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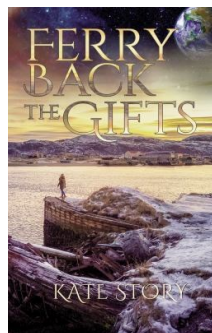


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# FICTION



## Ferry Back the Gifts

Kate Story

Exile Editions, 2022

The author impersonates a virtuoso ring master, pulling up the curtain on a series of players who yearn, shock, succor, and entertain. Mermaids twine tails around foul-mouthed oil executives; wounded children forge their own magical salvation; a cup of tea on Bell Island is a conduit to another planet; a hiking trail leads to the end of the world, and beyond. Hilarious, moving, and dazzling by turns, this speculative fiction collection from one of Newfoundland's most idiosyncratic writers will seduce you with raw wisdom, befriend you with wry wit, and stay with you.

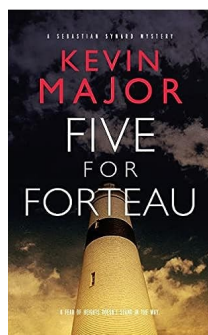


## A Time and Season For All Things

Kenneth Ball

DRC Publishing, 2023

In his fifth book, popular author Ken Ball takes readers along on the adventures and happenings in the life of Roy Green, a young man from Recontre West on the southwest coast of Newfoundland. Roy started working in the fishery and admits he was useless. The only thing he could do any good aboard a dory was row or haul trawl. His father said if he had to fish for a living he would starve. So Roy went to work in the lumber woods. Didn't like it. Was cook on a schooner. Work was hard, money was scarce. But then one day Roy got an offer of a job as a deckhand on the *Southern Wind*, a local schooner that brought coal from North Sydney to Newfoundland in the fall and salt fish from Newfoundland to Portugal in the summer, and things began looking a lot brighter. Life was good, but as with any life it wasn't all roses and sunshine.



## Five for Forteau

Kevin Major

Breakwater Books, October 2023

The fifth book in the Sebastian Synard mystery series takes our intrepid tour guide/private detective on a jaunt across Newfoundland and into Labrador, in pursuit of those towers of intrigue—lighthouses! The final stop on Synard's lighthouse tour is the one at L'Anse Amour, Labrador, the highest in all Atlantic Canada. It's a long climb into the lantern room, and a long fall from its catwalk to the ground below. Dead is photographer Amanda Thomson. Who is the scoundrel that nudged her past the railing? The RCMP in Forteau are pointing to one of the tour groups, but Sebastian and his partner Mae have other ideas. They retrace the excursions of Amanda and her vagabond boyfriend back to a section of northern Newfoundland called the French Shore. Could the recent bizarre vandalism at its historic sites hold a clue? What is it about the French Shore that leads them back to murder at L'Anse Amour?

A **Sebastian Synard** mystery.



## Fairy Tales from the Rock

edited by Ellen Curtis and Erin Vance

Engen Books, 2023

In the beginning, fairy tales were all we had. Tales to explain the unexplained, to impart morality, and culture. But more often than not, to warn. From the editors of the *From the Rock* anthologies comes a new selection of stories, carefully curated from some of Newfoundland and Labrador's favourite authors. Between these pages, old tales are revisited, familiar foes lurk, and fairy tales for the modern age are born. Featuring stories from Ash Greening, Lena Ng, Dr. Lisa M. Daly, Corinne Lewandowski, Dr. Ainsley Hawthorn, and more.

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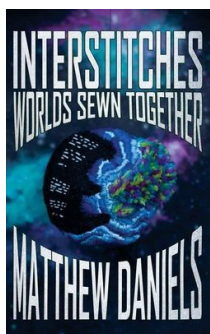
## Mudflowers

Aley Waterman

Dundurn Press, 2023

In the year following her mother's death, Sophie navigates a complicated love triangle between a new flame and a past partner.

It's the west end of Toronto, the apartments are small, and everybody is twenty-seven and making some kind of art. In the wake of her mother's death, Sophie pays rent by making stained glass mosaics for rich people and plays house with her childhood friend and sometimes-lover, the beautiful boy Alex. Both are from Newfoundland but move easily in this world of crowded patios and DIY movie shoots. When Sophie meets the glamorous poet Maggie, who is the downtown product of a hundred cool queer bars, she falls into a bewildered infatuation, but secrets emerge that threaten to crumble the foundation of her relationship with Alex and Maggie both.



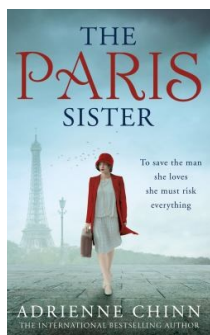
## Interstitches: worlds sewn together

Matthew Daniels

Engen Books, 2022

Stitches pull us together. Ephemeral pieces of string.

Thatcher Verra just wanted to be left alone. He wanted to stay inside, away from the fuss and the stress. Away from the people. Inside he was a person, an island, a world all his own. But individual worlds are sewn together, and none of us exist in a vacuum. Now his power to inflict his emotional state onto others has created an isolationist community that threatens the lives of all within. Can he overcome his anxieties to save them all, and himself? **Interstitches: Worlds Sewn Together** features twenty-five stories of such worlds. Each story is fabric, creating a picture of that place for just a moment. All connected, held together with string and glue.



## The Paris Sister

Adrienne Chinn

Also available as an ebook.

One More Chapter, 2023

Three sisters separated by distance but bound by love, The Fry sisters enter the Roaring Twenties forever changed by their experiences during the Great War. Now, as each of their lives unfold in different corners of the globe, they come to realise that the most important bond is that of family. Desperate to save the man she loves, Etta leaves behind the life she has made for herself in Capri and enters the decadent world of Parisian society with all its secrets and scandals. Celie's new life on the Canadian prairies brings mixed blessings – a daughter to adore, but a husband who isn't the man who holds her heart. In Egypt, Jessie's world is forever changed by a devastating loss. And back in London – where each of their adventures began – their mother Christina watches as the pieces of her carefully orchestrated existence begin to shatter...with implications for them all...

