



Read Local BC 2017

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A selection of titles from Read Local BC 2017.



As if

by Alban Goulden

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

As If is a collection of stories that, as its title suggests, points at an indubitable truth: all literature is speculative. Goulden's, however, extends past the boundaries of conventional fiction into areas traditionally occupied by fantasy and magic realism. These stories rail against the industrial and digital mechanisms of our age and, in the great fabulist tradition, call upon its characters to take action, to reach beyond the repetitive anxiety of being a cog in the wheel of mechanical env ...

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Assdeep In Wonder

by Christopher Gudgeon

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian

Assdeep in Wonder is a collection of new poems that explore the idea of identity in a myriad of contexts: personal, sexual, cultural, national, literary, and poetic. The poems are raw and immediate, exploring themes of addiction, sexuality, loss, love, and wonder in equal measures.

Selected Praise: "Gudgeon's first poetry collection is a quirky valentine to irreverent readers, full of stark and pretty imagery, wry quips, and glorious bursts of vulgarity. ..." (Foreword Reviews)

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Bad Endings

by Carleigh Baker

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : short stories (single author)

Winner of the City of Vancouver Book Award Finalist for the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

Carleigh Baker likes to make light in the dark. Whether plumbing family ties, the end of a marriage, or death itself, she never lets go of the witty, the ironic, and perhaps most notably, the awkward. Despite the title, the resolution in these stories isn't always tragic, but it's often uncomfortable, unexpected, or just plain strange. Character digressions, bad decisions, and misconceptions abound. ...

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The Encyclopedia of Lies

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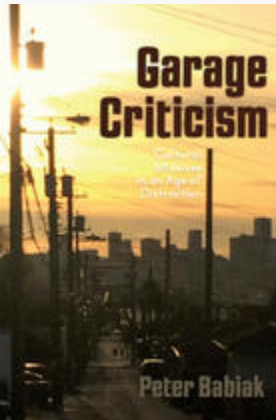
EDITION: [Paperback](#)

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In these sixteen stories, Christopher Gudgeon, bestselling author of the critically acclaimed *Song of Kosovo*, takes a heartbreaking and hilarious look into the lives, loves, sexual obsessions and delusions that inform a grand cast of off-kilter characters.

Here is a gay couple who persevere with their marriage plans as the world, literally, crumbles around them, a woman who discovers the mysterious collection of letters that reveals a terrifying truth about her deceased fiancée, a dutiful son, ...

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Garage Criticism

Missives in the Age of Distraction

by Peter Babiak

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

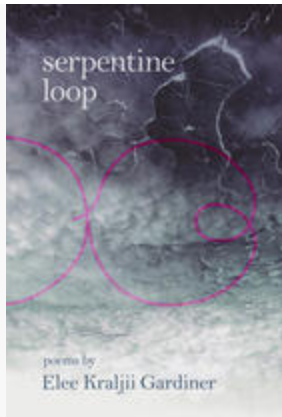
ALSO AVAILABLE: [eBook](#)

tagged : popular culture

Montaigne Medal Finalist (Eric Hoffer Awards)

In *Garage Criticism* Peter Babiak eviscerates and deflates some of the cultural sacred cows of our time. From *Fifty Shades of Grey* ("Hot for Teacher: What *Fifty Shades of Grey* Taught Me About Salacious Grammar, Sexy Women and the Scandalous Conflation of Cultural and Literary Culture") to the disintegration of the "deep read" ("F You Professor: Tumblr, Triggers and the Allergies of Reading") to the *Hunger Games* ("The Revolution Will Not Be Televised - ...

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Serpentine Loop

by Elee Kraljii Gardiner

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian

"Writers, like skaters, score the blank sheet and test the edge of inclusion and exclusion. Most of these poems begin with a word from skating and push off to another topic. Others revisit ideas of femininity, control and language as pattern, or visit the past through movement, or enact principles from the rink such as symmetry, joy, endurance, crescendo and accent, revolution, response. The blade melts ice via friction and pressure. I drifted away from skating but the language is imprin ...

