional Mexican holiday Dia de Muertos, Eugenio decides to build an altar in the hopes that he will be able to summon his boyfriend’s “ghost” and gain the closure he so desperately desires.

In **Urn**, siblings Esteban and Mariana reconnect at their mother’s funeral after years of being estranged. Guzman explores the concept of “home” from the perspective of two immigrants who have to deal with the consequences of what happens when the only person who has grounded them in their cultural identity is gone.

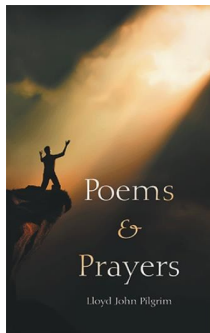


## Sea Sick: a stained glass poem

**Shannon K.W. Flath**

*Shanks' Pony Publishing House, 2024*

Take a poetic journey through the eyes of a homesick day dreamer. Written by Newfoundland author Shannon K.W. Flath, this visually stunning, whimsical tale describes the feeling of being torn between the beauty of the prairies and the lure of the ocean. Let it fill your heart and haunt your soul. It will be sure to leave you longing to see the two homes that it describes, and to stir an emotion that will linger like a salty sea breeze.



## Poems and Prayers

**Lloyd John Pilgrim**

*Balboa Press, 2024*

My poetry is inspired by my work in *A Course in Miracles*. As I am writing these poems it is so uplifting that it feels as if it's waking my very soul. It is my deepest wish that it have a similar effect on you.



## Vicious Kind

**Krysta Fitzpatrick**

*Engen Books, 2024*

Breathing life into the truths of womanhood and the female form, **The Vicious Kind** explores the struggles of childbirth, relationships with parents, and the lies that society is built on.

Lies that our parents tell us.  
Lies that our society tells us.  
Lies that we tell ourselves.

The debut poetry collection from Krysta Fitzpatrick.



## A Long Goodbye to the River Styx

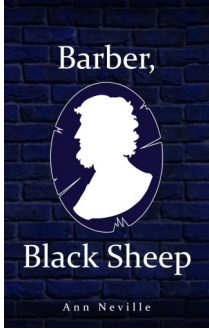
**Sara Anne Meyer**

*Independently Published, 2024*

Sara Anne Meyer, self proclaimed psychopomp, ferries us through the rivers of the after-life with her debut collection of poetry. Devastating and visceral, **A Long Goodbye to the River Styx** seeks to explore the ways in which we become changed by our grief, our trauma and our will to survive.

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# FICTION



## Barber, Black Sheep

Ann Neville

*Independently Published, 2024*

Must a man's life be defined by his mistakes? That's what Oliver Winslow is afraid of. England, 1870. Four years after finishing the prison sentence that stole a decade of his life, Oliver finds himself an uncomfortable lodger in his childhood home. Although he has the support of his siblings and the fatherly Jewish barber he works for, he lives a life of quiet despondency, still battling against the kleptomania that landed him in prison in the first place. When one of Oliver's aristocratic clients invites him to a social gathering, he already feels out of place. Even worse, he's unwittingly implicated in an act of theft which - for once - he did not commit.

As he frantically tries to keep his head above water and piece together how this happened, he finds company in Kittie Wilson, a scullery maid torn between her familial obligations and her burgeoning dreams of a happier life.

In this tale of desperation and desire, Oliver struggles to overcome the hardships his illness poses on his everyday life — and its impacts on his family, employer, and newfound love.



## The Captain's Lady

Geraldine Ryan-Lush

*Mulberry Books, 2016*

They met. They loved. They parted. Will they ever meet again?

For all those who have loved and lost, and dared to dream again. A searing novel of passion and forbidden love set against the wilds of Newfoundland, the glamour of Stockholm, and the old-world Baltic States. From an award-winning, bestselling author comes a story of ecstasy and promise, betrayal and choice.



