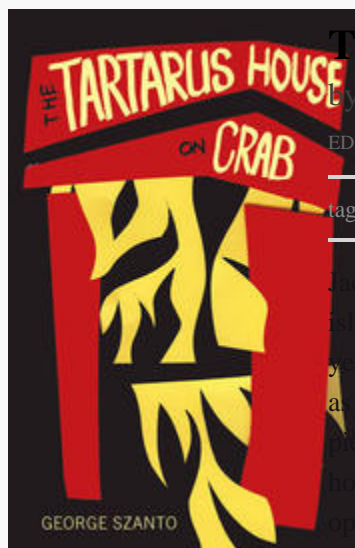


BC Books From Vancouver Island & the Coast

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The Tartarus House on Crab

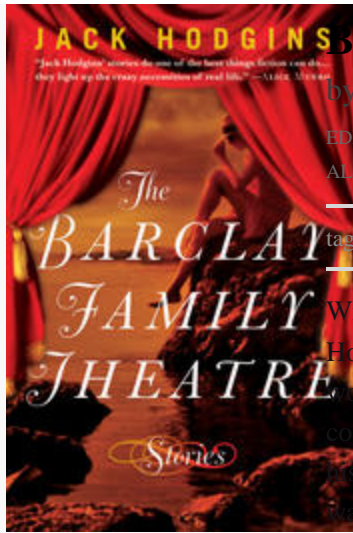
by George Szanto

EDITION: eBook

Tagged :

Jack Tartarus, a photographer, has returned to his family's house on Crab, an island off the east coast of Vancouver Island. After mulling it over for ten years, Jack has decided to tear his family's house down, board-by-board, just as his father built it up. He purchases a wrecking bar. Struggling with the first piece of siding, his wrecking bar jammed between ancient planks, it seems the house is determined to remain. The people on Crab Island are also angrily opposed to his plan—including ...

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Barclay Family Theatre, The

by Jack Hodgins

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author), literary

With *The Barclay Family Theatre*, his second collection of short stories, Jack Hodgins introduces us to a cast of characters who transform the everyday world of Vancouver Island into a wondrous world of human warmth and comic energy. There is Barclay Desmond, caught between the ambitions of his mother, who wants him to become a concert pianist, and his father who wants him to follow in his steps as a logger. There is Mr. Pernouski, a real estate agent and the fattest man to ride a B.C. ferry, who ...

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Invention of the World, The

by Jack Hodgins

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : fairy tales, folk tales, legends & mythology, dystopian

Jack Hodgins begins *The Invention of the World* with a ferry worker waving you aboard a ship that will take you not only to Vancouver Island but into a world of magic. The far west coast of Canada has always been regarded as a "land's end" where the eccentrics of the world come to plot out the last best utopia. Hodgins both invents a world and shows how we continually invent that world in all its multiplicity.

Past and present intermingle while hilarious farce rubs up against epic tragedy. I ...

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Resurrection of Joseph Bourne, The

Or a Word or Two on Those Port Annie Miracles

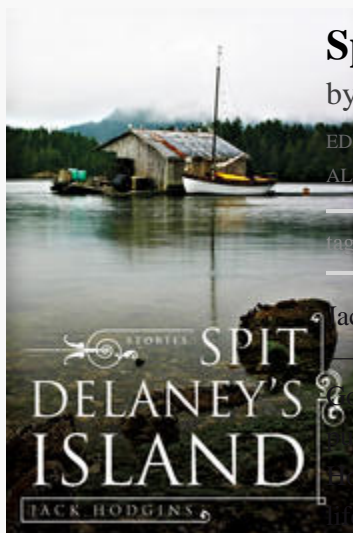
by Jack Hodgins

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : literary, satire, psychological

In this new edition of Jack Hodgins' Governor General-winning novel (for 1979), the reader is taken into the everyday eccentricities of life in Port Annie on the west coast of Vancouver Island, a town that keeps slipping into the ocean and whose people have long been in a continuous slumber. Everything changes, however, when a beautiful sea nymph is washed ashore from a stranded freighter. People begin grasping at new possibilities. There's the giant cactus the mayor installs to attract the tour ...

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Spit Delaney's Island

by Jack Hodgins

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

Jack Hodgins' first book, published originally in 1976, is once again in print in a new edition. Winner of the Eaton's Book Prize and nominated for the Governor General's Award, Spit Delaney's Island, a collection of short stories, put Vancouver Island on the map as a Canadian literary locale and set Hodgins off on his literary career. Hodgins' prose brings Vancouver Island to life in its touch, its taste and the sound of its dialects — a determinedly real world. At the same time he imbu ...