Book 2 of the **Three Fry Sisters** series.



## Fall With Me

Chelsea Bee

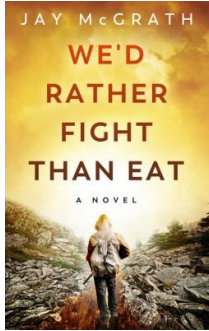
Engen Books, 2023

Veronica and Eric had both chosen the same moment to end their lives, and the same method. They both went to the bridge when they would be alone, but by chance, neither was. And neither wanted to watch the other fall. Can their shared stories and experiences stop one another? Or will each of them fall together... one way, or the other?

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## We'd Rather Fight Than Eat

Jay McGrath

Flanker Press, 2023

Childhood friends are stuck in their isolated hometown a year after a massive privacy breach tips over society. With everyone's secrets out in the open from the breach, the people of Beckford want a new beginning in an old place. Jack and Sarah are enjoying a quiet evening together when a man bursts through the front door with some news. For the first time since Jack's wife, Brooke, arrived in Beckford months ago, someone is coming. An anxious Jack heads to the lookout post as a car sputters to a stop. This fleeing newcomer was trying to upset the balance of power in the city of St. John's. And people are coming after him. They want him returned to St. John's. They demand it. Elsewhere in Beckford, the all-female town council is concerned about surviving another winter in their community. Megan is working to amalgamate Beckford with the nearby, smaller community of Gull Cove: pool their resources, band together. Another councillor, Abigail, is concerned about these efforts, as she blames the people of Gull Cove for much of Beckford's misfortune. As the will to protect Beckford from the people of St. John's intensifies, and the tension with Gull Cove boils over, it will take everything Jack, Sarah, Megan, the newcomer, and their friends can give to ensure their survival.

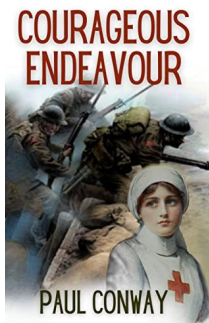


## All Things Broken

David James Lynch

Engen Books, 2022

All things broken may be made whole again... Sivino Spallic has always believed this to be so, but when his once idyllic world is suddenly torn apart, he will question everything he once thought to be true. The breaking begins with the arrival of the Nylacci - foul creatures of myth that descend on the villages of the Three Realms, razing and ravaging all they encounter. Their arrival is the doing of Cehron Cen Kohr, a renegade faerae of great power and increasing madness, who, with the enigmatic Shepherd, has herded the creatures to this land for unthinkable purposes. Separated from family and friends, Sivino and his companions find themselves on a perilous path that leads them ever further from those they love. With the assistance of Lomin, the mysterious village recluse, and Niamh, a faerae whose history is inextricable intertwined with the Realms and its inhabitants, they will deal with conflicts for which they are unprepared, in a land both unfamiliar and treacherous. The hardest part of piecing together that which is broken, Sivino will realize, is that he'll have to start with himself.

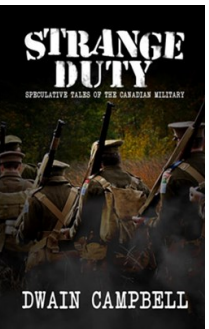


## Courageous Endeavour

Paul Conway

Embark Books, 2023

**Courageous Endeavour** is a sequel to the author's very successful First World War novel, **Paddy Scott's War**. Follow Sergeant Cliff Power and his men of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, as they fight through the trenches, fields and towns of France and Belgium. Their story is a gripping portrayal of battles fought, of valour, of camaraderie, of everyday men putting their lives on the line for the freedom of others. And you will meet Mary Farrell, a passionate young woman, who is driven to go beyond the good works of the Woman's Patriotic Association supporting the men on the front. Mary joins the Voluntary Aid Detachment and is posted to a military hospital in France where she is tested to the limit while doing her best to care for the injured and dying.



## Strange Duty: speculative tales of the Canadian Military

Dwain Campbell

Engen Books, 2023

13 stand-alone short stories based on historical battles or campaigns in Canada's war history. From The Battle of Quebec in 1775 to The Battle of Kapyong in the Korean War, 1951. From The 1st Newfoundland Regiment to the Canadian Special Operations Regiment. From the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to Princess Louise's 8th. All are tales of people doing their duty in extraordinary circumstances. Aside from that, the only thing they have in common: sometimes, duty is strange.

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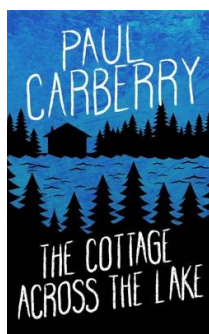


## Much May Yet Come to Pass

W.H. Bishop

*DRC Publishing, 2023*

It is 1291 and a ship is sailing westward from Greenland, sailing towards Vinland where the Norse came more than two hundred years earlier. On board the ship is seven-year-old Margaret, Maid of Norway, daughter of King Eirik II of Norway. As the only living heir of King Alexander III of Scotland she is to become queen of Scotland. She is also to marry Prince Edward, heir to the throne of England. Fears for the continued safety of the Maid of Norway have led Norsemen and their leader Guillaume de Pau to make this westward journey in order to protect her life. W.H. Bishop's debut novel is a sweeping drama filled with intrigue and treachery that is guaranteed to keep you reading from start to finish.