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Blood, Sweat, and Fear

The Story of Inspector Vance, Vancouver's First Forensic Investigator

by Eve Lazarus

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : serial killers, post-confederation (1867-)

Finalist, Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award

During his forty-two-year-career he helped detectives in Vancouver, Victoria, and throughout BC solve hit-and-runs, safe-crackings, and some of the most sensational murder cases of the 20th century. Vance was constantly called to crime scenes and to testify in court because of his skills in serology, toxicology, and autopsy.

When Vance was first called to a crime scene in 1914, forensics was in its infancy. Vancouver was the first police departm ...

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Everything Is Awful and You're a Terrible Person

by Daniel Zomparelli

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gay, short stories (single author)

Finalist, Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize (BC Book Prizes)

A YouTube star becomes famous after he documents his breakup online. An anxious, lactose-intolerant office worker obsesses over a stranger who says "Nice shorts, bro" to him in passing. A couple wants to open up their relationship to a ghost. A monster just wants to find love in his human skin.

In these unconventional, interconnected stories--the first work of fiction by acclaimed poet Daniel Zomparelli, editor-in-chief of *Poetry Is Dead* magazi

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An Extraordinary Destiny

A Novel

by Shekhar Paleja

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : literary, coming of age

It's 1947 in Lahore, and the Sharma family is forced to flee their home during the violence of the Partition of India. As the train tracks measure the ever-growing distance between Varoon and his mother, who vanished during the panic to escape, the boy is thrust towards an uncertain future.

Forty years later, Varoon's grown son, Anush, desperately tries to disentangle himself from his father's demands, which are mired in grief and whiskey. Compounding the pressure is an unusually auspiciou ...

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Waiting for the Cyclone

Stories

by Leesa Dean

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : short stories (single author), contemporary women

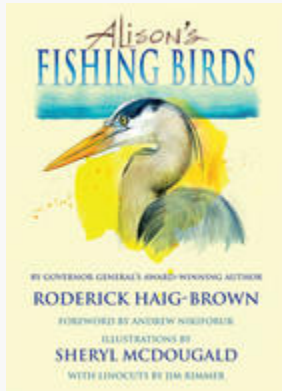
A Trillium Book Award Finalist

"A radiant debut—beautifully written, passionate, and whip smart." —Ayelet Tsabari, author of The Best Place on Earth, winner of the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature

Women are too often cast in literature as inherently good and dependable—but this is not the case in the audacious stories of *Waiting for the Cyclone*.

Mary, a closet drinker, leaves her children with Debbie, a seemingly perfect housewife who shoots pharmaceuticals at night. Alison vacations wit ...

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Alison's Fishing Birds

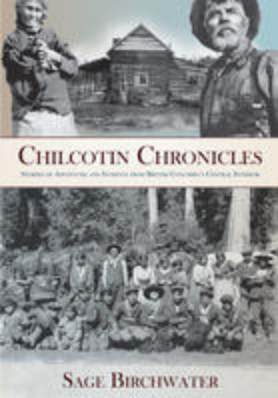
by Roderick Haig-Brown, illustrated by Sheryl McDougald

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged :

Beautifully illustrated children's story about Canadian wildlife by famed Canadian conservationist and Governor General Award-winning author, Roderick Haig-Brown. First published as a limited edition in 1980 by Colophon Books, ALISON'S FISHING BIRDS by BC's acclaimed author and conservationist Roderick Haig-Brown is the story of a young girl's encounter with some of BC's most intriguing river birds. Alison's favourite bird, the Dipper, lives along the river by her house. She spends many hours wa ...