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Unholy Rites

by Kay Stewart & Chris Bullock

EDITION: Paperback

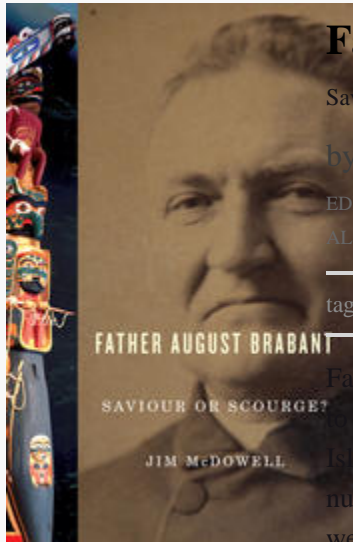
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : police procedural, women sleuths

The third book in the Danutia Dranchuk mystery series reunites RCMP constable Danutia Dranchuk with her friend, drama critic Arthur Fairweather. Danutia is observing a youth rehabilitation program in England when Arthur returns to the Peak District to attend his mother's funeral. Suspecting foul play in her death, Danutia and Arthur question the feuding villagers. They soon discover the dark and dangerous side of ancient Celtic rituals still practiced in the town.

In a region with chilling remind ...

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Father August Brabant

Saviour or Scourge?

by Jim McDowell

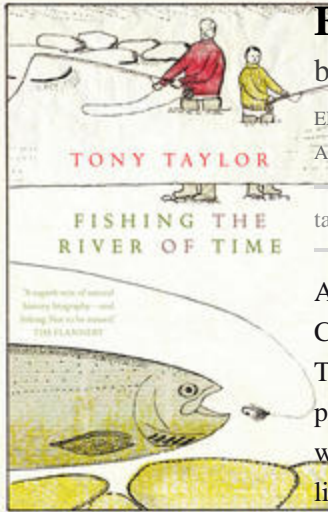
EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : post-confederation (1867-), religious, native american studies

Father August Brabant (1845–1912) was the first Roman Catholic missionary to live and work among indigenous peoples on the west coast of Vancouver Island during the colonial period. He endured long periods of isolation, built a number of log churches and undertook extraordinarily difficult trips along the west coast in dugout canoes. His thirty-three-year-long effort to transform Nuu-chah-nulth culture gives us a provocative case study of the dynamics that shaped, and continue to define, the s ...

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Fishing the River of Time

by Tony Taylor

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : essays, personal memoirs, fishing

At age eighty, Tony Taylor journeys from Sydney, Australia, to British Columbia to fish the Cowichan River with his eight-year-old grandson, Ned. The trip is an opportunity for Tony to return to a landscape that has had a profound effect on his life and his way of thinking, and to share this place with his grandson. As Tony teaches Ned the patient art of fly-fishing, a lifetime of memories, thoughts, and stories unspool in peaceful reflections by the water's edge.

Fishing the River of Time is an ...

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The Graveyard of the Pacific

Shipwreck Tales from the Depths of History

by Anthony Dalton

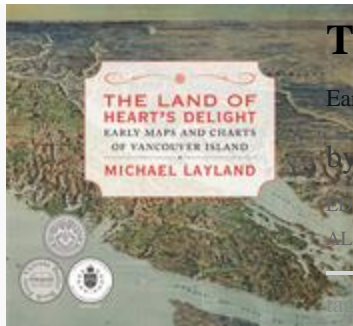
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : history, 20th century, post-confederation (1867-)

January 22, 1906, the passenger ship *Valencia* lost her way in heavy fog and rain and rammed into the deadly rocks at Pachena Point on the west coast of Vancouver Island. As the wreck was shattered by the pounding waves, the survivors clung desperately to the rigging. Few made it the short distance to shore through the frigid and turbulent waves—117 of the 164 souls aboard perished. A year earlier, the *King David* had been wrecked on Bajo Reef near Nootka Sound. The fate of her sailors was mu ...

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The Land of Heart's Delight

Early Maps and Charts of Vancouver Island

by Michael Layland

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

Keywords: historical geography, oceania

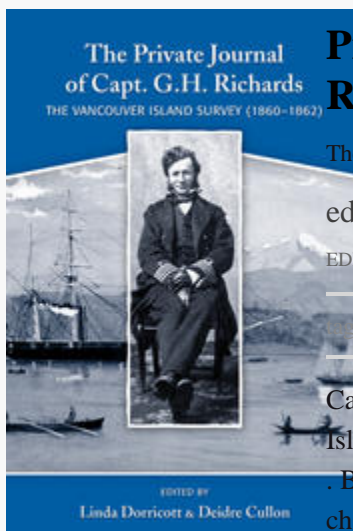
Shortlisted for the 2014 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize

Shortlisted for a 2014 BC Book Prize

Finalist for the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Historical Writing

Just how, and why, did Vancouver Island get onto the map? How was knowledge of our immediate geography acquired and recorded? With 130 maps, dating between 1593 and 1915, this cartographic history tells the story of how Vancouver Island and the surrounding area came to be mapped. The book shows local cartographic milestones, marking p ...

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Private Journal of Captain G.H. Richards, The

The Vancouver Island Survey (1860–1861)

edited by Linda Dorricott & Deidre Cullon

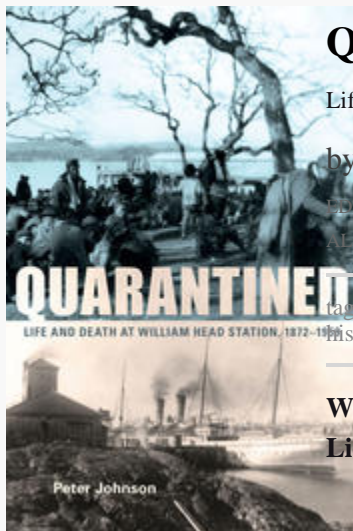
EDITION: eBook

Keywords: pre-confederation (to 1867), adventurers & explorers, surveying

Captain Richards' journal is an account of three survey seasons on Vancouver Island aboard two British Navy ships, the HMS *Plumper* and the HMS *Hecate*. Between 1860 and 1862 Richards and his dedicated crew surveyed and charted the entire coastline of Vancouver Island, creating baseline information for the nautical charts we use today.