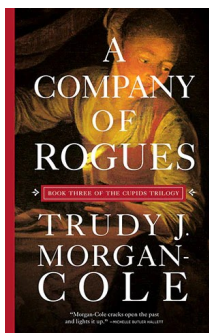
## The Cottage Across the Lake

Paul Carberry

*Engen Books, 2022*

None live there, but it's always full.

In the small town of Crooked Creek, Newfoundland, Percy Benoit stares out towards that cottage across the lake and at the black water between them. That building calls to him. On stormy nights; in moonlight so strong the lake glows... It calls. It calls with the voice of a loved one lost. It calls with the echoes of taunts that should long since have been taken by the wind. Percy knows he must reach the cottage, no matter what the legends say, but his imagination could never have prepared him for what he'd find.



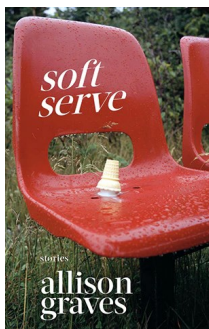
## A Company of Rogues

Trudy J. Morgan-Cole

*Breakwater Books, October 2023*

**A Company of Rogues** completes the Cupids trilogy, moving the action back to the New Found Land seven years after John Guy's colonists first settled Cupids Cove. After their wanderings across the ocean, Ned and Nancy are united—but will the shores of New Found Land provide a permanent home? Kathryn and Nicholas Guy join the effort to found a second colony at Bristol's Hope, but their work is threatened by a shadowy enemy who holds a dangerous power over Kathryn. And a newcomer to the colony, the Wampanoag traveller Tisquantum, settles among the English colonists, challenging their beliefs about the New World they have come to settle and the people who call it home.

Book 3 in **The Cupids Trilogy**.



## Soft Serve

Allison Graves

*Breakwater Books, 2023*

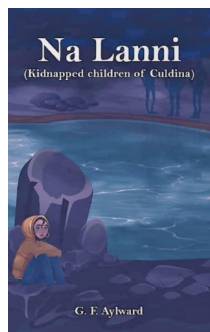
Allison Graves' edgy debut collection of short fiction scrutinizes unconventional and confused attachments between people and the reasons they last. The extraordinary becomes the ordinary as people navigate the weird, the quirky, and the sad aspects of everyday life. Through encounters in retail and fast food chains, on highways and dating apps, the characters in this collection wander through the non-places of our modern lives. The stories connect readers to the spaces that ultimately make them feel lost—zones for reconsideration. Delving into the confusion and boredom of everyday life, Graves' fiction documents the emotional experiences and disillusionment of middle-class millennials seeking a meaningful life in both the isolating and the ordinary.

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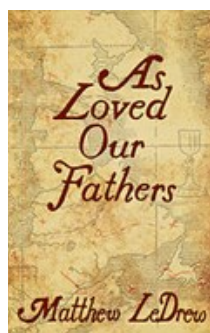


## Na Lanni (Kidnapped children of Culdina)

G.F. Alyward

*Independently Published, 2023*

Allison Carey set out from Chance Cove, a small village on Newfoundland's Southern Shore, for a day of troutng. A strange fog suddenly descends over the barrens stranding her overnight by the side of Aidan's Pond. In the night, footfalls squelching through rain-soaked moss frighten Allison and when she stands to identify the source, a bad fall renders her unconscious. She awakes in a strange world called Shoshanna, surrounded by impossible beings, and is asked to embark on a perilous trek to rescue five kidnapped children... faerie children. Na Lanni (our children) are captives in the dungeons of the heartless Tragen Dowhan. Allison must use every ounce of strength and courage she possesses to survive. Along the way, she experiences failure and triumph, heartache and joy, betrayal, and love. She also witnesses wonders no one at home would believe. The dangerous journey turns her world upside down, forcing her to re-evaluate everything she thought she knew about Newfoundland faeries, her own family, and herself. Six Seandra Dowhan (faeries) and one human leave Culdina on a mission. Not all return.



## As Loved Our Fathers

Matthew LeDrew

*Engen Books, 2023*

Jona is obsessed with his work. An archaeologist and cultural anthropologist originally from Niger, he spends his days lecturing at Cambridge University and dreaming about his youth in the field — a time when the world seemed wide open and new, and every stone could hide a new clue or artefact to be unearthed. That was long ago, now, and he has since regulated himself to the position of 'armchair anthropologist.' But all that changes when a new teacher's assistant uncovers information that points to an ancient artefact of massive importance — the Holy Grail — being kept in a secret location on the island of Newfoundland. Now he must team up with Lar Reynolds, a Professor of Newfoundland History working at Memorial University, on a quest to end one of humanity's longest mysteries, all while avoiding the questions of an investigative reporter named Juliana Minh who seeks to ruin Jona's reputation before he can reclaim it.



## Les Innocents

Michael Crummey; translated from English by Aurélie Laroche

*Univers Poche, 2022*

A brother and sister are orphaned in an isolated cove on Newfoundland's northern coastline. Their home is a stretch of rocky shore governed by the feral ocean, by a relentless pendulum of abundance and murderous scarcity. Still children with only the barest notion of the outside world, they have nothing but the family's boat and the little knowledge passed on haphazardly by their mother and father to keep them. As they fight for their own survival through years of meagre catches and storms and ravaging illness, it is their fierce loyalty to each other that motivates and sustains them. But as seasons pass and they wade deeper into the mystery of their own natures, even that loyalty will be tested. This novel is richly imagined and compulsively readable, a riveting story of hardship and survival, and an unflinching exploration of the bond between brother and sister. By turns electrifying and heartbreaking, it is a testament to the bounty and barbarity of the world, to the wonders and strangeness of our individual selves.



