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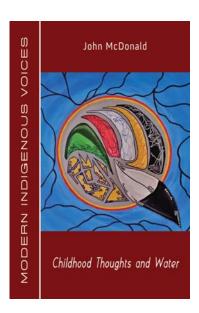
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# Childhood Thoughts and Water

# John McDonald

**Modern Indigenous Voices Series** 

Childhood Thoughts and Water is a collection of Beat Poetry, Spoken Word, Performance Art and Lyrical Verse. This is a work that journeys into the memories and events of an Urban Indigenous warrior's struggles to reconnect with a language and culture that are seemingly always almost out of his reach. The common theme of reconnecting with nature and with water is interspersed with the imagery of childhood recollections and anecdotes about life and love, aspirations and defeats, and the desire to achieve greatness in spite of the obstacles and barriers inherent in a life lived on the fringes, in the shadows and on the streets, in the spotlight and behind the backstage curtain.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John McDonald is a Neyhiyaw/Metis multidisciplinary artist and author from Treaty Six Territory in Northern Saskatchewan. A sixth-generation direct descendant of Nehiyawak Chief Mistawasis, John is one of the founding members of the P.A. Lowbrow art movement and is the Vice President of the Indigenous Peoples Artists Collective. John has studied at the prestigious University of Cambridge in England where, in July 2000, he made international headlines by symbolically 'discovering' and 'claiming' England for the First Peoples of the Americas. John is also an acclaimed public speaker, who has presented in venues across the globe. John has been honoured with several grants from the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

"McDonald addresses the experience of reconnecting with his culture in this book. In one poem, he speaks about his experience returning to the red road, a spiritual journey of reconnecting with the traditional way of life for Indigenous people. In his own personal journey, he had many elders along the way who he sought counsel with, and who taught him how and where to pick sweetgrass."

~ PRINCE ALBERT HERALD

# sakāw askiy ācimowina: niyānan pakosēhtimowina

Priya Chaudhary. Illustrated by Cindy Lin. Translated by Randy Morin.

Randy the Racoon and Cindy the Squirrel are best friends. One day, while walking in Woodland Forest, they find their friend Bella the Butterfly. She is trapped in a spider's web! After Cindy and Randy help her out of the web, she grants them five wishes. Randy and Cindy are excited to make their own dreams come true. But, when each of their wishes hurts their friends, Randy and Cindy have to undo their wishes. With only one wish left, they then stumble upon their injured friend Doris the Crow. When deciding what to do, Randy and Cindy learn the importance of kindness and giving to others.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHORS**

Priya Chaudhary is an elementary school teacher who has a strong passion for children's literature. She was born in India and moved to Canada when she was a child. Her children's stories have been published in Canada and internationally. sakāw askiy ācimowina: niyānan pakosēhtimowina is her first published book. She lives in Mississauga, Ontario.

Cindy Lin worked as a graphics designer and illustrator for major corporations in North America over the last decade. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and won several awards for her design work. sakāw askiy ācimowina: niyānan pakosēhtimowina is her first published book. She lives with her partner and their child in Newmarket, Ontario.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Randy Morin is a teacher, storyteller and English-Cree translator from the Big River First Nation, Treaty Six area. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Indigenous Studies and Bachelor of Education Degree. He is a Member of the Literary Translators' Association of Canada and has over 10 years of experience in literary, radio and video voce-over translations from English to Cree and from Cree to English. He is a strong supporter of maintaining and teaching of Cree language and culture, and shares his knowledge in his community in Saskatoon, SK.

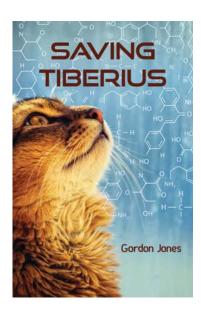


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# Saving Tiberius

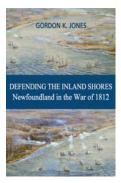
# Gordon Jones

Morgan Watson has a problem. When word leaked that his cat, Tiberius, miraculously cured itself of diabetes and may hold the key to a cure, he is attacked in his home and almost killed in a bloody fight. Paula Rogers, a strong-willed dedicated police officer, has put herself in the line of fire protecting them, and for the first time is stretching the rules and hiding facts from her superiors. The two fiercely independent people find their romantic feelings for each other grow as they search to find who is behind the brutal attempts to get Tiberius before they find themselves intertwined with the growing list of dead bodies.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Gordon Iones is a member of the Canadian Authors Association, Heritage Toronto and the Friends of Fort York. He has been writing about Canadian history for over 30 years and studying documents focusing on the War of 1812, including the major battles of the war and the significant military figures involved. His research has led him to publish his first non-fiction book, Defending the Inland Shores: Newfoundland in the War of 1812 with BookLand Press in 2017. Saving Tiberius is his second published work and his first fiction book. He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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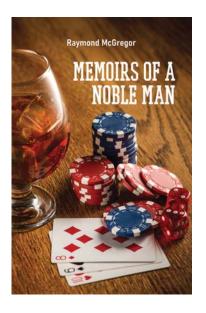
# Memoirs of a Noble Man

# Raymond McGregor

Jack Brown lost both his parents at a young age but continued to grow up understanding the meaning of respect and hard work thanks to a close family friend, Sam. Life for Jack is simple until a dangerous man comes to town seeking a high stakes poker game. Sam's lust for gambling leads the stranger to take Sam's money and his life. While collecting Sam's body, he learns that the stranger has also kidnapped a young woman. With nothing left to go home to, Jack decides to save the young woman, whom he finds himself growing attracted to and avenge his old friend's death. Despite his lack of life experience, Jack finds it increasingly difficult to do what he thinks is noble. Will Jack Brown find purpose in life or succumb to his fears and emotions?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Raymond McGregor was born in Sudbury, Ontario. He turned his appreciation for literature into an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature at Laurentian University before attending Nipissing University in North Bay for Teachers' College. He works as a high school English teacher and enjoys fishing, hunting, playing music, painting and reading in his spare time. Raymond has aspired to write for many years and his two children have been the biggest inspiration to pursue this dream. He hopes that they too will follow their lifelong goals. He now lives in Wawa, a small town in Northern Ontario. Memoirs of a Noble Man is his fourth published book.