This monumental task, faithfully and often humorously recorded, also includes a lively description of California on the eve of the American Civil War as Richards si ...

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Quarantined

Life and Death at William Head Station, 1872-1959

by Peter Johnson

EDITION: Paperback

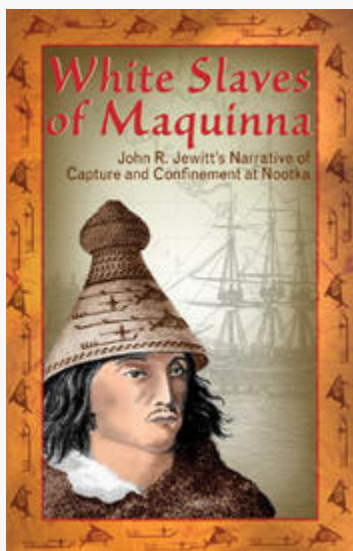
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : disease & health issues, emigration & immigration, post-confederation (1867-), history, infection control

**Winner (third place), 2014 BC Historical Federation
Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Historical Writing**

Vancouver Island in the late nineteenth century was a major port of entry for people from all walks of life. But for many, the sense of hope that had sustained them through rough sea voyages came to an abrupt halt as soon as they reached land. *Quarantined* is the heart-wrenching true story of the thousands of forgotten people who arrived on our shores only to be felled by disease, in an era whe ...

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White Slaves of Maquinna

John R. Jewitt's Narrative of Capture and Confinement at Nootka

by John Jewitt

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged :

John R. Jewitt's story of being captured and enslaved by Maquinna, the great chief of the Mowachaht people, is both an adventure tale of survival and an unusual perspective on the First Nations of the northwest coast of Vancouver Island.

On March 22, 1803, while anchored in Nootka Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island, the *Boston* was attacked by a group of Mowachaht warriors. Twenty-five of her 27 crewmen were massacred, their heads "arranged in a line" for survivor John R. Jewitt to iden ...

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The Terror of the Coast

Land Alienation and Colonial War on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1849-1863

by Chris Arnett

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : pre-confederation (to 1867), native american, british columbia (bc)

On April 20, 1863, the British naval gunboat *Forward* attacked a Native village on Kuper Island. The naval officers believed that the village harboured individuals involved in two recent assaults against European transients in the Gulf Islands. The gunboat fired on the village and was repulsed with casualties after a fierce battle with a handful of warriors. Following this defeat, the colonial government responded with one of the largest military operations in the history of British Columbia, whi ...

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Island Kids

by Tara Saracuse

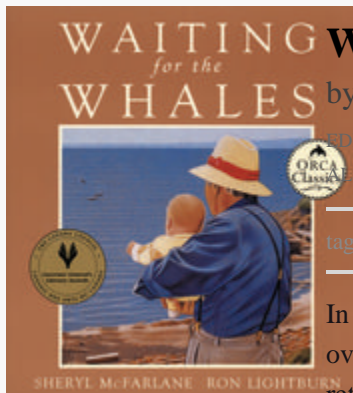
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : historical

This is a history of British Columbia's island children, told in their voices, from their perspectives. Composed of twenty-two stories, *Island Kids* is a snapshot of a period and place in time. The topics range from quintessentially coastal experiences, like a day at the beach, to stories that deal with serious issues, such as BC's history of residential schools, but they all remain true to the experience of the children telling the story. At the end of each chapter is a section called "Wha ...

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Waiting for the Whales

by Sheryl McFarlane, illustrated by Ron Lightburn

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover Paperback Audiobook eBook

tagged : marine life, environment, multigenerational

In this timeless story set on the West Coast, an old man lives alone on a bluff overlooking the sea and tends his garden. And waits. Only when the whales return each year to the bay in front of his cottage is his loneliness eased. One day, his daughter and her baby return home to live with the old man, bringing a renewed sense of purpose to his life. As his granddaughter grows, the old man passes on a wealth of knowledge and wisdom as well as his passion for the whales. And each year they wait t ...

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Which Way Should I Go?

by Sylvia Olsen

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover Paperback

tagged : native canadian

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Chasing Clayoquot

A Wilderness Almanac

by David Pitt-Brooke, foreword by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

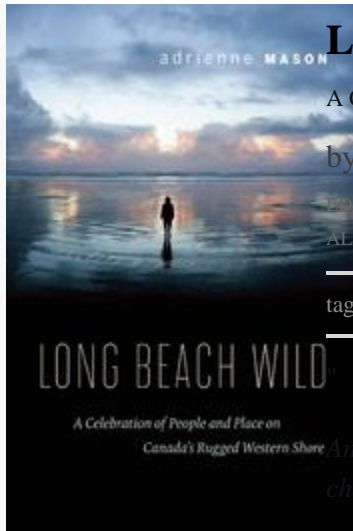
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : ecology, western provinces

First published in 2004, and now with a new introduction by the author and a foreword by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., this book of natural history, environmentalism, and politics explores one of the Earth's last primeval places: Clayoquot Sound. Pitt-Brooke takes the reader on 12 journeys, one for each month of the year. Each journey covers the outstanding natural event of that season, such as whale-watching in April, shorebird migration in May, and the salmon spawn in October.