## By Reservation Only

Bronwynn Erskine

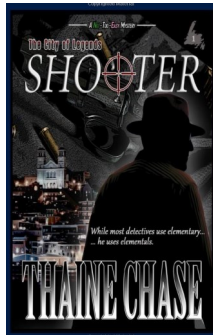
*Engen Books, 2023*

Nobody ever said being a trans superhero would be easy. Reeling from his mentor's murder and accused of complicity with the man who killed him, Toby MacNamara, AKA Double Tap, is quick to lash out at any target that presents itself. His attitude immediately sets him butting heads with reserve squad leader Alex Corbett (Justice), whose visual impairment doesn't stop him from seeing right away how much trouble his new squad member is going to be. Alex struggles to keep his unruly team on track, and away from each other's throats, as what should have been a simple mission against minor villain Doctor Defenestrator blossoms into an unexpectedly vicious trap. Now with his promising career in the Metahuman Defence Corps forced to a standstill and a team of misfits as his only allies, Toby must find the courage to trust these virtual strangers with his life. And, just maybe, with the woman he's still learning how to be. She knew it wouldn't be easy, but nobody told her it would be quite this hard.

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## The City of Legends Shooter

Thaine Chase

2021

Found naked and bleeding atop a seaside cliff, his wounds should have cost him his life, but instead they cost him his memories. Three years later, now in his early 60s, this man still has no idea who he is, or why he possesses an inexplicable gift for evidentiary deduction.

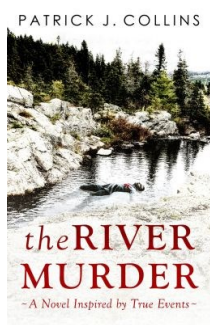


## That Halloween

Mike Hickey

Engen Books, 2022

Granville is a place with a tortured history dating back to the 1940s when a mass murderer known as the Willow Woods Wolf Man went on a vicious killing spree, only to be captured on Halloween night, 1944. On October 31, 1955, he escaped and brought Frank and June Marsters to their grisly end. At least that's the official story. Now, a group of horror-loving kids break into the abandoned Marsters' house to get to the bottom of what really happened that Halloween. Expanding on the world he created for his award-winning short film **That Halloween**, Mike Hickey (**Terror Nova**) brings forward the rich history of the town of Granville and the Willow Woods that surround it.



## The River Murder

Patrick J. Collins

Flanker Press, 2023

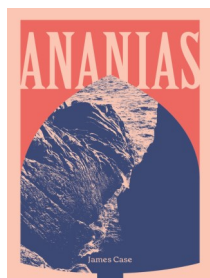
Harbour Grace , Newfoundland , June 1884 . Sergeant Sean Ryan, an officer with the Terra Nova Constabulary, is transferred from St. John's to police the very troubled and tense Catholic community of Riverhead, Harbour Grace, a place he thought he had left behind him. Just five months ago, the now-infamous religious riot known as the Harbour Grace Affray saw five men tragically killed—a lone Catholic, Patrick Callahan, and four Protestants. Only a week into his new posting, Sean is thrust into action. Shockingly, Thomas Callahan, son of the popular Catholic man who had died in the Affray, is found shot and left for dead in the raging Bannerman River. The young policeman then discovers that Leah Thomey, his ex-lover, is still living in Riverhead, having given up her dream of a professional life in the Boston States. Sergeant Ryan is troubled to learn that Leah had become romantically involved with the deceased Thomas Callahan. The young Catholic cop is challenged to find out who killed Thomas Callahan, the only son of Patrick Callahan, while he faces resistance from an untrusting public—including members of his own family.

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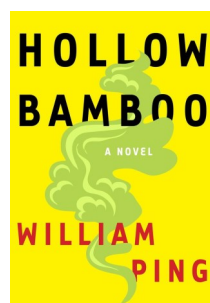
## Ananias

James Case

Also available as an ebook.

Nevermore Press Ltd., 2020

When Ananias Case boards a ship in Fowey, England in 1826 bound for Carbonear, Newfoundland, he's not looking for adventure; he's a man on the run. The structures of class division are left in the wake, while a fractured society in the throes of rapid evolution awaits beyond the sea. An historical novel based on real events, **Ananias** is the story of a man seeking a new life while struggling with the ghosts of his past. This sweeping adventure of discovery, connection and heartache is also a moving tribute to a rugged island place and its people.



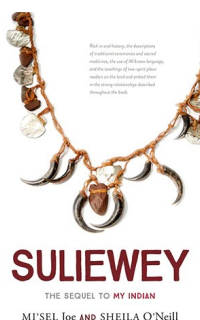
## Hollow Bamboo

William Ping

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

Harper Collins, 2023

William Ping's millennial life revolves around eating at restaurants, posting online about eating at restaurants, then overanalyzing it. This changes unexpectedly when a dinner with his Chinese girlfriend's family goes sideways and his insecurity about his biracial identity and his ignorance of his own Chinese heritage overflow like lava. During a much-needed break from the dinner table, Will is visited in the men's room by a sarcastic, bullying spirit named Mo. The spirit whisks him into the past to learn about the life of his grandfather, the first William Ping, who emigrated from China to Newfoundland in 1931 to work in a laundry. Based on a true story, **Hollow Bamboo** recounts with humour and sympathy the often-brutal struggles, and occasional successes, faced by some of the first Chinese immigrants in Newfoundland. It is a journey of heartbreak, sacrifice, brotherhood and family ties. But most of all, it is about love and survival on the Rock. Drawing on elements of magical realism, autofiction and satire, as well as deep historical research, **Hollow Bamboo** is a fresh and original portrayal of our past and our present, and the debut of an extraordinary new author.