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Chilcotin Chronicles

Stories of Adventure and Intrigue from British Columbia's Central Interior

by Sage Birchwater

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : post-confederation (1867-)

A collection of historical stories about the early indigenous people, settlers, trappers, and adventurers of BC's Cariboo Chilcotin. A compilation of stories that meld both culture and bloodlines, CHILCOTIN CHRONICLES by Sage Birchwater is set in the wild and untamed country of central British Columbia's Chilcotin Plateau. West of the Fraser River, this high country is contained by an arc of impenetrable mountain ranges that separates it from the Pacific Coast. The first inhabitants of this regi ...

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How Deep is the Lake

A Century at Chilliwack Lake

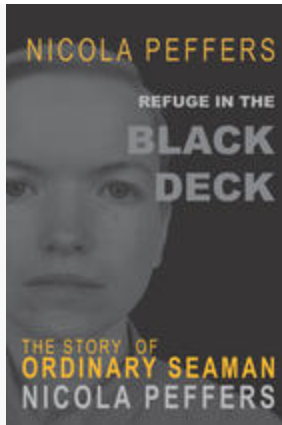
by Shelley O'Callaghan

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : personal memoirs

A prudent and intentional examination of privilege and belonging in Chilliwack Lake by retired environmental lawyer and grandmother. Curious about the previous inhabitants of the lake where her family has spent the summer for over one hundred years, author Shelley O'Callaghan starts researching and writing about the area. But what begins as a personal journey of one woman's relationship to the land and her desire to uncover the history of her family's remote cabin turns into an exploration and q ...

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Refuge in the Black Deck

The Story of Ordinary Seaman Nicola Peffers

by Nicola Peffers

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : military

Ordinary Seaman, Nicola Peffers exposes ongoing harassment from her male colleagues, despite Canadian Forces' "zero-tolerance policy" and chronicles PTSD survival experience. When Ordinary Seaman Nicola Peffers boarded the HMCS Winnipeg in 2009, she was embarking on her first deployment with the Canadian Navy. At twenty-six years old, one of the few women on the boat, and of the top students in her training class, Nicola began her career with a sense of optimism and hope towards seeing the world ...

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A Quiet Roar

Living with Multiple Sclerosis

by Heidi Redl

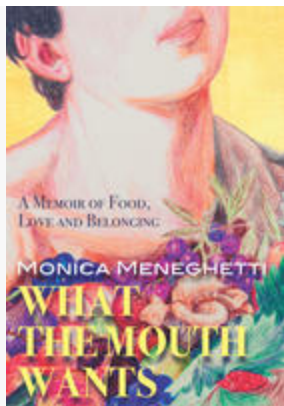
EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : people with disabilities

Compelling and honest life of a stubborn BC rancher living tenaciously in the face of her Multiple Sclerosis condition. The devastating diagnosis of an incurable, debilitating disease does not ordinarily form the starting point of a triumphant story. This, however, is a triumphant story. Heidi Redl was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2004 and immediately chose to fight the disease with the only tools available to her: sheer stubbornness and courage.

Growing up on a pioneer ranch in the roug ...

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What the Mouth Wants

A Memoir of Food, Love and Belonging

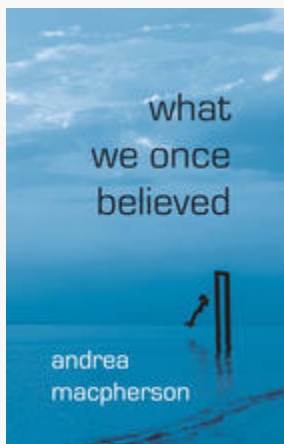
by Monica Meneghetti

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : [lgbt](#)

The redefinition of family values as seen from the eyes of a polyamorous, queer Italian Canadian obsessed with food. This mouthwatering, intimate, and sensual memoir traces Monica Meneghetti's unique life journey through her relationship with food, family and love. As the youngest child of a traditional Italian-Catholic immigrant family, Monica learns the intimacy of the dinner table and the ritual of meals, along with the requirements of conformity both at the table and in life. Monica is thirt ...