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Long Beach Wild

A Celebration of People and Place on Canada's Rugged Western Shore

by Adrienne Mason

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

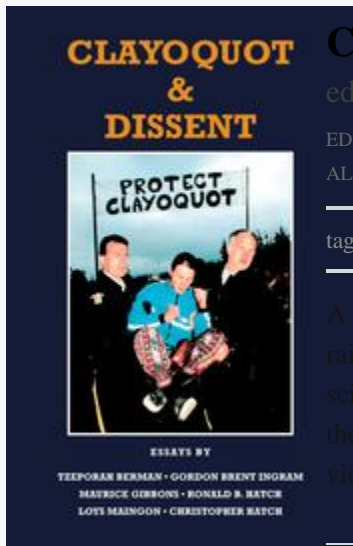
tagged : western provinces, social history, coastal regions & shorelines

An intimate look at Long Beach's dramatic landscapes and colourful characters.

Each year, close to a million people visit the spectacular sweep of sand that stretches along Vancouver Island's west coast between Tofino and Ucluelet. In *Long Beach Wild*, long-time resident **Adrienne Mason** uses her intimate knowledge of the area to explore the region's rich natural and cultural history.

Rarely seen archival photos as well as contemporary nature photography illustrate the interplay between the region' ...

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Clayoquot & Dissent

edited by Ron Hatch

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : environmental conservation & protection

A comprehensive account of Clayoquot Sound and the protest movement: rainforest ecosystems; the April 1993 land-use decision; co-opted forestry science; the Peace Camp and the Blockades; civil disobedience; the police, the courts and the corporations; environmental rights; ongoing logging violations in 1994 (with photos).

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A Different Game

Sylvia Olsen

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : soccer, diseases, illnesses & injuries, native canadian

In this sequel to *Murphy and Mousetrap*, Murphy and his three friends, Danny, Jeff and Albert, are making the transition from the tribal elementary school to the community middle school.

They are all trying out for the middle school's soccer team, and they're pretty confident that The Formidable Four will all make the team. But once the tryouts begin, Albert, the tribal-school superstar, plays like a second-stringer. Murphy's new friend, Molly, is determined to help the boys find out what's wrong ...

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Diver's Guide

Vancouver Island South

by Greg Dombowsky

EDITION: eBook

tagged : scuba & snorkeling

In his debut book, Greg offers guidance to over 50 dives in several areas, including Metchosin and Race Rocks, Victoria, Sansum Narrows, Saanich Inlet, Sidney and the Southern Gulf Islands.

Diver's Guide, Vancouver Island South is fully illustrated with Greg's own computer-generated maps, based on his personal exploration of these underwater environments, and with photos taken on these dives.

The explicit detail and concentration of dive opportunities in popular BC coastal regions promise to ...

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Secret Beaches of the Salish Sea

The Northern Gulf Islands

by Theo Dombrowski

Secret Beaches
of the Salish Sea

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : western provinces



In the fifth volume in the Secret Beaches series, one of two on the Salish Sea, you'll discover noteworthy beaches in the northern Gulf Islands, including Denman, Quadra, Gabriola, Hornby and Texada. As in his previous volumes, Theo gives full descriptions of each beach so that you'll be able to find the right location for your activity, from group picnics to romantic cuddles, leisurely strolls to wild woodsy walks, family explorations to soul-searching solitary afternoons watching the clouds ra ...

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Secret Beaches of Greater Victoria

View Royal to Sidney

by Theo Dombrowski

Secret Beaches
of Greater Victoria

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : western provinces



Secret Beaches of Greater Victoria is a comprehensive review of nearly 100 beaches on the Saanich Peninsula and in the Greater Victoria area. While some of these are well used by people living nearby, many are virtually impossible to find without combing through official maps and back-road guides. Even the seemingly well-known shoreline from Oak Bay to Beacon Hill hides its own tiny pocket beaches and obscure coves.

Just as important as finding these spots is knowing what to expect. Thus each lo ...

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Chasing the Moon

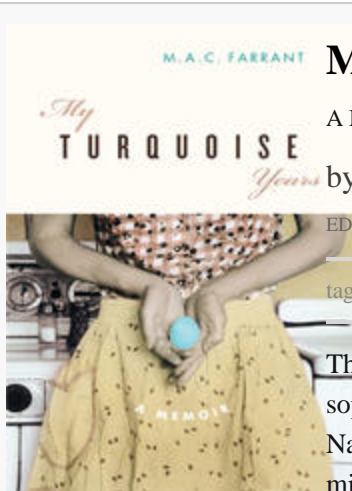
by Penny Chamberlain

EDITION: eBook

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My Turquoise Years

A Memoir

by M.A.C. Farrant

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : personal memoirs

Throughout her childhood, Marion Farrant heard exotic stories of the sophisticated life her mother, Nancy, led aboard cruise ships and in Australia. Nancy's world of furs, jewels, cigarette holders, and handsome men seemed miles away from the west-coast hamlet of Cordova Bay, where Marion lived with her aunt and uncle, running wild on the beach with her friends and enjoying weekend visits with her devoted father. But things changed the year she entered her teens. First, a package from Nancy ar ...