## Suliewey: the sequel to My Indian

Mi'sel Joe and Sheila O'Neill

Breakwater Books, 2023

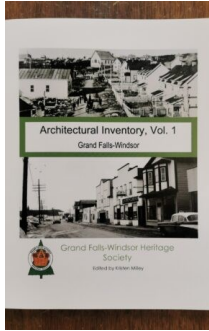
**Suliewey: The Sequel to My Indian** continues the story of Mi'kmaw guide Sylvester Joe, whose traditional name is Suliewey, as he seeks out the last remaining Beothuk community. In **My Indian**, Sylvester was hired by William Cormack in 1822 to guide him across Newfoundland in search of Beothuk encampments. In fact, he followed the advice of his Elders and guided Cormack away from the Beothuk. In this sequel, having parted ways with Cormack at St. George's Bay, Sylvester decides to go out on his own, in search of the winter camp of the last of the remaining Beothuk.

Written as fiction by two Mi'kmaw authors, **Suliewey** supports Mi'kmaw oral history of friendly relationships with the Beothuk. The novel reclaims the settler narrative that the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq of Newfoundland were enemies and represents an existing kinship between the Mi'kmaq and the Beothuk. Rich in oral history, the descriptions of traditional ceremonies and sacred medicines, the use of Mi'kmaw language, and the teachings of two-spirit place readers on the land and embed them in the strong relationships described throughout the book.

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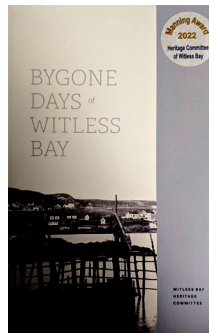


## Architectural Inventory 1: Grand Falls-Windsor

edited by **Kristen Milley**

*Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society Inc., 2023*

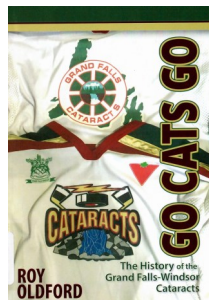
A publication of The Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society Inc., the **Architectural Inventory** documents residential and commercial properties, natural features, and other features of local interest within the town of Grand Falls-Windsor. It includes a basic overview of architectural features, the history and stories associated with the properties, as well as many photographs.



## Bygone Days of Witless Bay

*Witless Bay Heritage Committee, 2021*

**Bygone Days of Witless Bay** is an 18-year project spearheaded by the Heritage Committee of Witless Bay. Interviews from 43 elders within the community were taped and transcribed by Bonnie Johnstone and Maureen Walsh, providing over 100 hours of stories, details, and evidence of everyday life.

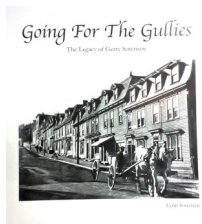


## Go Cats Go: the history of the Grand Falls-Windsor Cataracts

**Roy Olford**

*Morgan Printing, 2023*

**Go Cats Go** focuses on the long history of the Grand Falls-Windsor Cataracts hockey team.



## Going for the Gullies: the legacy of Gerry Sorensen

**Lynn Sorensen**

*Print Three, 2023*

This account of Gerry's life after several tragedies in the Sorensen household is about resilience and strength of character, needed to survive the barrage of tests that swept through their lives. Their misfortunes would demolish most people's dreams. Gerry drew on inner resources after an accident that left him a double amputee. This memoir is a celebration of his work to break barriers and open new prospects for others, who were held back by that status quo of outdated attitudes.



## Homesick for Nowhere: essays inspired by travel and other nuisances

**Richard LeBlond**

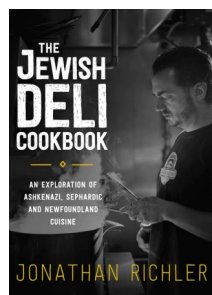
*Eastover Press, 2023*

Richard LeBlond has had quite a life; he's been stranded on a Montana mountaintop, chased by a bear in Labrador, splashed through torrential downpours to document the unsuccessful mating game of the spadefoot toad, crossed a union picket line as a teenager in Oregon, and wrangled errant lovers on a Cape Cod dune as a park ranger. LeBlond travels across North America with his eyes and ears open, and reports in these essays with clarity and humor on the natural world and the two- and four-legged animals who inhabit it. His wit and compassion for the foibles and blessings of being human shine through in each chapter. He also shares what he has learned about the supportive role writing can play in the aging process.

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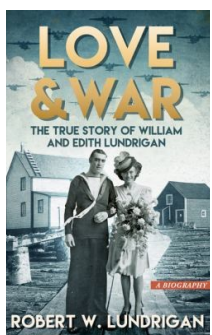


## **The Jewish Deli Cookbook**

**Jonathan Richler**

*Breakwater Books, October 2023*

Celebrating seasonal Newfoundland ingredients in the creation of Jewish fusion cuisine: classic North American delicatessen recipes alongside North African flavours. An exploration of Ashkenazi, Sephardic, and Newfoundland cuisine showcasing local ingredients, fermentation, and family lore. Local foraging and harvesting make possible the recreation of family recipes that have crossed oceans and survived for generations. Jewish cuisine can be found in all corners...

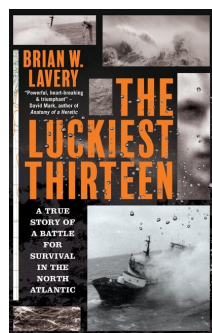


## **Love and War: the true story of William and Edith Lundrigan**

**Robert Lundrigan**

*Flanker Press, 2023*

The moving story of a World War II veteran from Upper Island Cove, Newfoundland, and his war bride from Essex, England. William Lundrigan of Upper Island Cove joined the British Royal Navy on January 8, 1940. For over 2,100 days he served in active theatres of war, including the Battle of the Atlantic, as well as in Russia, France (including Normandy Beach on D-Day), Italy, Malta, Belgium, the Netherlands, and North Africa. Edith, from South Stifford in Essex, England, grew up in a working-class family and enjoyed a good life. She began working in an essential food factory in 1939, at age sixteen, where she was required to stay for the next six years. While anxiously awaiting news from her brother who was a POW of the Japanese working on the Death Railway, she spent much time with her co-workers or her parents in an air-raid shelter as a result of the Blitz carried out by the Nazi Luftwaffe. Edith and William met in October 1944 and quickly fell in love. After a brief romance, they married in 1945 and lived in England until 1949. They then sailed on the RMS Newfoundland to start a new life in Canada's newest province. This book explores the impact of war, on their lives and mutual love, for the next sixty-one years. They raised a family and navigated living in the backdrop of financial hardship as well as the haunting tentacles of a long-ago and faraway war. Under these difficult circumstances, their spirits were tested but their heads remained unbowed.