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# Also by Raymond McGregor



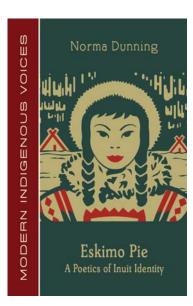
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# Eskimo Pie: A Poetics of Inuit Identity

# Norma Dunning

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Eskimo Pie: A Poetics of Inuit Identity examines Dunning's lived history as an Inuk who was born, raised and continues to live south of sixty. Her writing takes into account the many assimilative practices that Inuit continue to face and the expectations of mainstream as to what an Inuk person can and should be. Her words examine what it is like to feel the constant rejection of her work from non-Inuit people and how she must in some way find the spirit to carry through with what she holds to be true demonstrating the importance of standing tall and close to her words as an Indigenous woman. Dunning believes that we are the guardians of our work regardless of the cost to ourselves as artists and as Inuit people, we matter.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Norma Dunning is an Inuit writer, scholar, professor and grandmother. She grew up beyond the tundra and lived mainly in smaller, northern communities across Canada. She will say that she grew up in the places that no one would ever think to drive to. She completed all three of her university degrees within 9.5 years. She won the Danuta Gleed Literary Award in 2018 for her short story collection Annie Muktuk and Other Stories. In the same year, she won the Writers' Guild of Alberta's Howard O'Hagan Award for the short story Elipsee, and was a shortlisted finalist for the City of Edmonton Book Award. She is the mother of three sons and grandmother to four children. Dunning writes in both poetry and prose, with poetry being her first go-to when it comes to creative work. Through the support of other Indigenous writers, Dunning came to realize that what she writes matters. She currently lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

"Dr. Dunning brings us into identity politics, use of language, cultural appropriation and the effects of colonialism on generations and generations of Inuit peoples, displaced from their territories through her well curated and articulate use of language. Dr. Dunning makes every word count."

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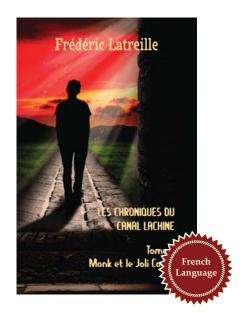
# Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine: Monk et le Joli Cœur

Frédéric Latreille

A couple of weeks after the death of Tom's father, he spends an evening with Oliver where he recounts his life to him as Tom takes notes for his upcoming novel and reacts to the events of Oliver's life. Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine: Monk et le Joli Cœur is a tale of someone searching for true love as karma always comes back to bite him. The novel follows Oliver from elementary school to his forties and all the bad decisions he has made in his life. Even though his life was hard, Oliver has no regrets because it made him the man he is today.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frédéric Latreille was born in South-West area of Montreal, Quebec. He studied arts at Lionel-Groulx College and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History as well as Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies and High School Education from the University of Quebec in Montreal. He is also a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and poet. Although he has written for many years, he only had his first idea for a novel at the age of 37. He currently resides in Ontario and has been teaching history in high school for the last 16 years. Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine: Monk et le Joli Cœur is his third published book.



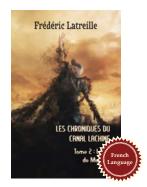
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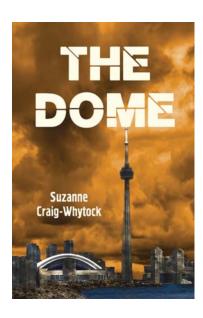


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# The Dome

# Suzanne Craig-Whytock

It's the year 2135, almost four decades since the Water Wars ended. Much of the continent is a desert wasteland, and the powerful Consortium rules Adanac, one of the few habitable areas remaining, with an iron fist. Cee and Dee, 16-year-old twins who share a special, almost psychic bond, are runaways from a Consortium workhouse. Now living as Freeworlders in the largest tent city in Trillium province, they're determined to survive. When devastating circumstances force the twins to become separated, all seems lost until the sudden appearance of a mysterious stranger who reveals some shocking truths. Rumours become reality, enemies become friends, and old foes resurface. Dee and Cee are tested to their limits as they confront the demons of their past and try to save the future, for themselves and all of Adanac.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Suzanne Craig-Whytock's love of literature and writing came at an early age and continued into adulthood, leading her to earn an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in English Language and Literature from Wilfrid Laurier University. She has worked in education most of her life and was a high school English teacher in Ontario for over 20 years. She has authored both fiction and non-fiction works, from short stories and poetry to academic documents and educational resource materials. She regularly publishes humorous essays focused on city life, politics, current events, and popular culture on her website. The Dome is her second published novel.

"A local author's intrigue with a character she invented has led to release of her first fiction novel. *Smile* tells the story of a grieving teen thrown in a tailspin following unwanted news."

~ WOODSTOCK SENTINEL REVIEW

# Secret of the Azure Stone

# Raymond McGregor

In this final instalment of The Blue Knight trilogy, can Owen conquer his personal insecurities and find the true meaning of the Azure stone, or will he be overcome by pressure of saving everyone he loves from a stronger terror than he has ever known? With his family reunited and Uthgar's health improving, The Dwarf King wishes to share a secret known only by very few humans or dwarves. However, with this knowledge also comes a new quest and new challenges to ensure humans and dwarves can finally live in peace. As Owen and his friends seek ancient pieces of a hidden, mystical scepter, the young hero worries about his mother's new position of Queen, begins to question his own self-worth, and faces internal anger the likes of which he has never felt in his short life.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Raymond McGregor was born in Sudbury, Ontario. He turned his appreciation for literature into an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature at Laurentian University before attending Nipissing University in North Bay for Teachers' College. He works as a high school English teacher and enjoys fishing, hunting, playing music, painting and reading in his spare time. Raymond has aspired to write for many years and his two children have been the biggest inspiration to pursue this dream. He hopes that they too will follow their lifelong goals. He now lives in Wawa, a small town in Northern Ontario. Secret of the Azure Stone is his third published novel.



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# Home by the Sea

Paul Savoie

A car skids off a fog-covered road in the middle of a dark night and rolls over. A woman emerges after this horrifying accident and helps her badly wounded husband out of the wrecked vehicle. Together they make their way down a narrow path which leads them to a large house near the sea, where are playing and friendly people welcome them inside. But things are not as they seem. Something evil, deadly lurks behind the door ready to hunt them. Trapped between life and death, the fight for survival begins. Once you find yourself inside these walls, there may be no way to ever get out. Beware.

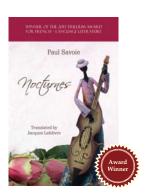
### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Paul Savoie, originally from Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, is the author of over 40 books, both in English and in French. Though mostly known as a poet, he has also completed many works of fiction, including novels and short stories, and has written about his travels to different parts of Asia. He has also translated books of poetry from French to English or English to French and has penned many articles. He received the Trillium Literary Award on two separate occasions, one for Crac and another for Bleu bémol. He has also worked as an arts administrator, having served as a program officer for the Canada Council for the Arts and for the Ontario Arts Council. He has taught literature and film at Brock University, has given creative writing workshops in schools throughout southern Ontario and has served as writer-in-residence on a few occasions. Paul Savoie has dedicated his whole life to arts and culture. He lives in Toronto.