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True Home

Life on a Heritage Farm

by Anny Scoones

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook



Tagged : personal memoirs, essays, sustainable living

Following the lead of her earlier bestselling books, Anny Scoones once again charms and inspires readers with her insights and observations. Using her experiences on a farm as a backdrop, Anny muses on the environment, fate, time and aging.

In this collection of personal memoirs, Anny reaches deeper into what nature, rural life and agriculture mean to us. She explores the thrills, joys and disasters of what really happens in the countryside and nearby towns. Stories vary from a rescued dog Anny ...

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Catching Spring

by Sylvia Olsen

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

Tagged : native canadian, post-confederation (1867-), camping & outdoor activities

The year is 1957, and Bobby lives on the Tsartlip First Nation reserve on Vancouver Island where his family has lived for generations and generations.

Bobby loves his weekend job at the nearby marina. He loves to play marbles with his friends. And he loves being able to give half his weekly earnings to his mother to eke out the grocery money, but he longs to enter the up-coming fishing derby. With the help of his uncle and Dan from the marina his wish just might come true.

The epub edition of this ...

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The Maquinna Line

A Family Saga

by Norma Macmillan, foreword by Alison Arngrim, afterword by Charles Campbell

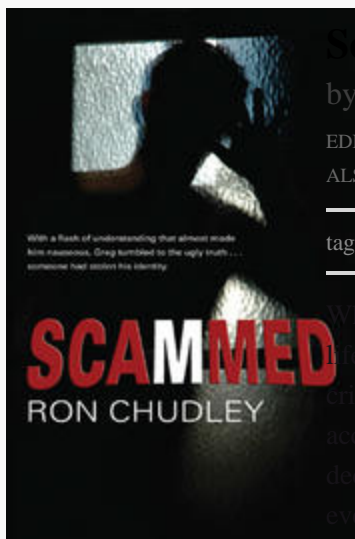
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tagged : historical, sagas

murder, a tryst, a mysterious child. A Victoria aristocrat who obsesses over Churchill relatives. A repressive Welsh mother with a royalty fixation. A once-carefree Hesquiat girl from Nootka Sound. A dashing Icelandic philanderer. And quiet, steady Julia Godolphin, trying to rise above it all. The lost novel of Norma Macmillan, the Vancouver actress who lived much of her life in New York and Hollywood, is the work of a woman steeped in the American entertainment industry but deeply in love ...

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Scammed

by Ron Chudley

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tagged : thrillers

When Greg Lothian's mother and famous artist father are scammed of their savings by cruel con men, his orderly life is torn apart. When the same criminals steal Greg's own identity, the normally law-abiding Victoria, BC accountant turns his analytical mind to plotting revenge. This uncharacteristic decision plunges him into the strange and horrifying underworld that lurks everywhere—even on peaceful Vancouver Island. As Greg prepares to find the perpetrators of the debilitating crime, ...

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Seaweed on Ice

by Stanley Evans

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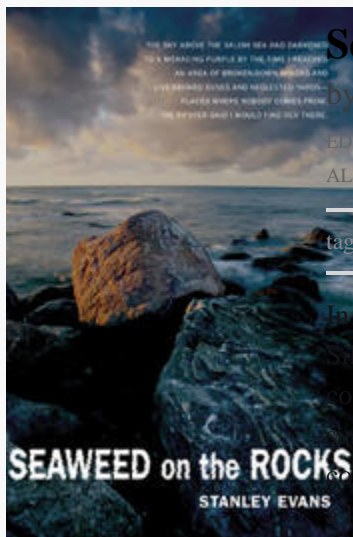
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tagged : suspense

Coast Salish street cop Silas Seaweed has his hands full. An elderly Jewish immigrant has disappeared. An old blind woman has been murdered. Valuable art stolen from German Jews during the Second World War has begun to show up for sale in Victoria's auction houses, and the word on the street is that collectors are planning to loot a priceless Coast Salish archeological site.

Unravelling these mysteries becomes a life-and-death quest, for when his investigation leads Seaweed into romance, it's jus ...

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Seaweed on the Rocks

by Stanley Evans

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : police procedural

In this fourth mystery of the Seaweed series, Victoria neighbourhood cop Silas Seaweed is as always sensitive to his Coast Salish culture, but when he's confronted by a ten-foot-tall bear on a marsh on the city's outskirts, he suspects that this is no creature from the unknown world but someone out to harm him. And Silas is right, but his attempts to unmask the bear lead him into a labyrinth of blackmail and murder. Along the way he investigates a homeless people's sit-in at Beacon Hill Park, a b ...