## From the Rock Stars

edited by **Ellen Curtis** and **Erin Vance**

**Also available as an ebook.**

*Engen Books, 2020*

For years, Engen Books has produced an annual collection of the best genre fiction that Atlantic Canada has to offer: the **From the Rock** series. Those who read the series regularly will notice that there are some names that show up again and again. These individuals are known as Rockers: authors who have been included in at least three different collections, and who have proven themselves excellent at each of the main three genres we've challenged them with. They are Ali House, Chantal Boudreau, Jeff Slade, Jon Dobbin, Matthew Daniels, Nicole Little, Paul Carberry, Peter J Foote, Sam Bauer, and, Shannon K Green. Collectively known as the best in genre fiction storytelling in Atlantic Canada.



## The Gray Chapter: a collection of short fiction from the land and sea

Paul Carberry

*Engen Books, 2024*

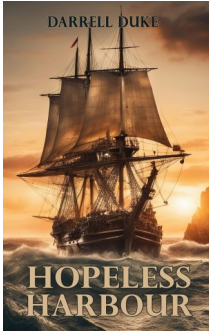
For ten years, international horror bestseller Paul Carberry has brought terror to both the land and sea with his terrifying takes on Newfoundland and its culture. While his novels have gone bestseller in multiple countries, his short fiction has helped elevate the *Terror Nova*, *From the Rock*, and *Dark Drabbles* series.

Now for the first time, all that short fiction is collected in **The Gray Chapter** alongside brand new material.

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## Hopeless Harbour

Darrell Duke

*Independently Published, 2024*

It's 1673. France has occupied Placentia on the island of Newfoundland for the past decade. Rarely at peace in what he feels is a hopeless harbour, a fisherman named Lucas risks his life in volatile waters and callous weather to catch fish to help sustain his community. Now that the British are invading again, the young man is certain his home and his life are more hopeless than ever. Lucas fears for the safety of his beloved girlfriend, a water girl for the French Battalion a few miles away. As his small boat is sinking amid the carnage of war, he remains determined to locate his love, to keep her safe from harm. But, first, he must first save himself. Will they survive this day?

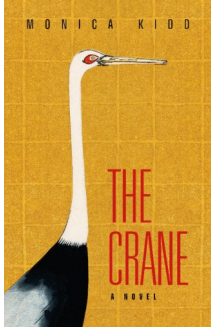


## Murder in Bay Bulls

Chris Ryan

*Independently Published, 2024*

For nearly four hundred years, Bay Bulls, Newfoundland, has been the home of European fishermen. In the late twentieth century, when this story is set, it is populated mainly by Irish Catholics. The Roman Catholic Church is the mainstay of the community, and when a young, recently ordained Irish priest shows up to administer to the Bay Bulls flock, they believe they have hit the jackpot. Father Patrick O'Malley is smart and charming, energetic and sympathetic. But neither the Church nor Bay Bulls are as innocent as they seem. Secrets abound, and they lead to tragedy.



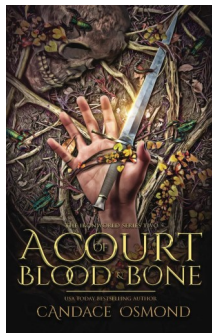
## The Crane

Monica Kidd

*Breakwater Books, 2025*

**The Crane** follows the difficult choices confronting someone who cannot go on being lied to and explores how they carry on in the face of hardship.

It's 1968 and James Anderson's twin brother Dave has just been killed in the Vietnam war. Knowing his turn is next, James turns his back on his family's military legacy, evading the draft and travelling to Newfoundland to fulfill a promise his brother made to a fellow soldier. Unwittingly swept into an intergenerational family secret while on assignment for a St. John's newspaper, James finds something in Newfoundland that could just save his life.