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# Sandscapes

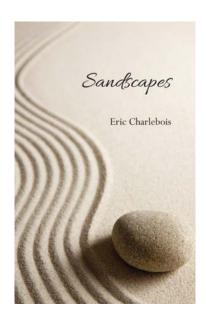
# Eric Charlebois

**Trillium Award-Winning Author** 

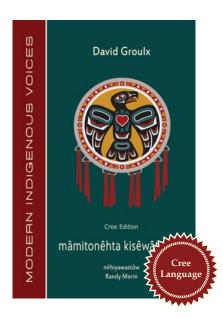
This debut English-language collection, written by a Trillium Awardwinning francophone poet, strikes with endless patterns and infinite grains. Through expert wordplay, technically sound poetry, and bold imagery, Charlebois offers a wistful approach to the moments we encounter most often in life. Each poem pulses with creativity as the poet breathes life into each of the thoughtprovoking pieces of his puzzle. It is this welcome interference with expectations and strong command of language that returns us to the overlooked, constantly changing worlds that only appear altered after the sands of time have passed.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Eric Charlebois is a Trillium Awardwinning francophone author from Hawkesbury, Ontario. Since 2002, he published nine poetry collections in French. He teaches French and English at Collège La Cité and Collège Boréal, and also teaches creative writing at the University of Ottawa. He is the Chair of the Franco-Ontarian Authors Association and a proud member of Editors Canada. He has been a regular spoken word and poetry performer on various Canadian stages and has given creative writing workshops across Canada for more than 15 years. Sandscapes is his first poetry collection written originally in English.

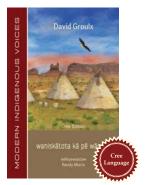


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# mâmitonêhta kisêwâtisiwin

David Groulx. Translated by Randy Morin.

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mâmitonêhta kisêwâtisiwin – the Cree translation of *Imagine Mercy* – is a vibrant poetry collection portraying the daily realities of living as an Indigenous person in Canada. David Groulx and Randy Morin seamlessly weave the spiritual with the ordinary and the present with the past. The author speaks for the spirit, determination, and courage of Indigenous people, compelling readers to confront cruel reality with his honest and inspiring vision.

The poems in *mâmitonêhta kisêwâtisi-win* portray mixed bloods, resistance, determination, sovereignty, and cultural issues that generate sharply divided opinions and deep emotional struggles. Author's poetic power renders an honest and painful perception of modern-day Indigenous life with strong voice against prejudice and injustice. Remarkable in its candour and gracefully constructed, this collection of poems binds us to the present and, at the same time, connects us to the voices of the past.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

David Groulx was raised in the mining community of Elliot Lake in northern Ontario. He is proud of his Native roots – his mother is Ojibwa and his father is French Canadian. David received his B.A. degree from Lakehead University, where he won the Munro Poetry Prize. He has previously published six poetry books and his poems have appeared in over one hundred periodicals in Canada, UK, Australia, Germany, Austria, Turkey, and the USA. He currently lives in Ottawa.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Randy Morin is a teacher, storyteller, and English-Cree translator from the Big River First Nation, Treaty Six area. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Indigenous Studies and worked on many English to Cree translation projects for the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company, Fresh TV, and APTN. He is a strong supporter of maintaining and teaching of Cree language and culture, and shares this knowledge in the classroom as a high school teacher in Saskatoon, SK. He is a member of the Literary Translators' Association of Canada.

"In *mâmitonêhta kisêwâtisiwin*, Groulx resists the misconceptions mainstream society has of Indigenous Peoples... Instead, the speaker lists important issues, like high rates of suicide, diabetes, and incarceration; stolen sisters and dead brothers; apprehension of children by children's aid services; and lack of access to basic living standards."

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# Tsi Niió:re Tenkarakhwaráhseke'

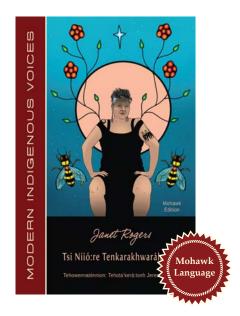
Janet Rogers. Translated by Jeremy Green.

First-ever poetry book published in the Mohawk language

Tsi Niió:re Tenkarakhwaráhseke' - the Mohawk translation of As Long as the Sun Shines - creatively reveals the beautiful and bitter essences of the world from a distinctive Indigenous female voice. Inspired by her recent global travels, experiences, relationships, and Haudenosaunee perspective, the poet unapologetically sings words of midlife wisdom and cultural confidence. By using this creative foundation to unite distinctive communities, the author expresses raw emotion throughout her journey toward inner peace from a uniquely Indigenous point of view. It is this strong expression that the poet hopes will become a global guide for her communities to follow and interpret while encountering their truths and identity.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Janet Rogers is an award-winning Mohawk and Tuscarora poet from the Six Nations of the Grand River. She is also a radio broadcaster, documentary producer, and media artist. Her works have been nominated in the category Best Spoken Word Recording at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards, and the Native American Music Awards. She has hosted the radio programs Native Waves Radio on CFUV and Tribal Clefs on CBC Radio One. Tsi Niió:re Tenkarakhwaráhseke' is her sixth published book and the first-ever poetry book published in the Mohawk language.



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### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Tehotakerá:ton Jeremy Green (Ph.D) is from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. He is Kanien'kehá:ka, wolf clan and is a second language speaker of Kanien'kéha. He has collected, transcribed and translated ceremonial speeches and rites for Six Nations Polytechnic's Indigenous Knowledge Centre that were acquired from the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian Archives and from local sources at Six Nations. For this work he was recognized in 2016 by Six Nations Polytechnic as a Six Nations Community Scholar. Tehotakerá:ton has previously published several works focusing on the revitalization of Six Nations languages, most notably *Teaching Haudenosaunee Languages* and *Pathways To Creating Speakers of Onkwehonwehnéha at Six Nations of the Grand River Territory*. He lives at Ohswé:ken in the Six Nations of the Grand River Country.

"Drawing inspiration from her travels around the world, Mohawk and Tuscarora poet Janet Rogers has created a new poetry collection... The book encapsulates Rogers' passionate voice, as it seeks out answers to life's big questions."