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What We Once Believed

by Andrea MacPherson

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : [contemporary women](#)

A coming-of-age novel contrasting a daughter's disappointment in her mother's abandonment with the generational differences around feminist values. Summer 1971. While women demand equality, protests erupt over the Vietnam War, and peace activists march, adolescent Maybe Collins' life in quiet Oak Bay is upended by the appearance of her mother, who disappeared nine years earlier. And with her return comes another surprise: she's written a best-selling memoir called THE OTHER MOTHER, about motherh ...

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Big Fit Girl

Embrace the Body You Have

by Louise Green, foreword by Jess Weiner

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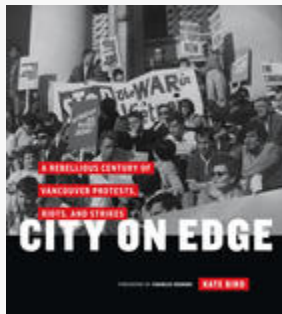
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : exercise, women's health, women's studies, motivational & inspirational

An inspiring account of how plus-size women can become fit and healthy.

In this kick-ass call to arms, Louise Green describes how the fitness industry fails to meet the needs of plus-size women and thus prevents them from improving their health. By sharing her own story of how she stopped dieting, got off the couch, and got fit, Green inspires other plus-size women to do the same. She provides concrete advice about how to get started, how to establish a support team, how to choose an activity, ho ...

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City on Edge

A Rebellious Century of Vancouver Protests, Riots, and Strikes

by Kate Bird, foreword by Charles Demers

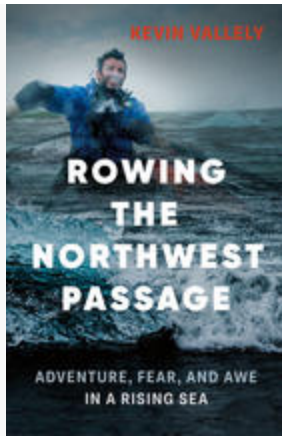
EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : photojournalism, historical, western provinces

A passionate and powerful collection of photographs that proves that, for better or worse, Vancouver knows how to make its voice heard.

Vancouver has long been a city on edge. From the 1907 anti-Asian race riots to the Amchitka protests, from Doukhobor demonstrations to the Stanley Cup riots, Vancouver has a long and rich history of making its opinions and passions known, and in some cases, felt. In *City on Edge*, Kate Bird presents striking images of the moments when the city stood up, took to th ...

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Rowing the Northwest Passage

Adventure, Fear, and Awe in a Rising Sea

by Kevin Vallely

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

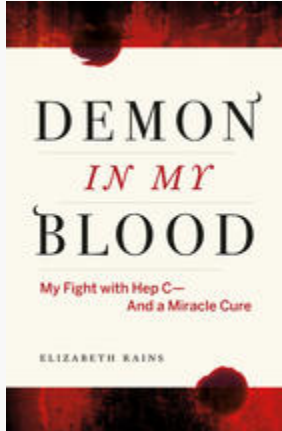
tagged : adventure, polar regions, extreme sports

"Vallely transports the reader to places few will ever go: the very edges of the earth and of human endurance."

—Evan Solomon

In this gripping first-hand account, four seasoned adventurers navigate a sophisticated, high-tech rowboat across the Northwest Passage. One of the “last firsts” remaining in the adventure world, this journey is only possible because of the dramatic impacts of global warming in the high Arctic, which provide an ironic opportunity to draw attention to the growing urge ...

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Demon in My Blood

My Fight with Hep C - and a Miracle Cure

by Elizabeth Rains

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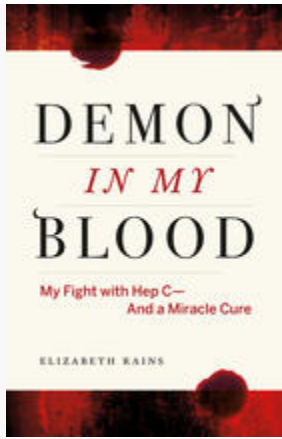
ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : personal memoirs

One woman’s shocking diagnosis with hepatitis C, her search for the cause, and her miraculous cure.