## A Court of Blood & Bone

Candace Osmond

**Also available as an ebook.**

*Guardian Publishing, 2023*

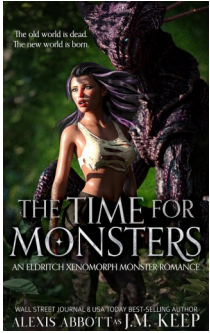
She's part Fae with sunlight in her veins. He's a vampire with a soul. But as Avery's fledgling power grows beyond control, a Dark Lord with a claim to her immortal soul may be the only one who can help. As Avery's circle of friends grows, so does her power and desire to uncover who she really is. But with each secret she unravels, a new threat presents itself. With a potential war looming, headed by the Therians who want to take back what was stolen from them, even if it means destroying everything and everyone in their path, Avery is afraid she won't be strong enough to protect those she loves. Oden, the Dark Lord of Nightmares, seems to be the only one who can help her find control. But the deeper she sinks into his domain, the further she drifts from the one she truly loves... Set against a backdrop that straddles the line between the mortal world and the land of Faerie, **A Court of Blood & Bone** is a dark and fantastical tale of power, war, and love as Avery finds her way in a dangerous world she feels bound to protect. If only she can learn to control her chaotic magic.

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## The Time for Monsters: an Eldritch Xenomorph Monster Romance

Alexis Abbott as J.M. Keep

Pathfinders Publishing, 2024

The most powerful men in the world are hunting me for sport. If I can survive the wilderness for a full week, they'll let me go. If they catch me? Every and any indignity they wish.

The only way to fight these monsters is with a monster of my own.

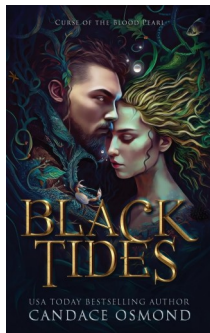
A beast of nightmares calls to me through my dreams. The old world bleeds away as something primordial and terrifying explores the darkest reaches of my mind. Through glimpses, I see the chitinous, alien shell of this eldritch thing, but I can't turn away.

My fantasies unfurl at its curious touch, and when I free it from its arcane prison, it awakens something terrible within me.

This lust, this rage, this twisted bliss.

It stalks the woods for those that hunt me, a tool of my vengeance. I wish I could say that's all it is, but this forbidden desire won't go away.

I don't want the fantasy that this monster offers me. I want the monster itself.



## Black Tides: Curse of the Blood Pearl

Candace Osmond

Guardian Publishing, 2023

It's been over 300 years since Benjamin Cook traded his soul to save Dianna Cobham and send her back to the future. Now, his immortal existence has finally led to peace and the possibility of love.

Ace White never had a problem getting what she wanted in life. Everything always seemed to gravitate toward her, including a handsome new client and property investor, Benjamin Cook.

When her grandmother's death calls her home for the first time in years, Ace discovers that the past, present, and future are fickle things, and hers has always been inextricably entwined with Ben's.

Fantasy becomes a reality when a devilish siren forces Ace to play a game, making her travel back in time to save old friends and break a generational curse before everything she loves crashes and burns.

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## Murder on Painted Place

Emily Hedditch

Also available as an ebook.

Flanker Press, 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?

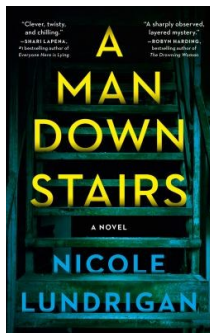
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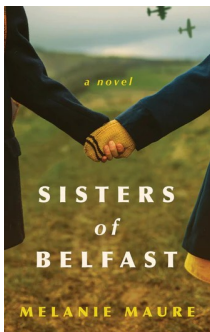
## A Man Downstairs

Also available as an [ebook](#). Also available as an [electronic audiobook](#).

Nicole Lundrigan

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.