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# Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine: La Loi de Murphy

Frédéric Latreille

La Loi de Murphy, the second book of the Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine series, follows Tom Murphy who is trying to cope with the tragic events of his complicated life and his newfound fame as a writer. Tom is trying to kick back his self-destructive habits and is asked to speak at one of his A.A. meetings. The story revolves around Tom detailing his life: from his upbringing in LaSalle, Quebec to his friendship with Eamon, his time in the army and his unhinged sex life - all the while losing, in the process, everyone who is dear to him. La Loi de Murphy states that anything that can go wrong, will go wrong. This is exactly what this novel is all about.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frédéric Latreille was born in South-West area of Montreal, Ouebec. He studied arts at Lionel-Groulx College and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History as well as Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies and High School Education from the University of Quebec in Montreal. He is also a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and poet. Although he has written for many years, he only had his first idea for a novel at the age of 37. He has been teaching history in high school for the last 17 years. Les Chroniques du Canal Lachine: La Loi de Murphy is his second published book.

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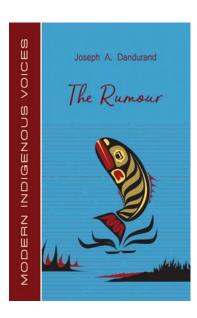
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Joseph A. Dandurand is a member of the Kwantlen First Nation located near the Fraser River, east of Vancouver. He works as the Heritage and Lands Officer for the Kwantlen territory and has been performing his duties for over 16 years. He studied theatre and direction at Algonquin College and at the University of Ottawa. He was a Playwright-in-Residence for the Museum of Civilization in Hull in 1995 and for Native Earth in Toronto in 1996. His recent books published by BookLand Press include Hear and Foretell in English and pihta ēkwa wihta in Cree. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature in English. He has also authored a radio script which was produced by CBC Radio.



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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joël Pourbaix has published 16 books of poetry and won the 2015 Governor General's Literary Award for poetry in the French language for *Le mal du pays est un art oublié* published by Éditions du Noroît. He is now fully dedicated to writing. His latest book, *Quelle mémoire plisse leur visage*, was published by Éditions du Noroît in 2017. He was born in Montreal, where he now lives, to a father from Belgium and a mother from Luxembourg.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Donald Winkler was born in Winnipeg, graduated from the University of Manitoba, and did graduate study at the Yale School of Drama. From 1967 to 1995 he was a film director and writer at the National Film Board of Canada in Montreal, and since the 1980s, a translator of Quebec literature. In 1994, 2011, and 2013 he won the Governor General's Award for French to English translation, and has been a finalist for the prize on three other occasions. His translation of Samuel Archibald's short story collection, *Arvida*, was a finalist for the 2015 Giller Prize. He lives in Montreal.

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In Mister Blackhurst, the author explores the essence of the human soul, questioning the circle of life and the mysteries beyond death. The poetry collection ominously begins as an isolated man regains consciousness on a hospital bed, but his world appears much different. He can no longer control his surroundings, and strange people enter and exit his room, collecting his belongings before they disappear. Seemingly trapped from within, Mister Blackhurst must learn to understand the complex nature of existence as he roams along the boundaries of life and death. Now, reality is more unpredictable than he could have ever imagined.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Louis-Philippe Hébert is an awardwinning author of 28 books of poetry and prose. He received the Ordre des francophones d'Amérique in 1985 for his contribution to the quality of the French language. His literary work has been published widely in magazines and newspapers in Canada as well as internationally, and has been translated to English, Russian, Azerbaijani, Spanish, and Romanian. His poetry book, Marie Réparatrice, published by Les Éditions de La Grenouillère, won the 2015 Governor General's Literary Award. He lives in Wentworth-Nord, Quebec.



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### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

While growing up in Quebec, Ardeth Neale quickly developed an understanding of the intricate relationship between language, culture, and literature. Her experiences teaching and travelling have enhanced this profound awareness. Ardeth's love for Québecois culture and passion for language has led her to become a skilled translator, who has recently completed a Professional Master's degree in Translation Studies at Concordia University in Montreal. *Mister Blackhurst* is her second translation of a literary work by award-winning author Louis-Philippe Hébert. She lives in Montreal.

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# î-nitotamahk kîsik

Rosanna Deerchild. Translated by Solomon Ratt.

**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

î-nitotamahk kîsik is a poetry collection in Cree that describes deep personal experiences and postgenerational effects of the Canadian Aboriginal residential school confinements in the 1960's when thousands of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were placed in these schools against their parents' wishes. Many were forbidden to speak their language and practice their own culture. Rosanna Deerchild exposes how the residential schools systematically undermined Aboriginal culture across Canada and disrupted families for generations, severing the ties through which Aboriginal culture is taught and sustained, and contributing to a general loss of language and culture. The devastating effects of the residential schools are far-reaching and continue to have significant impact on Aboriginal communities.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rosanna Deerchild is an awardwinning Cree author and broadcaster. Her family is from the O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation located near South Indian Lake, Manitoba. She has worked for a variety of Indigenous newspapers and major networks for over 16 years, including APTN, CBC Radio, and Global. Her latest poetry collection, calling down the sky, published by BookLand Press was shortlisted for the 2016 League of Canadian Poets' Pat Lowther Memorial Award, the Manitoba Book Award - Lansdowne Prize for Poetry, and the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award. She is a co-founder and a member of the Indigenous Writers Collective of Manitoba. She currently works as the host of Unreserved on CBC Radio One.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Solomon Ratt was born near the Churchill River, just a few kilometres north of Stanley Mission. He spoke only Cree until the age of six when he was taken away from his parents to attend a residential school in Prince Albert. Since 1986, he has been an associate professor of Cree language studies at the First Nations University of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan. He is the author of nīhithaw ācimowina/Woods Cree Stories published by the University of Regina Press in 2014. He lives in Regina, SK.

"Rosanna Deerchild's second book of poetry, *calling down the sky*, is a poetically and narratively powerful collection in which Deerchild bears witness to her mother's experience in residential school, the long-term impacts of that trauma, and both women's resiliency."

### ~ PRAIRIE FIRE

"The poetry collection, called *calling down the sky*, describes personal experiences with the residential school system in the 1950s and the generational effects it had."

~ CBC

# pihta ēkwa wihta

Joseph A. Dandurand. Translated by Randy Morin.

**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

The poems in pihta ēkwa wihta portray deep spiritual transformations and understandings of the ever-present feeling of being haunted by a not so distant past. Revealing important issues of Aboriginal discrimination, poverty, and violence, the author undeniably illustrates the reality of the experiences many Aboriginal people encounter while living on and off-reserve. This poetry collection reveals strong links to land, to family, and to the wisdom of elders. The book exposes struggles many Aboriginal people encounter in getting an education, dealing with family issues and abuse, learning to respect themselves and demanding respect from others, finding their place in the world, and recovering their rich history and culture. pihta ēkwa wihta illustrates the resilience and strength of the Aboriginal people and the determination that they bring to their communities.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Joseph A. Dandurand is a member of the Kwantlen First Nation located near the Fraser River, east of Vancouver. He works as the Heritage and Lands Officer for the Kwantlen territory and has been performing his duties for over 15 years. He studied theatre and direction at Algonquin College and at the University of Ottawa. He was a Playwright-in-Residence for the Museum of Civilization in Hull in 1995 and for Native Earth in Toronto in 1996. His previously published books include Looking into the Eyes of My Forgotten Dreams and Please Do Not Touch the Indians. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature in English. He has also authored a radio script which was produced by CBC Radio.