Was it wild parties and rough sex, a blood transfusion after childbirth or after a horrific accident involving a group of bikers, or perhaps some other event during the freewheeling 1960s and early 1970s that funneled the demon into her blood? Regardless, decades later, on the verge of cirrhosis, Elizabeth Rains had to confront the fact that she was infected with hepatitis C, often a death senten ...

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Waiting for the Cyclone

Stories

by Leesa Dean

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author), contemporary women

A Trillium Book Award Finalist

Thirteen stories that expose the complications of women who dare to deviate from the status quo.

In the land of fiction, women are too often cast as inherently good—typically kind, always considerate, and traditionally in possession of high morals. Not so in the recklessly audacious stories in *Waiting for the Cyclone*. A mother in need of rehabilitation, a wife who wakes up in the arms of a man who isn't her husband, a young woman who comes face-to-face with a bul ...

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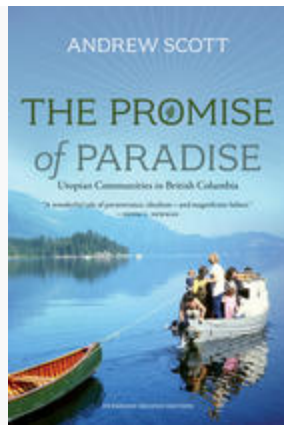
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The Promise of Paradise

Utopian Communities in British Columbia

by Andrew MacLeod

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : post-confederation (1867-), regional studies

The West has long attracted visionaries and schemers from around the world. And no other region in North America can outstrip British Columbia for the number of utopian or intentional settlement attempts in the past 150 years. Andrew Scott delves into the dramatic stories of these fascinating, but often doomed, communities.

From Doukhobor farmers to Finnish coal miners, Quakers and hippies, many groups have struggled to build idealistic colonies in BC's inspiring landscape. While most discovered ...

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Beckoned by the Sea

Women at Work on the Cascadia Coast

by Sylvia Taylor, foreword by Renée Saklikar

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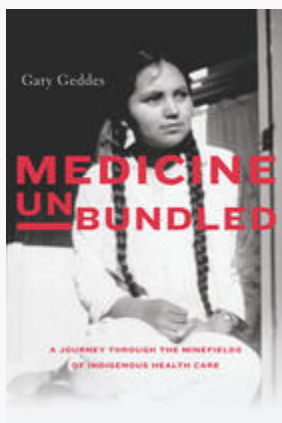
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : women's studies, oceans & seas, women in business

A rich and diverse tapestry weaving together the many voices, narratives, skills, and talents of women up and down the coastal Pacific Northwest who devote their lives and careers to the sea.

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Medicine Unbundled

A Journey through the Minefields of Indigenous Health Care

by Gary Geddes

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The Sacred Herb / The Devil's Weed

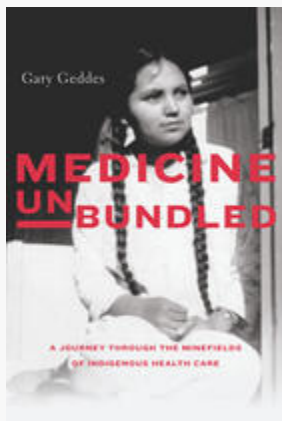
by Andrew Struthers

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : flowers, anecdotes

The Sacred Herb / The Devil's Weed is informative and even enlightening, but above all, it's a hilarious look at a humble plant that has entertained, inspired, and occasionally terrified so many for so long. Andrew Struthers directs his "brilliant madness" towards the ambivalent nature of marijuana, once the target of "reefer madness" hysteria and now available for quasi-legal purchase at dispensaries on every other block (at least in some jurisdictions). One side of this double paperback answ ...