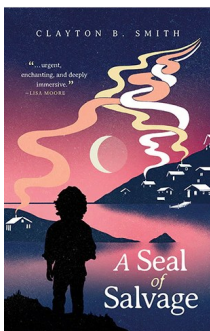
## Sisters of Belfast

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Melanie Maure

Harper Collins, 2024

Orphaned during the Second World War, Aelish and Isabel McGuire - known as the twins of Belfast - are given over to the austere care of the Sisters of Bethlehem. Though they are each all the other has, the girls are propelled in opposite directions as they grow up. Rebellious Isabel turns her back on the church and Ireland, traveling to Newfoundland where she pursues a perilous yet independent life. Devout Aelish chooses to remain in Northern Ireland and takes the veil, burying painful truths beneath years of silence. For decades the two are separated, each unaware of the other's life. But after years of isolation Aelish is unexpectedly summoned to Newfoundland, where she and her estranged sister begin to bridge the chasm between them. Reunion brings to light the painful secrets and seismic deceptions that have kept these sisters apart, leaving the McGuire twins to begin reconstructing their understanding about themselves as women and as family—what they know of love, hope, and above all, forgiveness. A story of faith - in religion, in the world, and in one another - **Sisters of Belfast** is a heartbreaking, tragic, and deeply moving novel about survival and the enduring power of sisterhood.



## A Seal of Salvage

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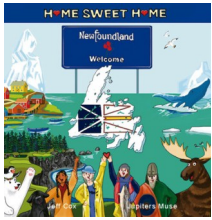
Clayton B. Smith

Breakwater Books, 2024

Set in 1950s rural outport Newfoundland and blending historical fiction with magic realism, **A Seal of Salvage** follows orphan Oliver Brown's coming of age as a queer outsider. Oliver's life in the small community of Salvage is overshadowed by lingering rumours about his mother, her mysterious past, and her untimely death. But as Oliver grows up, he experiences a remarkable series of events of mythic proportions. Stories of Oliver's mother become entangled with the folklore of the Selkie: people of the sea who live in the water as seals and come to land to find love as humans. While mostly unspoken, the speculations about Oliver's bloodline become another excuse the town uses to marginalize him. **A Seal of Salvage** explores the space where the natural and supernatural meet, as well as how the stories people tell can be fashioned to justify their own prejudice.

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## Home Sweet Home Newfoundland

Jeff Cox

*MacIntyre Purcell Publishing, 2024*

**Home Sweet Home Newfoundland** introduces children to where they live or visit. With enchanting illustrations and a gentle writing style, this book takes readers on a fun-filled exploration of the Island, encouraging education and discovery.

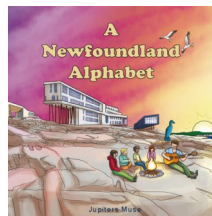


## Counting with Newfoundland

Stefanie St. Denis

*MacIntyre Purcell Publishing, 2024*

**Counting with Newfoundland** takes young readers on a fun-filled journey throughout the island while counting from one to ten. With enchanting illustrations and a gentle writing style, children will count their way through Newfoundland's famous landmarks, animals, and cultural and historical beauty.

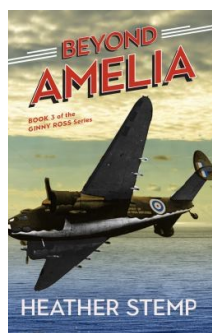


## A Newfoundland Alphabet

Stefanie St. Denis

*MacIntyre Purcell Publishing, 2024*

**A Newfoundland Alphabet** takes young readers on an alphabetical journey showcasing the Island's finest landmarks, animals, and cultural and historical beauty. With enchanting illustrations and a gentle writing style, children can follow the alphabet on a fun-filled tour, encouraging education and discovery.