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Randy Morin is a teacher, storyteller, and English-Cree translator from the Big River First Nation, Treaty Six area. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Indigenous Studies and worked on many English to Cree translation projects for the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company, Fresh TV, and APTN. He is a strong supporter of maintaining and teaching of Cree language and culture, and shares this knowledge in the classroom as a high school teacher in Saskatoon, SK. He is a member of the Literary Translators' Association of Canada.

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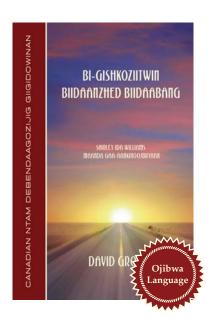
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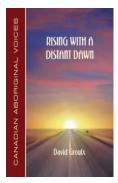


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# Bi-gishkoziitwin Biidaanzhed Biidaabang

David Groulx. Translated by Shirley Ida Williams.

**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

Bi-gishkoziitwin Biidaanzhed Biidaabang, an Ojibwa translation of Rising with a Distant Dawn, is a powerful and moving poetry collection which stretches across the boundaries of skin colour, language, and religion to give a voice to the lives and experiences of ordinary Aboriginal Canadians. The poems embrace anguish, pride, and hope. They come from the woodlands and the plains, they speak of love, of war, and of the known and the mysterious, they strike the reader with wisdom, joy, and sadness, bringing us closer than ever before to the heart of urban Aboriginal life.

This book captures timely personal and cultural challenges, and ultimately shares subtle insight and compassion. This poetry collection is an ambitious, lasting, and meaningful work of literature that will not fade away. It is an exceptional reading experience to be enjoyed and savoured. David Groulx proves, once again, that the distinctive voice of Aboriginal Canadians must be heard.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Groulx was raised in the mining community of Elliot Lake in northern Ontario. He is proud of his Native roots – his mother is Ojibwa and his father is French Canadian. David received his B.A. degree from Lakehead University, where he won the Munro Poetry Prize. He has previously published seven poetry books and his poems have appeared in over one hundred periodicals in Canada, UK, Australia, Germany, Austria, Turkey, and the USA. He currently lives in Ottawa.

# ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Shirley Ida Williams is a member of the Bird Clan of the Ojibwa and Odawa First Nations of Canada. She received her B.A. degree in Native Studies from Trent University and M.A. degree from York University. She has lectured across Canada promoting Anishinaabe culture and has worked on many language training and translation projects for Heritage Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Department of Indian Affairs, and other national organizations.

"Bi-Gishkoziitwin Biidaanzhed Biidaabang and Rising with a Distant Dawn mark an important shift in linguistic and poetic diversity. Any readers of American Indian and Aboriginal literature should find in the English poems a gesture toward postcolonial times and, in the Anishinaabe version of each poem, a compelling invitation to learn a language alive with ever-shifting compound verbs and descriptions of people and places centered in networks of relationships."

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# mâmitoneyihtamowina ekwa kotakak ayisiniwak ot'swepinikewiniwâwa

Reneltta Arluk. Translated by Susan Sinclair.

**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

In this Cree translation of Reneltta Arluk's poetry collection *Thoughts and Other Human Tendencies*, the author and the translator draw from the Aboriginal traditions of praising the land and the spirit, the realities of Aboriginal culture, and the concept of feminine individuality. These poems, both sacred and secular, are written with the passions of anger, grief, and love, at once tender and furious.

Here are the tales of courage, loss, betrayal, passion, defeat, delight, courting, coming of age, birth and death, youth and old age, hunting and surviving. The poems are united by the ongoing struggle to define what it means to be a tribal member, an Aboriginal, and a woman in the 21st century.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Reneltta Arluk is a writer and actor Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Chipewyan-Cree descent originally from the Northwest Territories. Being raised in a nomadic environment gave her the skills and imagination to become the writer and storyteller she is. Reneltta has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Alberta. She currently works as the Director of Indigenous Arts at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Thoughts and Other Human Tendencies is her first published book.



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### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Susan Sinclar is a Cree educator and translator from Edmonton, Alberta. She has been a Cree teacher, Aboriginal Education consultant, and Native Studies instructor for over 20 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Regina.

"Reneltta Arluk once acted a script I had written. She gave breath, blood, and body to a character I had imagined. Here, in these poems, she does the same for herself, for her own history. Here is the script for the drama only she could enact."

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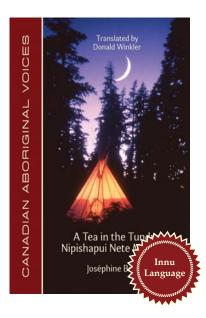
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# A Tea in the Tundra / Nipishapui Nete Mushuat

Joséphine Bacon. Translated by Donald Winkler.

**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

With this bilingual English-Innu poetry collection, Joséphine Bacon, in her tribute to the Tundra, challenges our traditional notions of Aboriginal culture and perception, northern landscape and the wilderness, the limits of experience, and the riddle of human existence.

With a dreamlike blend of feeling and memory, A *Tea in the Tundra / Nipishapui Nete Mushuat* presents a complex and elusive constellation of possibilities. The author displays a finely wrought sensibility, which does honour to the subtle intricacies of daily life. The French-language edition of this book, *Un thé dans la toundra*, was a finalist for the 2014 Governor General's Literary Award for poetry.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Joséphine Bacon is an accomplished Aboriginal author, songwriter, storyteller, and documentary filmmaker. She is considered an icon of Quebec literature. She was born in Pessamit, a First Nations reserve and Innu community in Quebec. Known internationally, she has been a guest of honour in Colombia, Scotland, France, Russia, Armenia, Mexico, and Haiti. The recipient of many awards, she regularly takes part in poetry performances nationwide. She was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award in 2014.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR

Donald Winkler was born in Winnipeg, graduated from the University of Manitoba, and did graduate study at the Yale School of Drama. From 1967 to 1995 he was a film director and writer at the National Film Board of Canada in Montreal, and since the 1980s, a translator of Quebec literature. In 1994, 2011, and 2013 he won the Governor General's Award for French to English translation, and has been a finalist for the prize on three other occasions. His translation of Samuel Archibald's short story collection, *Arvida*, was a finalist for the 2015 Giller Prize.

"The poems are rooted in the concrete worlds of nature and the body, but evoke the presence of a larger, living spirit... Others kaleidoscope between city and wilderness, subtly tracing the lines of Bacon's own biography."