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Seaweed on the Street

by Stanley Evans

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged :

Deceptions, conspiracy, lies ... all play a part in this riveting book that kicks off TouchWood Editions' new mystery series featuring Coast Salish investigator Silas Seaweed.

A billionaire's daughter with an unsavoury past has mysteriously disappeared. Silas Seaweed, a savvy, street-smart investigator based in Victoria, B.C., is put on the case. His search for the young woman leads him on a trail of murder, greed and obsessive violence. Overcoming such obstacles as a pair of ruthless cocaine ...

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Seaweed Under Water

by Stanley Evans

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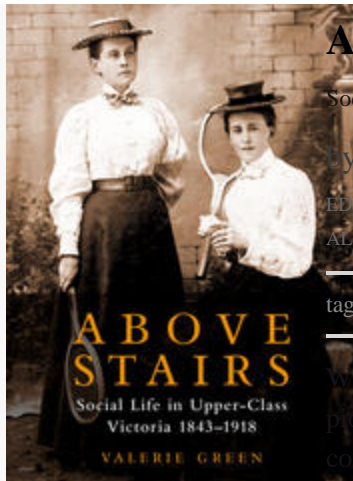
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tagged : suspense

I knew that if I dived deep enough, the bullets would lose their killing velocity. I heard, or sensed, another explosive blast. My left arm was useless. I kept diving, down and out into deeper, blacker water . . .

Coast Salish investigator Silas Seaweed is back in another suspenseful page-turner. What begins as a missing-person investigation takes a nasty turn when party girl Jane Colby is found drowned, strangulation marks around her neck. Silas soon discovers that some of Jane's friends would ...

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Above Stairs

Social Life in Upper-Class Victoria 1843–1918

by Valerie Green

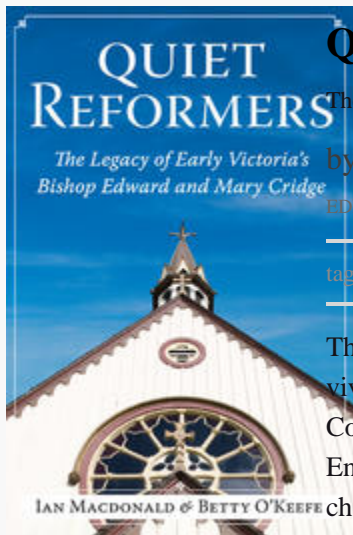
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tagged : social history

When Fort Victoria was first established in the mid-nineteenth century, eight pioneer families of Europe's upper class formed the social elite of the modest colony. The self-named aristocracy of this new land, these families shaped a world suited to their proper tastes on the upper floors of the fort, and eventually, in beautiful homes that imitated the height of fashion in Europe. However, between their tea parties and balls, these particular families greatly influenced the progress of the ci ...

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Quiet Reformers

The Legacy of Early Victoria's Bishop Edward and Mary Cridge

by L. Ian MacDonald & Betty O'Keefe

EDITION: eBook

tagged : religious, pre-confederation (to 1867)

This lively biography of Bishop Edward Cridge and his wife Mary paints a vivid picture of early Victoria as it developed from an isolated Hudson's Bay Company post into the bustling capital of British Columbia. Recruited from England by Governor James Douglas in 1854 to be the Church of England chaplain of Fort Victoria, Edward Cridge became an important figure in the spiritual life of the city as the rector of Christ Church. The Cridges also became two of Victoria's foremost social reformers, 1 ...

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Reena

A Father's Story

by Manjit Virk

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : personal memoirs

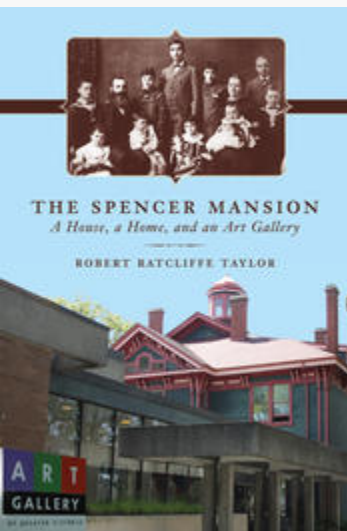


Shortlisted for the 2009 George Ryga Award.

This is the story of an average family that has never been the same . . . since its eldest child was swarmed and killed by her peers on a moonlit night, November 14, 1997 . . . It is the story of what sudden and horrific violence can do to a family, and how a family somehow remains intact in the face of such events. —from the prologue by Lynne Van Luven

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The Spencer Mansion

A House, a Home, and an Art Gallery

by Robert Ratcliffe Taylor

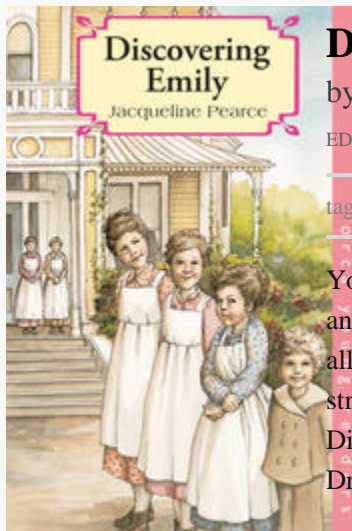
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Built in 1889 and now home to the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, the Spencer Mansion is a magnificent building with a rich and layered history. With detailed research, historian and author Robert Ratcliffe Taylor describes the original appearance of the house, designed by William Ridgway Wilson for Alexander Green and his family, as well as its inhabitants over the decades. Also known as Gyppeswyk, after the village in England where Green wed Theophila Rainer, the house is more commonly referr ...