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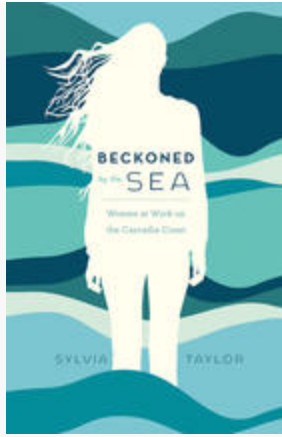
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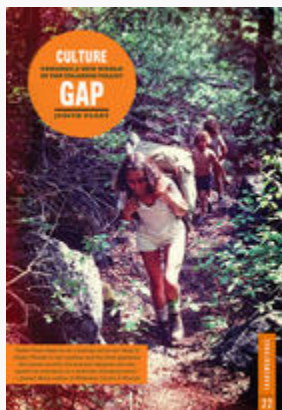
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Culture Gap

Towards a New World in the Yalakom Valley

by Judith Plant

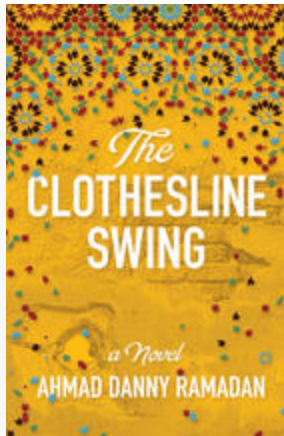
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tagged : social theory, utopias, personal memoirs

"Glows with wisdom, complexity, and compassion. A noble read."
—Stephanie Mills, author of *Epicurean Simplicity* and *In Service of the Wild*
The time is the early 1980s. Judith Plant and her new partner, Kip, are ready for a change. Inspired by the charismatic Fred Brown, their communications professor at Simon Fraser University, they join a commune in a remote valley near the Yalakom River, deep in BC's Coast Mountains. *Culture Gap: Towards a New World in the Yalakom Valley* tells the story of t ...

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The Clothesline Swing

by Ahmad Danny Ramadan

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : literary, magical realism, gay

The Clothesline Swing is a journey through the troublesome aftermath of the Arab Spring. A former Syrian refugee himself, Ramadan unveils an enthralling tale of courage that weaves through the mountains of Syria, the valleys of Lebanon, the encircling seas of Turkey, the heat of Egypt and finally, the hope of a new home in Canada.

Inspired by *One Thousand and One Nights*, *The Clothesline Swing* tells the epic story of two lovers anchored to the memory of a dying Syria. One is a *Hakawati*, a storyteller ...

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Bad Ideas

by Michael V. Smith

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian, lgbt

Nobody knows bad ideas quite like Michael V. Smith. In his new collection of poetry, he speaks to an intangibility of sense, or a sense beyond the rational. *Bad Ideas* explores the inevitability of loss and triumph with characteristic irony and tenderness. Through this dazzling collection of a remembered life, hung out to ogle like laundry on the line, Smith recalls a mother who discovers a sex tape, a man who dreams of birthing his own son and a woman who blends her baby girls into milkshakes.

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Next Door to the Butcher Shop

by Rodney DeCuro

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : canadian

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Rodney DeCuro's second poetry collection, *Next Door to the Butcher Shop*, explores the permeability of memory and uncovers heart-wrenching beauty from shadowy grit.

How quickly age

descends on us. Our memories are maps

to places that don't exist. I was an emperor

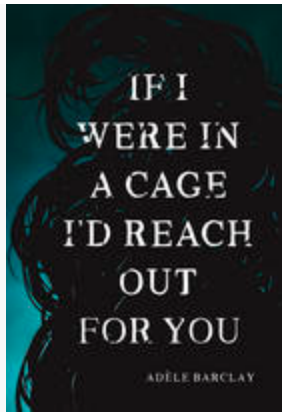
on a green lawn wearing a white sheet

and a paper crown. The birds sang my praises

from the hedges and the trees

DeCuro unsentimentally recounts moments suffused with grief, longing and loss, and offers a refr ...