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# The Windigo Chronicles

David Groulx

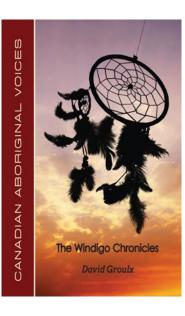
**Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series** 

In the traditional Algonquian world, the Windigo is the spirit of selfishness, which can transform a person into a murderous cannibal. Indigenous people in North America believed in the Windigo, not only as a myth told in the darkness of winter nights, but also as a real danger. In this poetry book, David Groulx seamlessly weaves the spiritual with the ordinary and the present with the powerful voices of the past. He portrays honest and painful perception of Indigenous life with strong voice against prejudice and injustice.

The author speaks for the strength, determination, and courage of Indigenous people, compelling readers to confront cruel reality with his sincere and inspiring vision. Drawing on oral narratives, fur traders' journals, and anthropologists' field notes, this book provides an insightful look into traditional Indigenous beliefs, crosscultural communication, and colonial relationships.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Groulx was raised in the mining community of Elliot Lake in northern Ontario. He is proud of his Native roots - his mother is Ojibwa and his father is French Canadian. David received his B.A. degree from Lakehead University, where he won the Munro Poetry Prize. He also studied creative writing at the En'owkin Centre in Penticton, British Columbia, where he won the Simon J. Lucas Jr. Memorial Award for poetry. David has previously published nine poetry books with Kegedonce Press, Wolsak & Wynn, Now or Never Publishing, and BookLand Press. His poetry has appeared in periodicals in Canada, UK, Australia, Germany, Austria, and the USA. His books have been translated to French and Oiibwa. He lives in Ottawa.



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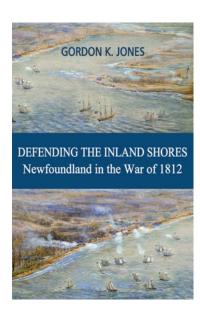
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Defending the Inland Shores describes the significant role that the Newfoundland soldiers played in the defence of Canada during the War of 1812. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment was on the front lines throughout the war, fought with honour and great courage, and experienced many casualties during military actions, such as the Battle of the Maumee, the Battle of Fort George, and the Battle of Lake Erie. This book also discusses several legendary military commanders from the War of 1812, including George Prevost, Isaac Brock, Andrew Bulger, and George Macdonell.

Throughout the book, the author skilfully describes many prominent battles of the war, such as the siege of Fort Detroit, the capture of an American naval schooner on Lake Ontario, a surprise attack on Ogdensburg, and the heroic defence of a British ship on the Niagara River during an American assault. *Defending the Inland Shores* tells these incredible stories and recalls important events from Canadian military history.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Gordon K. Jones is a member of Heritage Toronto, the Friends of Fort York, and the Canadian Authors Association. For more than 30 years he has been writing about history and studying documents focusing on the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the War of 1812, including the major battles of the war and the significant military figures involved. His research has led him to many archives, the original battlefields in Ontario, and aboard two replica ships from the War of 1812: the USS Niagara and the HMS Tecumseh. He currently lives in Toronto, Ontario. Defending the Inland Shores is his first published book.

"Written in engaging and accessible prose, *Defending the Inland Shores* provides a long-overdue focus on the Newfoundland soldiers who were present at some of the war's most famous battles and who played an important role in defending the British colonies from American attacks."

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"Armed with passion for the War of 1812 and desire to uncover Newfoundland's role in the war, Gordon Jones's book *Defending the Inland Shores: Newfoundland in the War of 1812* was released... New book explores the great contribution and loss Newfoundland experienced during the War of 1812."

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# Training Aces Canada's Air Training During the First World War

Peter C. Conrad

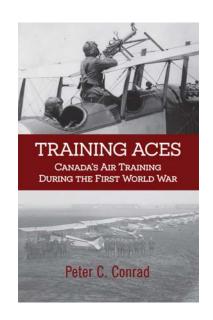
When the First World War broke out, little was known about aviation. Even less was known about using the biplane as a new weapon. *Training Aces* chronicles the development of military aviation in Canada that began in the years before the war when early flight experiments were made by the Canadians and Americans, including Alexander Graham Bell, William Wallace Gibson, John Douglas McCurdy, William McMullen, Glenn H. Curtiss, and William Straith.

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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Peter C. Conrad holds a Master of Arts Degree in History and a Bachelor of Education. His previously published non-fiction books include Canadian Wartime Prison Escapes: Courage and Daring Behind Enemy Lines and Training for Victory: the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in the West.

Peter C. Conrad was the senior editor and writer for the *Alberta Online Encyclopedia* and has also worked for the Education Management Corporation, the Heritage Community Foundation, and Boston University. His articles have been published in many periodicals, including *Folklore, Western People*, and *Heritage Link*. He lives in Edmonton, Alberta.



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# Free Like Sunshine

# Christina Kilbourne

All Katrina really wants is a home, a forever home where she can live with her three sisters. She's even willing to give up her Disney-princess dream of living happily ever after for the chance. But giving up her birth parents for the possibility of a predictable life isn't an easy choice, no matter what they've done.

After five years of fending for herself and her little sisters, six foster homes, and an eighteen-hour car ride to their new lives, Katrina lives in constant fear that one of her sisters will blow it and get them sent back to Blackwater Creek. It takes years before she believes her adopted parents will love her no matter what happens. Even then it takes her older sister running away to make Katrina understand that real parents never give up on their children, and there is no time limit on forever.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Christina Kilbourne was born in southwestern Ontario and grew up in Muskoka, a resort area two hours north of Toronto. She graduated with an Honours B.A. degree in English Literature and Anthropology from the University of Western Ontario and completed her M.A. degree in Creative Writing and English Literature at the University of Windsor, Ontario.

Christina has six previously published books of adult, young adult, and juvenile fiction. Her book *Dear Jo* won three young readers' choice awards in Canada in the same year one in Manitoba, one in Saskatchewan, and one in British Columbia. It was also nominated for a New York State young readers' choice award. She lives near Bracebridge, Ontario.

"Versatile Muskoka author Christina Kilbourne has written another fine novel about closely entwined human dilemmas."

### ~ MUSKOKA MAGAZINE

"Kilbourne is a talented writer with a facility for language and an intriguing story."

~ QUILL & QUIRE

# The Blue Knight

# Raymond McGregor

The Blue Knight reveals problems in our society related to racism and bullying, which is an important topic that is currently at the forefront of many lives and is being discussed at great lengths around the world. The main character, a teenage boy named Owen, lives in a small village with his mother. He is chastised by everyone he encounters until the day he meets an unusual friend who lives in the mountains nearby.