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Discovering Emily

by Jacqueline Pearce

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Young Emily Carr has no interest in learning to be a lady. She loves animals and the outdoors, and she is beginning to discover that what she loves most of all is drawing and painting. Will she find a way to develop her talent in the straitlaced world of nineteenth-century Victoria, British Columbia?

Discovering Emily is the first of two books in a series. Book two is Emily's Dream

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Emily's Dream

by Jacqueline Pearce, illustrated by Renne Benoit

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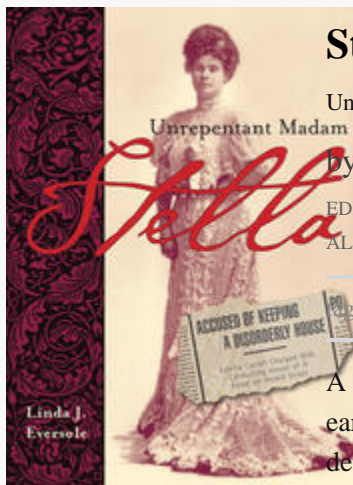
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In the sequel to *Discovering Emily*, Emily Carr is determined to become an artist.

Emily's parents have died, and she and her siblings are ruled by the iron-willed eldest, Dede. Dede is more concerned with decorum than with ridiculous dreams and is not averse to punishing Emily severely. In the face of such resistance, and in the conservative climate of nineteenth-century Victoria, Emily must find a way to make her dream come true.

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Stella

Unrepentant Madam

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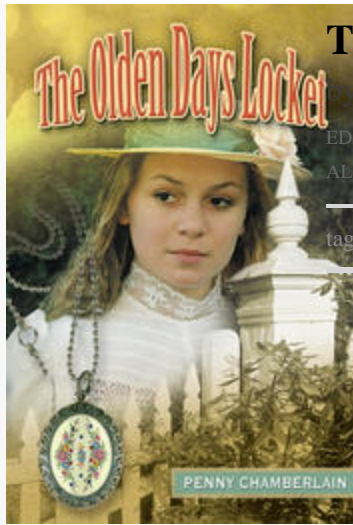
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A wealthy madam who was known from San Francisco to Victoria in the early part of the 20th century, Stella Carroll was glamorous, worldly and determined to succeed. Her bordellos were fashionably decorated and patronized by the affluent and the powerful; she offered the best of everything—fine food and wine, cigars, entertainment and, of course, girls.

The author, with the cooperation of Stella's family in California and New Mexico, has provided an intimate portrait of this infamous, unrepen ...

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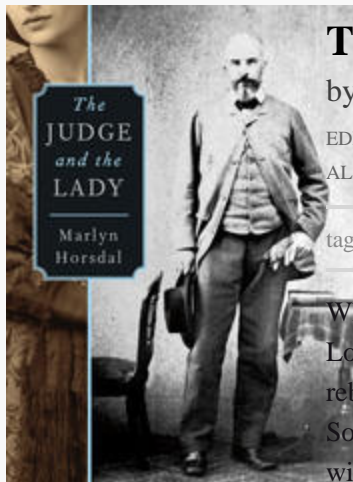
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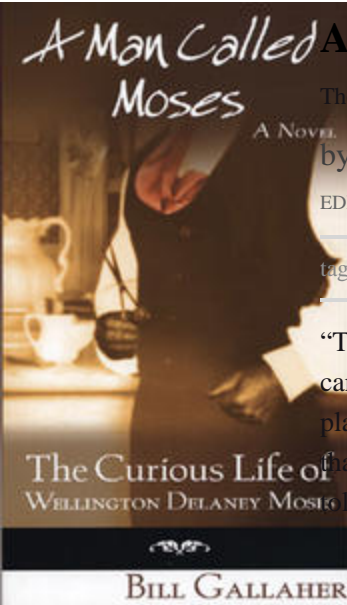
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When the beautiful and flirtatious Eleanor Wentworth is sent away from London in 1870 for her scandalous behaviour, she arrives, angry and rebellious, in Victoria, a town that falls far below her expectations of society. Soon, however, she is befriended by Celia Turner, the freethinking young wife of a conservative minister, and unlikely though it seems, they become lifelong friends. When Eleanor meets the fascinating judge Matthew Baillie Begbie, the first chief justice of BC, life in the colon ...

