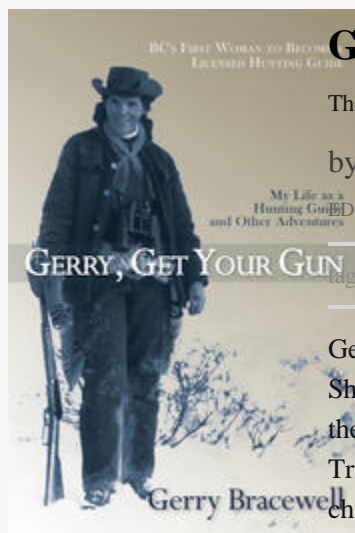


Women in BC

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TAGGED: Women, BC

BC books either written by or about women.



Gerry, Get Your Gun

The Legendary Life of Hunting Guide Gerry Bracewell

by Gerry Bracewell

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : women

Gerry Bracewell has lived in the Chilcotin Valley for over seventy-five years. She helped pioneer the valley's early school system and was an advocate for the school district until 1974. Gerry worked and wrote for the Williams Lake Tribune for many years while continuing to run her ranch and raise four children. For five decades, Gerry was a sought-after guide in the Chilcotin. In 2004, she was inducted into the BC Cowboy Hall of Fame as a Pioneer Rancher.

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For Your Own Good

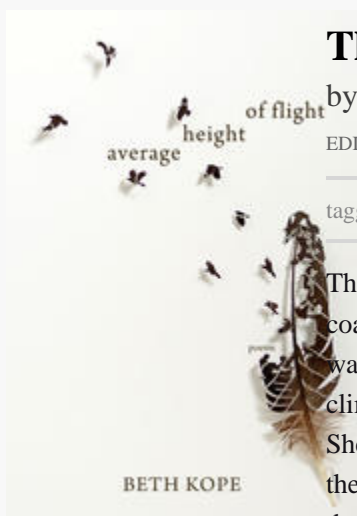
by Leah Horlick

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : lgbt

In the canon of contemporary feminist and lesbian poetry, *For Your Own Good* breaks silence. A fictionalized autobiography, the poems in this collection illustrate the narrator's survival of a domestic and sexual violence in a lesbian relationship. There is magic in this work: the symbolism of the Tarot and the roots of Jewish heritage, but also the magic that is at the heart of transformation and survival. These poems are acutely painful, rooted in singular and firsthand experiences. But Horlick ...

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The Average Height of Flight

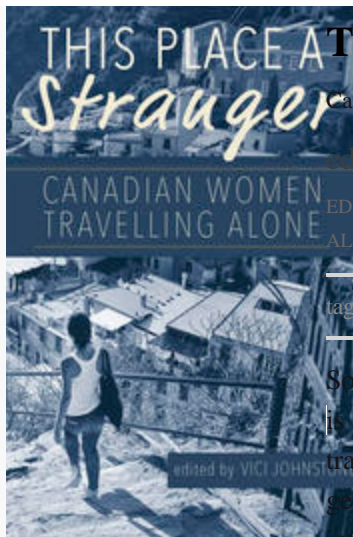
by Beth Kope

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian

The poems in *Average Height of Flight* are founded in the landscape of coastal BC, built on the losses within the narrator's life in counterpoint to her walks in the natural world. In forests with her dog, along watersheds and hill climbs, Beth Kope goes off trail to find inspiration and time for meditation. She observes as the landscapes change with storms blowing through, absorbs the names of plants, finds sustained comfort whatever the season: crisp, clear days, rain is fine, or the snow that ...