Both outcasts must gain each other's trust and learn self-worth, mutual respect, and tolerance. During their adventures, both friends learn to overcome the harshness of racism and hate while challenging others to do the same. This book will teach young readers how to find strategies and answers in their life that will help them to deal with these important issues productively and positively.

# **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Raymond McGregor was born in Sudbury, Ontario. He turned his appreciation for literature into an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature at Laurentian University before attending Nipissing University in North Bay for Teachers' College. He works as a high school English teacher and enjoys fishing, hunting, playing music, painting, and reading in his spare time.

Raymond has aspired to write for many years and his two children have been the biggest inspiration to pursue this dream. He hopes that they too will follow their lifelong goals. He now lives in Wawa, a small town in northern Ontario.



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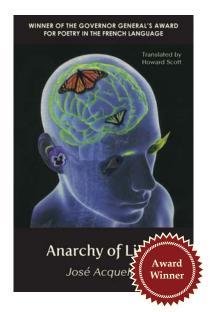
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# Anarchy of Light

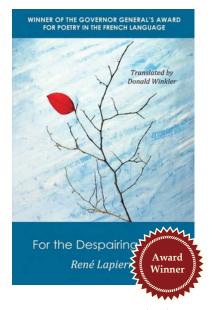
José Acquelin. Translated by Howard Scott.

Winner of the Governor General's Award for Poetry in the French Language

Anarchy of Light is a wondrous collection of poems intricately written with a remarkable use of language. José Acquelin's poetry provides luminous insights into our complex lives while being both meditative and lucid. This book reveals the author's philosophy, his views on poetry, the infinite perspectives of humanity, and the structure of the universe, ultimately revealing a contemplative and skillful mind. The author deeply reflects on contemporary society and the unique role that poetry plays in his career.

*José Acquelin* has published over 20 poetry books. His poetry collection *L'oiseau respirable* was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award in 1996 and his poetry collection *Anarchie de la lumière* won the Governor General's Literary Award in 2014. His poems have been translated into many languages, including English, Spanish, Romanian, and Italian. He lives in Montreal.

*Howard Scott* lives in Montreal. His translation of *L'Euguélionne* by Louky Bersianik won the Governor General's Literary Award in 1997. He has translated many poetry, fiction, and non-fiction titles, often in collaboration with Phyllis Aronoff. In 2001, they won the Quebec Writers' Federation Translation Award and in 2009 they were shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award.



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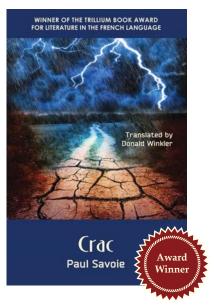
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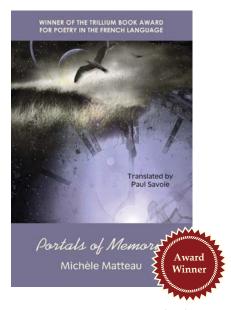
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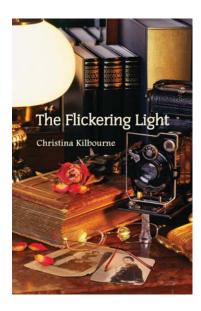
*Portals of Memory* adeptly explores the human journey while describing the unfolding of a single day in parallel with the seasons of the year. From dawn to dusk, the author recalls voices that have fallen silent and uses lines full of imagery and emotion to evoke the stages of their existence. The secret songs and calls for help, which are torn between joy and pain, certainty and doubt, revolt and acceptance, are illustrated before the eyes of the reader with skilful narration.

*Michèle Matteau* is an accomplished poet, playwright, and novelist. She has studied psychology and arts, and has worked as a teacher and journalist. Her fiction book *Cognac et porto* won the Trillium Book Award in 2002, her poetry collection *Passerelles* won the Trillium Book Award in 2010, and her novel *Avant que ne tombe la nuit* was a finalist for the Trillium Book Award in 2013.

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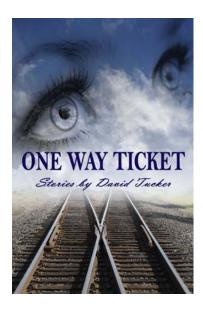
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*Christina Kilbourne* graduated with an Honours B.A. degree in English Literature and Anthropology from the University of Western Ontario and completed her M.A. degree in Creative Writing and English Literature at the University of Windsor, Ontario. She previously published five books of adult, young adult, and juvenile fiction and has had two of her novels translated into Slovenian, Ukrainian, and Portuguese.

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*David Tucker* is an award-winning television writer, producer, and director. For many years he has created arts, drama, science, children's, and current affairs programming for CBC, Discovery and other networks. Best known for his work on CBC's *The Nature of Things* with David Suzuki, Tucker has garnered dozens of awards, including a Gemini for Best Director. He currently lives in Oakville, Ontario.

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**Canadian Peacekeeping Missions** 

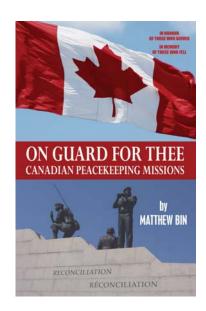
# Matthew Bin

On Guard for Thee: Canadian Peacekeeping Missions is a collection of soldiers' stories from Canadian men and women who have served overseas on UN and NATO missions from the end of the Cold War to the present day. The stories are collected directly from the individual veterans. Contributors represent virtually every major Canadian peacekeeping mission from the wars in Rwanda and Bosnia to the ongoing fight in Afghanistan. The full Canadian peacekeeping experience is here, showing, from the ground level, how Canada's international reputation was built.

*Matthew Bin* is a writer from Cambridge, Ontario. He served as a Bombardier in the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery from 1991 to 1994. He graduated from McMaster University, earning a B.A. in English in 1996 and a M.A. in English in 1997. Matthew is currently the President of the Canadian Authors Association. His articles have appeared in various national and international magazines.

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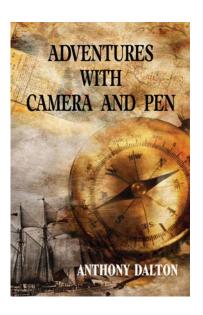
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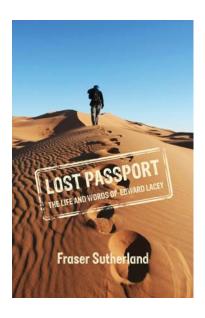
**Anthony Dalton** is an adventurer, author, and public speaker. He led regular expeditions across the deserts of the Middle East and travelled hundreds of nautical miles along the Arctic coast of northwestern Alaska alone in an inflatable speedboat. Dalton has written 13 non-fiction books and collaborated on two others. His articles have been published in magazines and newspapers in 20 countries.