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If I Were in a Cage I'd Reach Out for You

by Adèle Barclay

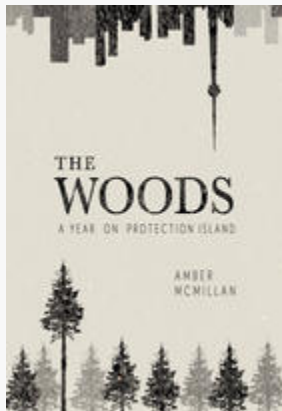
EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : canadian, women authors

If I Were in a Cage I'd Reach Out for You is a collection that travels through both time and place, liminally occupying the chasm between Canadiana and Americana mythologies. These poems dwell in surreal pockets of the everyday warped landscapes of modern cities and flood into the murky basin of the intimate.

Amidst the comings and goings, there's a sincere desire to connect to others, an essential need to reach out, to redraft the narratives that make kinship radical and near. These poems are l ...

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The Woods

A Year on Protection Island

by Amber McMillan

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"Amber McMillan's writing balances an eye for the unusual and resiliently beautiful with a sympathy for the frailties common to all her islanders."

-Kevin Chong, author of *Baroque-a-Nova*, *Neil Young Nation* and *Beauty Plus Pity*

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Blood on the Beach

by Sarah N. Harvey & Robin Stevenson

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tagged : thrillers & suspense, survival stories, mysteries & detective stories

Eight teens are dropped off on a remote west-coast island for a week-long treatment program called INTRO (Into Nature to Renew Ourselves). The story is told by two of them: Alice, whose police-officer mother believes Alice might have a substance-abuse problem, and Caleb, who assaulted his abusive stepfather. They are joined by six other miscreants and three staff: a psychologist, a social worker and an ex-cop. On the first night, one of the girls disappears from her cabin. There is a panicked se ...

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Chinese New Year

A Celebration for Everyone

by Jen Sookfong Lee

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tagged : other, non-religious, emigration & immigration, asia

From its beginnings as a farming celebration marking the end of winter to its current role as a global party featuring good food, lots of gifts and public parades, *Chinese New Year* is a snapshot of Chinese culture. Award-winning author and broadcaster Jen Sookfong Lee recalls her childhood in Vancouver, British Columbia, and weaves family stories into the history, traditions and evolution of Chinese New Year. Lavishly illustrated with color photographs throughout.

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From Scratch

by Gail Anderson-Dargatz

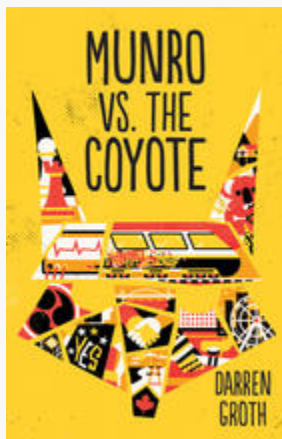
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Cookie is about to lose her job at the local bakery. She dreams of owning her own bakery but doesn't think she has the skills or money to do it. Most of all, she doesn't have the self-confidence. When she takes a course at the local college, she finds she has much more going for her than she imagined. With the help of her community, she figures out how to make sure no one has to go without her famous doily cookies for long!

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Munro vs. the Coyote

by Darren Groth

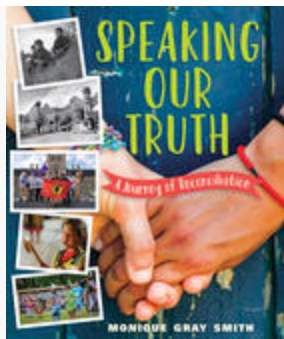
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tagged : disabilities & special needs, australia & oceania, siblings

Since the sudden death of his younger sister, Evie, sixteen-year-old Munro Maddux has been having flashbacks and anger-management issues. He has a constant ache in his right hand. And there's a taunting, barking, biting voice he calls "the Coyote." Munro knows a six-month student exchange will not be the stuff of teenage dreams, but in Brisbane he intends to move beyond his troubled past. It is there, at an assisted living residence called Fair Go Community Village, that Munro discovers the Coy ...