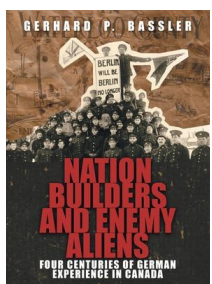


## **The Luckiest Thirteen: a true story of a battle for survival in the North Atlantic**

**Brian W. Lavery**

*Barbican Press, November 2023*

The English port city of Hull was home to 'three day millionaires' – trawlermen on brief shore leave. They were spilling cash from record catches. With months out working fierce seas, who knew if the next trip would be their last? The St. Finbarr was set to change all that. She was built as the perfect trawler, no cost spared. She was the future of the industry. She was on her thirteenth voyage. The Grand Banks, Christmas Day 1966. No holiday for the crew. They weren't fishing. They were battling for their lives. Who can survive a fireball at sea? The families of the crew had a cruel wait to find out. Ships hit the fierce seas off Newfoundland to join a two-day rescue mission. From first sparks to gut-wrenching heroics, **The Luckiest Thirteen** tracks a true story from the far reaches of what fishermen can do.



## **Nation Builders and Enemy Aliens: four centuries of German experience in Canada**

**Gerhard P. Bassler**

*Friesen Press, 2021*

Today German Canadians are among Canada's most assimilated citizens, often distinguishable from other Canadians by their name only. For centuries their pioneer farmers, economic developers, industrialists, professionals, musicians, artists, missionaries, fisherman, boat builders, and soldiers have acquired an acknowledged reputation as nation builders in Canada. Not too long ago, however, they were also associated with Canada's enemy in two world wars, discriminated against, and subjected to infringements of their citizenship rights. Virtually overnight, Canadians of German-speaking background were recast into disloyal enemy aliens. Anti-German sentiments and stigmas, unknown in Canada before World War I, became firmly entrenched and have obliterated their legacy as nation builders. This book documents and illustrates how German Canadians have experienced Canada and how Canada has experienced German Canadians over the course of four centuries. It shows what influence Canada's relations with Germany had on this development. This is the first comprehensive synopsis of the German experience in Canada.

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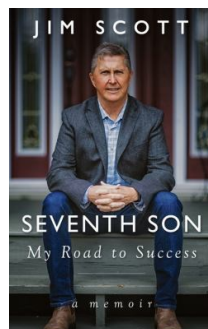
## A Queer History of Newfoundland

Rhea Rollmann

Engen Books, 2023

Through decades of repression – both intentional and unintentional – the powerful story of 20th century queer community-building and activism in this province has remained largely ignored. Until now. Journalist Rhea Rollmann, through extensive interviews, archival work and investigative reporting, brings that history to light in **A Queer History of Newfoundland**.

Organized queer activism dates back to at least 1974 in this province, but queer presence and community stretches back much farther. Rollmann spent years scouring archives, newspapers and court records to chronicle that history. She draws on archival work as well as more than 120 first-hand interviews with activists and community members to document this history behind the history of the province. The book focuses on the fight for human rights protections, AIDS activism, the growth of the city's vibrant queer bar scene, lesbian struggles for space in the feminist movement, trans struggles for recognition and health care, and more. Just as same-sex intimacy emerged in spaces as varied as the fishing industry and campus dorms, queer liberation also took diverse forms in this province, from quiet living-room consciousness-raising groups to angry, in-your-face marches on homophobic bars. Newfoundland and Labrador has been tied into national and international queer liberation networks ever since the 1970s, but NL'ers also played a major role in shaping those national movements. This book explores all of these stories, and more. The story of the queer rights movement in this province is one of great pride and joy; one of hardship and struggle; and ultimately, one of triumph. Why? Because: There have always been – and always will be – queers in Newfoundland and Labrador.

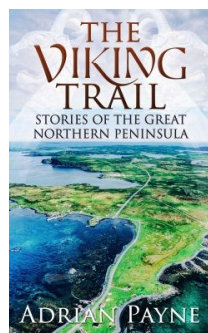


## Seventh Son: my road to success, a memoir

Jim Scott

Flanker Press, 2023

This book is about the life of Jim Scott, from his birth in 1962 through to 2022, a journey that took him from a blue-collar family to becoming a successful businessman and self-made millionaire. His journey starts like that of any normal kid in a Canadian middle-class family living in a one-industry town. However, tragedy struck with the loss of his father in 1977. Jim left school less than a year later, and at sixteen years of age, with only a grade eight education, he ventured off to trades school in Gander. He tried a course in autobody mechanics but found it wasn't for him. Next he tried his hand at learning the millwright trade at a different trades school. His search for employment landed him several jobs throughout Canada and the USA, until at the age of forty-four he created his own firm, Standard Consulting Inc. In nine years, this project and construction management firm grew to a multi-million dollar operation via work from mines with the Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC), Wabush, and Vale. At the age of fifty-three, Jim Scott sold his company to a national engineering firm and remained as one of its very few non-engineering partners and owners. He managed a multitude of clients in Energy and Industry, two large sectors in Atlantic Canada, including Newfoundland Hydro, Newfoundland Power, New Brunswick Power, Nova Scotia Power, Maritime Electric (PEI), Saint John Energy, Wabush Mines, IOC Mine, CFI Mine, and Vale Mine. Jim Scott retired in 2021 at the age of fifty-nine, only to begin a new venture, namely starting a new firm, Scott Consulting Inc., which now provides business development throughout Newfoundland and Labrador for two large Canadian firms.