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The Curious Life of Wellington Delaney Moses

by Bill Gallaher

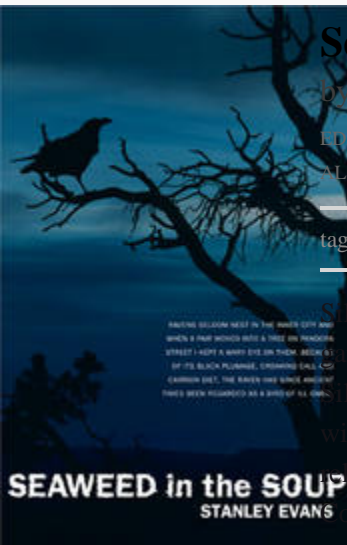
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“The Black Barber of Barkerville,” as Wellington Delaney Moses was known, came to British Columbia from San Francisco, looking for a new home and a place of peace. He was among the first black people to arrive in B.C., hoping that the colony, with its Creole governor, James Douglas, would offer a more tolerant and welcoming frontier than had California; he was not disappointed.

Moses was a remarkable figure in Victoria in its first years, opening a prosperous barbershop and becoming a popula ...

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Seaweed in the Soup

by Stanley Evans

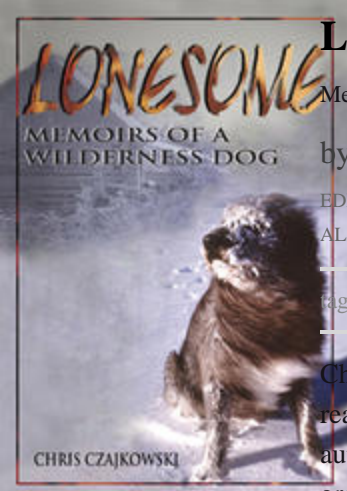
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Silas Seaweed is back on the beat as the street-smart Coast Salish cop. A gardener is found dead and the prime suspects are two young local party girls. Silas is handed the case that soon takes a bloodier turn when a policeman's wife is killed. Silas begins to suspect that these murders and other events are related to the recent tide of gang-related crimes that has been sweeping British Columbia. Just as he draws closer to finding concrete evidence, Silas finds his own reputation in danger and ...

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Lonesome

Memoirs of a Wilderness Dog

by Chris Czajkowski

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Tagged : personal memoirs, animals

Charming, humorous and utterly engaging, this is a book that will make readers laugh and cry. Written from the point of view and in the voice of the author's dog, *Lonesome*, its observations of life in the wilds reveal a dog with great character, charm and attitude.

Named for her first home, remote Lonesome Lake in British Columbia's Tweedsmuir Park, Lonesome was a first-rate companion: obedient, mannerly, brave, yet occasionally cynical. She did not share her human's love of the wilderness ...

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George Littlechild

The Spirit Giggles Within

by George Littlechild, foreword by Ryan Rice

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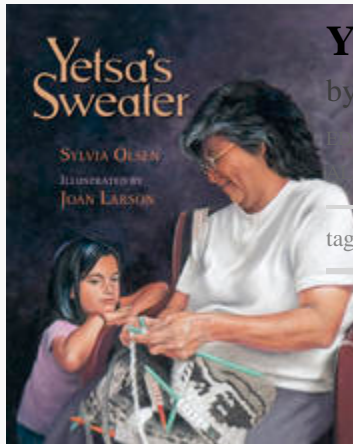
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tagged : canadian, native american, artists' books

George Littlechild: The Spirit Giggles Within is a stunning retrospective of a career that has spanned nearly four decades. Featuring more than 150 of the Plains Cree artist's mixed-media works, this sumptuous collection showcases the bold swaths of colour and subtle textures of Littlechild's work.

Littlechild has never shied away from political or social themes. His paintings blaze with strong emotions ranging from anger to compassion, humour to spiritualism. Fully embracing his Plains Cree ...

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Yetsa's Sweater

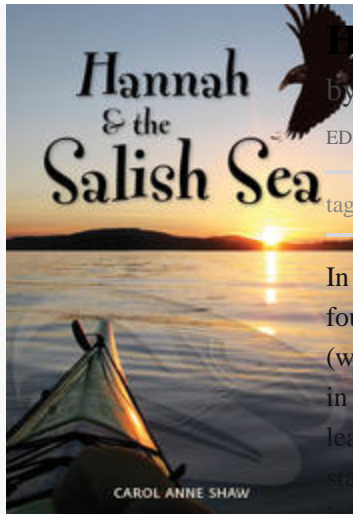
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Hannah & the Salish Sea

by Carol Ann Shaw

EDITION: eBook

tagged : native canadian, friendship

In the second volume of her Hannah trilogy, summer has arrived, and fourteen-year-old Hannah Anderson is excited about spending it with Max (who has been giving her stomach butterflies lately). But things are happening in Cowichan Bay that Hannah can't explain. When a mysterious accident leads her to a nest of starving eaglets, she meets Izzy Tate, a young Metis girl staying in the village for the summer. Why is Izzy so angry all the time, and is it just a coincidence that she is the spitting ...

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Hannah & the Spindle Whorl

by Carol Ann Shaw

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When twelve-year-old Hannah uncovers an ancient Salish spindle whorl hidden in a cave near her home in Cowichan Bay, she is transported back to a village called Tl'ulpalus, in a time before Europeans had settled in the area. Through the agency of a trickster raven, Hannah befriends Yisella, a young Salish girl, and is welcomed into village life. Here she discovers that the spindle whorl is the prize possession of Yisella's mother, Skeepla, a famous spinner and weaver. When Skeepla falls victim t ...

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