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Speaking Our Truth

A Journey of Reconciliation

by Monique Gray Smith

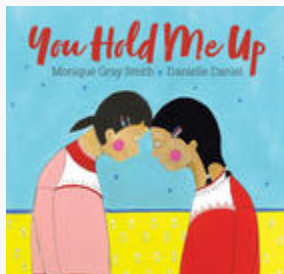
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Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and the impacts still being felt by Survivors and their families. Guided by acclaimed Indigenous author Monique Gray Smith, readers will learn about the lives of Survivors and listen to allie ...

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You Hold Me Up

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel

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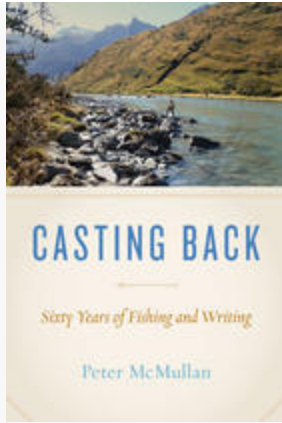
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tagged : emotions & feelings, friendship

This vibrant picture book, beautifully illustrated by celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions.

Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with their friends, classmates a ...

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Casting Back

Sixty Years of Fishing and Writing

by Peter McMullan

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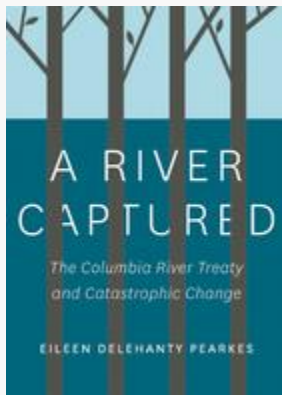
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tagged : fishing, essays, personal memoirs

Covering a span of more than 60 years, these classic fishing essays are brought together for the first time, celebrating the thoughts, pleasures and adventures of a devoted angler and renowned storyteller as he fishes some of the timeless streams of Ireland, New Zealand and British Columbia.

Through the pages of *Casting Back* Peter McMullan takes the reader from his youthful Irish beginnings in the 1940s to his time as a young journalist in Northern Ireland during the mid-1950s, through the 1960s ...

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A River Captured

The Columbia River Treaty and Catastrophic Change

by Eileen Delehanty Pearkes

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tagged : environmental conservation & protection, rivers, environmental policy

A River Captured explores the controversial history of the Columbia River Treaty and its impact on the ecosystems, indigenous peoples, contemporary culture, provincial politics and recent history of southeastern British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest.

Long lauded as a model of international cooperation, the Columbia River Treaty governs the storage and management of the waters of the upper Columbia River basin, a region rich in water resources, with a natural geography well suited to hydroel ...

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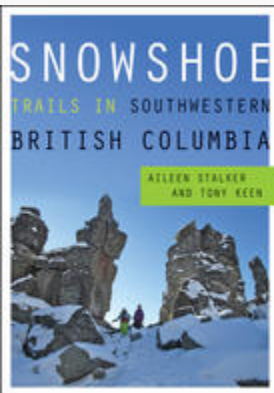
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One mountaineer's harrowing story of survival and recovery after being trapped on the second-highest peak in North America, Mount Logan in the Yukon Territory, during an extratropical cyclone.

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Collecting Silence

by Ulrike Narwani

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tagged : canadian

The poems in *Collecting Silence* arc through youth, love and loss, to maturation, aging, peace. Wide travels throughout Asia, Europe and North America bring Narwani face to face with the oppressions of poverty, caste and religion, as well as the seductions of magical new beauty. The poems take the reader down the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok, to Chopin's garden; a village of untouchables in India, to remnants of the Berlin Wall; from the Pietà and the Mona Lisa to Magritte's *The False Mirror*. Al ...

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