## The Viking Trail: stories of the Great Northern Peninsula

Adrian Payne

Flanker Press, 2023

Adrian Payne spent more than fifty years guiding and hunting on the Great Northern Peninsula. The Vikings, who came to the shores of Newfoundland in the 11th century, hunted caribou and trapped fur-bearing animals in this rugged, untamed wilderness. Generations later, outfitters like Adrian Payne believe they are walking in the footsteps of these legendary Norsemen, and here he pays homage to them with stories of adventure and daring rescue in the wild. When the Vikings overwintered in the New World, specifically in Newfoundland, they had truly found paradise. The ocean was full of cod and other species, and the rivers teemed with salmon and trout. The forest was full of fur-bearing animals. There were shiploads of timber to take back to their homeland, and the mountains were plentiful with thousands of caribou. Why the Vikings didn't stay in Vinland, as they called the island of Newfoundland, is anyone's guess. The decision to leave may have been influenced by the natives, who continually attacked them while they slept. It is believed by many that some of them stayed behind and married into the Innu and Inuit cultures in Labrador.

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## Simone et Tous les Autres

Gabrielle Coulobre

*L'Index, 2023*

This collection of life stories brings together vibrant stories of confidence and humanity that were collected from seniors in Quebec and abroad. The author tells them to her grandmother Simone who, on her death, gave birth to this project. This book is also a reminder of the richness and importance of intergenerational ties in an era where they are increasingly weakened. Twenty stories of friendship and almost as many landscapes weave here a living itinerary where meeting and sharing find their infinite grandeur.

Text is in French.

## Lillian's Law For the Forgotten Ones



Sharon Goulding-Collins

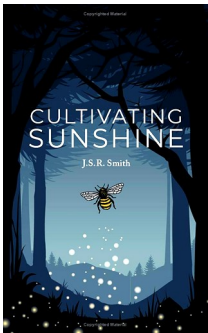
## Lillian's law : for the forgotten ones

Sharon Goulding-Collins

*Melinda Cochrane Inspired Books, 2022*

A voice for residents under the umbrella of Long Term Care. Living with Alzheimer's and dementia. An account, with documentation from a personal perspective, a political perspective, a provincial and national perspective, systemic social attitudes, a Human Rights and Entitlements perspective.

# YOUNG ADULT



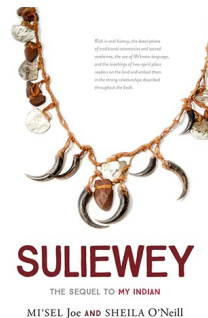
## Cultivating Sunshine

J.S.R. Smith

**Also available as an ebook.**

*Sacred Spine Books, 2023*

Living in an impoverished, post-war city, Mona has finally gotten her wish of leaving the orphanage, although she hasn't been adopted. Instead, she is going to join other children who have been given up by their families to live a better life at the Company. Mona and the children were all chosen by the Company because of their exceptional memory. At the Company, Mona makes only one true friend, an eccentric fellow student named Owen. But when Owen's personality starts to change after he undergoes the procedure to extract a memory, Mona starts to suspect that the process isn't as safe as the Company claims.



## Suliewey: the sequel to My Indian

Mi'sel Joe and Sheila O'Neill

*Breakwater Books, 2023*

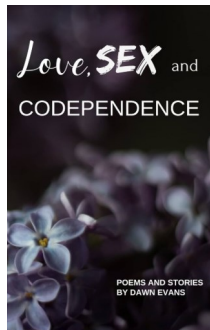
**Suliewey: The Sequel to My Indian** continues the story of Mi'kmaq guide Sylvester Joe, whose traditional name is Suliewey, as he seeks out the last remaining Beothuk community. In **My Indian**, Sylvester was hired by William Cormack in 1822 to guide him across Newfoundland in search of Beothuk encampments. In fact, he followed the advice of his Elders and guided Cormack away from the Beothuk. In this sequel, having parted ways with Cormack at St. George's Bay, Sylvester decides to go out on his own, in search of the winter camp of the last of the remaining Beothuk.

Written as fiction by two Mi'kmaq authors, **Suliewey** supports Mi'kmaq oral history of friendly relationships with the Beothuk. The novel reclaims the settler narrative that the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq of Newfoundland were enemies and represents an existing kinship between the Mi'kmaq and the Beothuk. Rich in oral history, the descriptions of traditional ceremonies and sacred medicines, the use of Mi'kmaq language, and the teachings of two-spirit place readers on the land and embed them in the strong relationships described throughout the book.

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# POETRY



## Love, Sex and Codependence: poems and stories

**Dawn Evans**

*Self-published, 2023*

Dating post-divorce, when you really have no idea what a loving, healthy relationship looks like, is a ride. Especially when you've committed to doing it with your eyes open. I have spent the last three years trying to understand what healthy love and self-love is and how to achieve them. It is coming through practicing emotional intelligence, meditation, and through heaps of therapy and self-help reading. Those have given me an understanding of attachment needs, trauma, and the correlations between my childhood and how I act now. Applying that knowledge to what I was doing with men has made for the hilarious, enlightening, depressing, romantic, hopeful, raunchy, and spiritual writings here.



## Greenwood Fires

**Geraldine Ryan-Lush**

*Mulberry Books, 2022*

In **Greenwood Fires**, in a manner, the author comes full circle. The collection is elegiac, part memoir in free verse, part a poetic take on modern society, rife with arresting observation, painting a palette of influences past and present, naked, bold, and skeletal, from the battery radio on a shelf, to stick fences, to Hill-billy Shakespeares, and 1940's torch songs, to coffee shop blues, to worrying about retirement. In the words of her poem, "News," this work is a "chastising liquid of bark like strength"- enduring, entrenched, and palpable.