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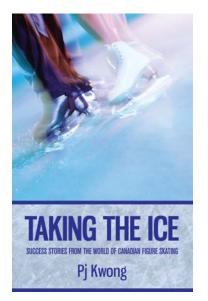
# Fraser Sutherland

Edward Lacey was one of the rare North American writers who intimately knew the Third World in the latter twentieth century. While he was a college student in the 1950s, his poems pioneered forthrightly gay themes. A superb speaker and translator of multiple languages, he was a gifted teacher in Mexico, Trinidad, Brazil, Thailand, and Indonesia. A remarkable Canadian poet, he is among the few who are known beyond our borders.

*Fraser Sutherland* is a much travelled Nova Scotian who now lives in Toronto, Ontario. Before he became a freelance writer and editor, Sutherland reported for *The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. His work has appeared worldwide in magazines and anthologies in print and online, and has been translated into French, Ukrainian, Italian, Albanian, Serbian, and Farsi.

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*Pj Kwong* is a CBC's figure skating expert and journalist. A television commentator and writer since 2001, the veteran figure skating coach has covered six World Figure Skating Championships, several Olympic Games, Four Continents and Grand Prix Finals for CBC, CTV, TSN, and TBS networks. Fluent in English, French, German, and Spanish, Pj has travelled the world as a TV broadcaster and journalist.

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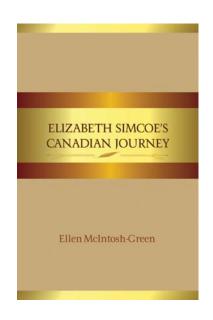
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Elizabeth Simcoe was a privileged, upper class, English gentlewoman who married Upper Canada's first Lt. Governor John Graves Simcoe. A true product of her time, Elizabeth developed a passion for the "untamed world" which eventually brought her to the wilds of Canada in the years between 1791 and 1796 on a journey which today seems unbelievable. The story of Elizabeth Simcoe's Canadian journey is a triumph and a tragedy, an inspiration to all Canadians.

*Ellen McIntosh-Green* is a visual artist and writer who lives in Simcoe, Ontario. She was Director and Curator of the Lynnwood Arts Centre [now the Norfolk Arts Centre] in Simcoe for almost twenty years. In that position she curated an exhibition of Elizabeth Simcoe's paintings. In the late 1980's she received a grant from the Canada Council for the Arts to research Elizabeth Simcoe's documents in England and to write this book.

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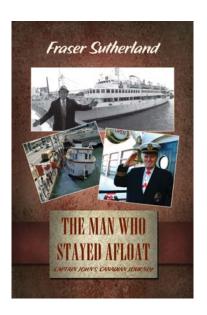
# Fraser Sutherland

When a Slovenian teenager sneaked into Austria in 1956, it was the beginning of an epic journey to Canada. Landing penniless the next year in Toronto, he worked his way up from golf-club dishwasher to greasy-spoon proprietor. Building on success, he opened a floating restaurant on the barren Toronto waterfront. Battling financial reverses, he kept dishing out clam chowder to tourists when he wasn't hosting an annual dinner to feed the homeless. *The Man Who Stayed Afloat* tells his triumphant story.

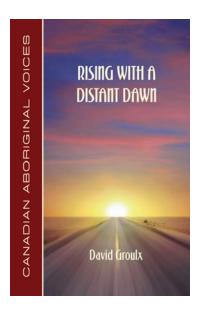
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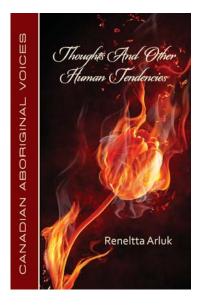
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Rising With a Distant Dawn is a powerful and moving poetry collection which stretches across the boundaries of skin colour, language, and religion to give voice to the lives and experiences of ordinary Aboriginal Canadians. The poems embrace anguish, pride, and hope. They come from the woodlands and the plains, they speak of love, of war, and of the known and the mysterious, they strike with wisdom, joy, and sadness, bringing us closer than ever before to the heart of urban Aboriginal life.

*David Groulx* was raised in the mining community of Elliot Lake in northern Ontario. He is proud of his Native roots – his mother is Ojibwa and his father is French Canadian. David received his B.A. from the Lakehead University, where he won the Munro Poetry Prize. He also studied creative writing at the En'owkin Centre in Penticton, British Columbia, where he won the Simon J. Lucas Jr. Memorial Award for poetry.

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Reneltta Arluk is a writer and actor of Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, and Chipewyan-Cree descent originally from the Northwest Territories. Being raised in a nomadic environment gave her the skills and imagination to become the writer and storyteller she is. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Alberta and works as an actor and playwright throughout Canada and internationally keeping her culture alive.

"The poems in *Thoughts and Other Human Tendencies* comprise the intensely personal and in many ways autobiographical work about growing up and dealing with the joy and pain the process entails."

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# **Imagine Mercy**

# David Groulx

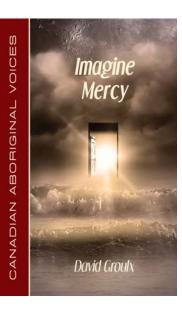
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The poems in *Imagine Mercy* portray mixed bloods, resistance, determination, sovereignty, and cultural issues that generate sharply divided opinions and deep emotional struggles. Groulx's poetic power renders an honest and painful perception of modern-day Aboriginal life with strong voice against prejudice and injustice. Remarkable in its candour and gracefully constructed, this collection of poems binds us to the present and, at the same time, connects us to the voices of the past.

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"David Groulx has come a long way from daydreaming as a child in Elliot Lake about a future career writing poetry. His childhood ambition has turned into success with age."

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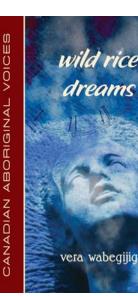
# **Canadian Aboriginal Voices Series**

Wild Rice Dreams is a collection of Aboriginal poetry that delves into the human experience from an Anishinaabe perspective with spotlight on urban Aboriginal life. Vera Wabegijig speaks to the power of ordinary Aboriginal people in Canada, ignites our imagination, and connects us to our past, current, and future feelings. She demonstrates deep understanding of native vitality and appreciation of different cultural legacies in vigorous relationship with each other.

*Vera Wabegijig* is an Aboriginal poet and artist from the Mississauga First Nation and Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve. Her nomadic learning style has brought her across this land to foster growth as a contemporary storyteller at the En'owkin Centre, University of Victoria, and the Banff Centre for the Arts. Her visual poems and other works have been screened at ImagineNative Film Festival and Dawson City Film Festival.

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