## Beyond Amelia

Heather Stemp

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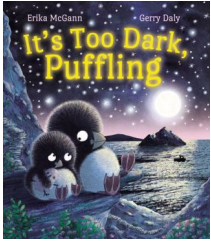
*Nimbus Publishing, 2024*

It's 1940, war is raging in Europe, and Ginny Ross longs to join the fight against Hitler. She's a capable pilot, thanks to mentoring from Amelia Earhart and her training at Purdue University, but she's not allowed to use her skills in the US Army Air Corps, which only allows men to fly. When a new service is created to secretly fly bombers from Newfoundland to the UK to join in the fight, Ginny realizes how she can help. She cuts her hair, changes her name, and heads to Canada as Jimmy Ross. In her disguise, Ginny takes part in the risky and vitally important mission to bring more air power to the allied forces. Ginny is determined to do her part and ready to face down any danger, from engine failure to devastating Blitz bombing. But she never anticipated that another great danger lurks much closer...in the secret she's keeping from the men around her. Based on the true history of the heroic Ferry Command, **Beyond Amelia** is an exciting, suspenseful story about the sacrifices so many young people made to turn the tide in a terrifying war.

Book 3 of the **Ginny Ross** series.

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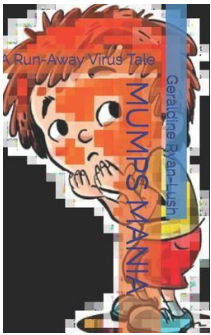


## It's Too Dark, Puffling

Erika McGann and Gerry Daly

Boulder Books, 2024

Starting out in bright daylight, the illustrations gradually get darker and darker as night-time approaches, but they never lose their beauty. Each of the animals depicted by Daly has a personality and vividness to them, and the light from the moon and stars seems to shine from the page. This is a gorgeous book that you'll want to linger over, with little details on almost every page, and text that is clear and easy to read. As well as the illustrations throughout the book there are some beautiful endpapers, and the book opens with some scientific facts about the animals of Bird Island that older children and adults might appreciate learning. The story itself is all about kindness and trying to help, but it also shows that sometimes you can't ease someone else's fears for them. However, from Puffling we learn that being there and supporting your friend, can be enough to help them through their worries.

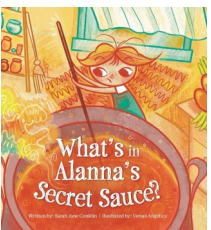


## Mumps Mania: a run-away virus tale

Geraldine Ryan-Lush

Mulberry Books, 2020

A boy is sick, and he cannot go to school. He cannot leave his house, he cannot leave his bed: The Doctor came, he said real slow: "If you want/ those mumps/ to go/ you have to stay / in bed you know!" Not this kid! He's having none of it. He keeps escaping, and on each breakout from the suffocating prison walls of his antiseptic bedroom, his crated countenance keeps getting more bizarre, to the puzzlement of the characters he meets along the way, even the dinosaurs of Jurassic Park! Wild things happen in this cumulative, rhyming crescendo, as the Doctor gets Sued, the Media has a Blast, and there is no end in sight to the horrific state of the kid's "bumpy" condition. Scientific and Mumpsterific meet in a hilarious mixture of robotic and zombie juxtaposition as he ends up in Close Encounters of the Virus Kind! How to get out of this one is a futuristic and common sense grid of its own! Illustrated with numerous cartoony washes, and written in Geraldine Ryan-Lush's award-winning, trademark poetic style, this energetic read-aloud is not only an exceptional learn-to-read tool, but the adventurous streak of its timeless escapade serves as the ultimate great escape from any health woes, especially the worries of the New World Normal!



## What's in Alanna's Secret Sauce?

Sarah Jane Conklin

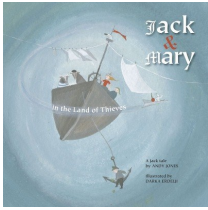
Monster House Publishing, 2024

Nine-year-old Alanna cooks a delicious sauce with her Nana using ingredients grown in their garden. As the sauce's aroma spreads out the window and reaches passersby, Nana invites them all back for dinner. "Is there enough?" Alanna asked, "I'm sure there cannot be. Is there enough for all of us, But mostly lots for me?" Alanna is worried they'll soon run out of food if Nana keeps inviting people to dinner! But Nana does not seem worried and assures Alanna all will be well. Why is Nana so confident they'll have enough food? What's in Alanna's Secret Sauce? is a delightful tale of community and sharing, with just a dash of magic for all to enjoy. Warning: Do not read while hungry.