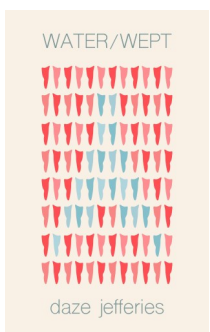


## The Repoetic: after Saint-Pol Roux

**Benjamin C. Dugdale**

*Gordon Hill Press, 2023*

**The Repoetic: After Saint-Pol-Roux** is a herniating long-poem, a w(h)orld built by and for the word. Unconventional and otherwise inconceivable relationships thrive in this unreal space.



## Water/Wept

**Daze Jefferies**

*Anstruther Press, 2023*

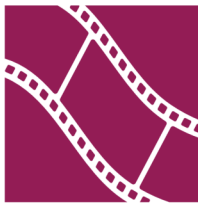
This poetry chapbook playfully explores intergenerational touches and relations that wash through the lives of trans sex workers in Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland).

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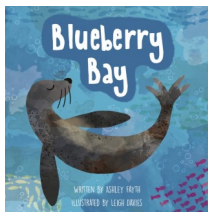
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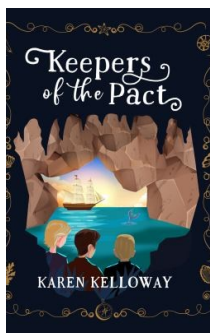
### Blueberry Bay

Ashley Fayth

*Self-Published, 2021*

When Sylvia Seal and her saltwater sidekicks discover a patch of plastic trash disguised as a bountiful buffet, they declare a state of emergency in Blueberry Bay! The finned and feathered friends enlist the help of local children and explain how single-use litter "starts on the land and ends up in the sea - now the ocean is chokin' on plastic debris." **Blueberry Bay** teaches children about the problem of plastic pollution in oceans, and suggests simple swaps we can all make on a daily basis to help save the sea.

Illustrated by **Leigh Davies**.



### Keepers of the Pact

Karen Kelloway

*Nimbus Publishing, 2023*

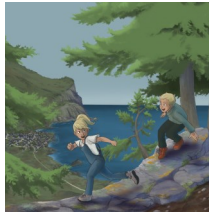
Every town has a secret. And Brigus in Newfoundland and Labrador is no different. For hundreds of years the Pact of Protection has held, and the seaside fishing town has guarded an ancient and dangerous knowledge. But when business tycoon Mr. Grey begins blasting rock for a tunnel, it's more than rock that is blown apart: the pact itself is weakened and bits of the secret begin to slip out. In their search for hidden pirate treasure, twelve-year-old Alistair and his friends Ben and Sadie stumble into the middle of this mystery. The more they learn about the pact, the more the shrieking song, the unexplained leaks in fishing vessels, and the mystery ship in the harbour begin to make sense. Partnering with the pact keepers, Alistair, Ben, and Sadie must re-instate the agreement for the benefit of all. If they don't, a lot more than a few ships will be harmed. Everything the good people of Brigus understand about the sea could be in danger. A magical middle grade novel full of intrigue and adventure, **Keepers of the Pact** will inspire bravery in intrepid explorers and mystery seekers everywhere.

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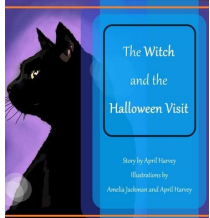
## Le Trésor de Tante Lizzy

Anaïs Hébrard

*Le Gaboteur, 2022*

A children's book featuring a bilingual and exogamous family on the south coast of Newfoundland. When Maya and Flynn argue over French, a discovery in the attic sheds light on the importance of the language in the province.

Illustrated by **Hélène Lemoine**.



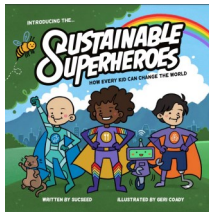
## The Witch and the Halloween Visit

April Harvey

*Self-Published, 2023*

This prequel story to **The Witch, her Dog, and the Fairies** follows a younger Millie as she tries to wrangle two Halloween visitors and a runaway cat! Millicent Hartery is shocked to find two unexpected visitors knocking on the door of her tall, creaky, leaky house one Halloween night! There's trouble afoot, lessons to learn, and one purrfectly witchy cat to find! Ghosts, cats, kids, ears! On Halloween there's nothing to fear...as long as your Aunt is a Newfoundland Witch!

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



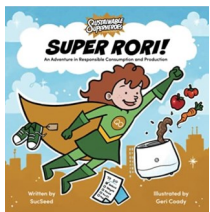
## Sustainable Superheroes: how every kid can change the world

SucSeed

*SucSeed, 2023*

**Sustainable Superheroes: How Every Kid Can Change the World**, introduces the 17 heroes and the goals they represent. Each Sustainable Superhero represents one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and through this book, they share their passions with readers and share helpful actions that kids of all ages can do to help the world. Read along and learn about the 17 Sustainable Superheroes and how to help the world!

Illustrated by **Geri Coady**.



## Super Rori!

SucSeed

*SucSeed, 2023*

**Super Rori!** is the story of a child who learns about sustainability and consumption and production. Rori learns about reducing waste, composting, thrift shopping, and supporting local businesses. Read and learn alongside Rori as she explores SDG Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Illustrated by **Geri Coady**.



## Le Trésor d'Elvis Bozec

Françoise Enguehard

*Bouton d'or Acadie, 2022*

Did the French sailors who came to Newfoundland a long time ago to fish for cod leave traces of their passage? With the help of his sister and a kindly old man, will Elvis Bozec succeed in finding the traces of his ancestor on l'île Rouge, where nothing of the Bretons' passage is still visible?

Illustrated by **Denise Paquette**.

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