Illustrated by **Venus Angelica**.

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# CHILDREN -AUDIOBOOKS (CD)



## Jack and Mary in the Land of Thieves

Andy Jones

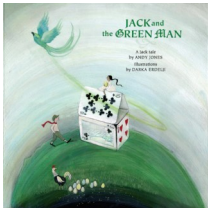
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ECW Press, 2020

**Jack and Mary in the Land of Thieves** finds Jack, that everyman of folktales, married to his sweetheart Mary, the best woman ever born and a mighty fine baker to boot. Their lives are as happy and successful as can be, until an underhanded sea captain and Jack's own bragging get the better of our hero. Jack is sent the once to work on Slave Islands and Mary is turned out of house and home. But Mary is resolute and resourceful, and has plans to find Jack and restore their fortunes.

Inspired by several traditional and classic works, including Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, the medieval tale of Frederick of Jennen, and the Newfoundland story "Jack and the Slave Islands," Andy Jones has crafted a funny, moving, and delightfully original story about love, treachery, perseverance, and cherry cake. With a hidden key, a storm at sea, and a singing mynah bird named Baxter who carries more than his share of tunes, **Jack and Mary in the Land of Thieves** will delight youngsters and oldsters alike.

Read by Andy Jones.



## Jack and the Green Man

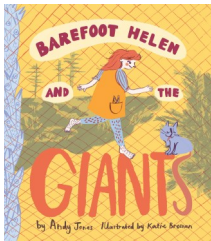
Andy Jones

ECW Press, 2021

Jack o' Hearts is the top card player in the parish, and is feeling pretty sure of himself. When a he is challenged to a card game with stakes higher than high by a mysterious green man, well, Jack can't resist. Sure, he's never lost a tournament yet, has he?

Jack is as saucy as saucy can be, and he's twice as lucky as that - but the game is trickier than it looks. Luckily, Jack finds he's got an ace up his sleeve: the menacing green man's beautiful daughter Ann. She's got as much magic as her father (or so that enchantment crowd says), and she likes the look of Jack. A hilarious re-imagining of a traditional Newfoundland folktale, **Jack and the Green Man** is jam-packed with magic, romance, transformations, impossible tasks, unforgettable characters, a love ballad or two, and the ever-present threat of Jack's head ending up on a spear.

Read by Andy Jones.



## Barefoot Helen and the Giants

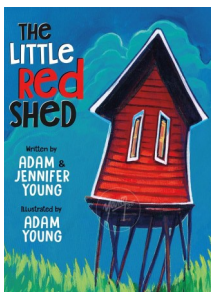
Andy Jones

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ECW Press, 2021

Helen is a fine hand with a slingshot, and more than at home in the woods. After all, she was raised by bears for a time. When she stumbles on the castle of three evil giants, she comes up with the perfect plan to rid the land of them. Well, almost perfect.... The biggest and meanest giant catches her, and forces her to help him kidnap the Princess Antoinette. Always quick on her hairy bare feet, Helen manages to save the sleeping princess and finish off the giant, before heading quietly back to the woods. No one knows who the giant killer is, and Helen isn't talking. Antoinette and her father, the king, are determined to find the hero, and come up with a plan of their own.

Read by Andy Jones.



## The Little Red Shed

Adam and Jennifer Young

Also available as an ebook.

ECW Press, 2023

Once upon a fine morning, a little shed awakens to discover she isn't quite the same as she used to be. Uncertain and feeling as if she no longer fits in, she decides to leave home and sets out to sea. All alone on the wide, wide ocean, she meets an extraordinary new friend who sees how special she really is, and with newfound confidence, the little red shed returns home and inspires everyone to cherish their differences.

Read by Christa Borden.

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