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This Place A Stranger

Canadian Women Travelling Alone

edited by Vici Johnstone

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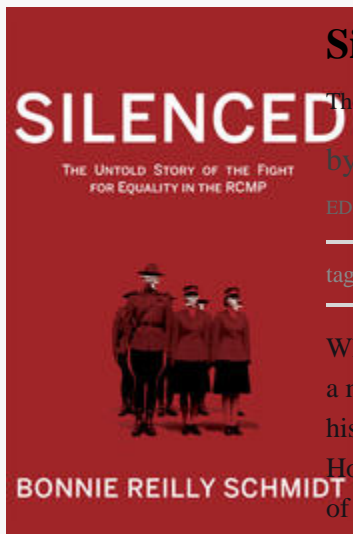
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged :

Sometimes tragic, sometimes uproariously funny, **THIS PLACE A STRANGER** is a diverse collection of Canadian women writing about their experiences of travelling alone. From the deceptiveness of the everyday to the extremes of geography, weather and violence, these stories go beyond the usual tales of intrepid male explorers and reveal the varied and unique circumstances in which women travellers find themselves when "going solo."

For one woman, the allure of a multiday hike on a "congenial trail" be ...

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Silenced

The Untold Story of the Fight for Equality in the RCMP

by Bonnie Reilly Schmidt

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : women's studies

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Sonia

The Life of Bohemian Rancher and Painter Sonia Cornwall, 1919-2006

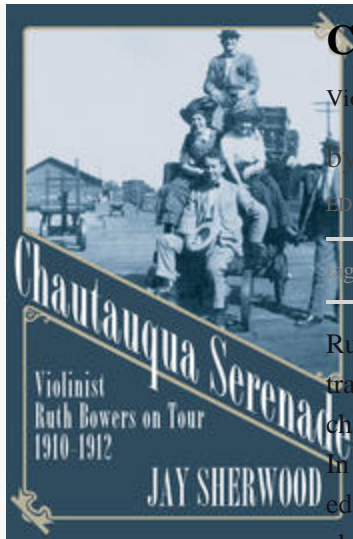
by Sheryl Salloum

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : contemporary (1945-)

After Sonia Cornwall's father died in 1939, her mother inherited the Onward Ranch and a huge debt. To make the ranch viable, a twenty-year-old Sonia traded paintbrush for pitchfork, labouring alongside the male ranch hands. But after marrying Hugh Cornwall in 1947, Sonia had time for painting once again. She learned techniques from some of Canada's most celebrated artists who came to visit the Onward Ranch, and later her home at the Jones Ranch, from Peter Aspell, Molly Bobak and Jack Hardman t ...

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Chautauqua Serenade

Violinist Ruth Bowers on Tour, 1910-1912

by Jay Sherwood

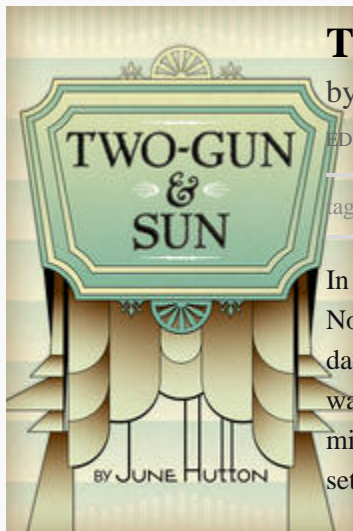
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Tagged : entertainment & performing arts

Ruth Bowers had a dream of becoming a professional violinist. In 1910, when traditional careers for women included nursing or teaching, Ruth joined the chautauqua and lyceum tour circuit and hit the road.

In the first part of the twentieth century, these popular tours brought music, education and entertainment to millions of people in rural North America. But chautauquas and lyceums also provided employment and fame for many female lecturers and performers. At a time when women did not even hav ...

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Two-Gun & Sun

by June Hutton

EDITION: eBook

Tagged : historical, literary, asian american

In 1922 a lone woman arrives in a filthy frontier mining town in the Pacific Northwest. Her goal: to resurrect her dead uncle's newspaper. Within two days a naked man is shot dead, a famous man is rumoured to be heading their way and the only man capable of fixing her broken-down press so that she might spread this news is a Chinese printer from the nearby forbidden settlement of Lousetown.

Over the next month, Lila Sinclair will take even bigger risks to see her business thrive—from her ques ...

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A Place Called Sorry

by Donna Milner

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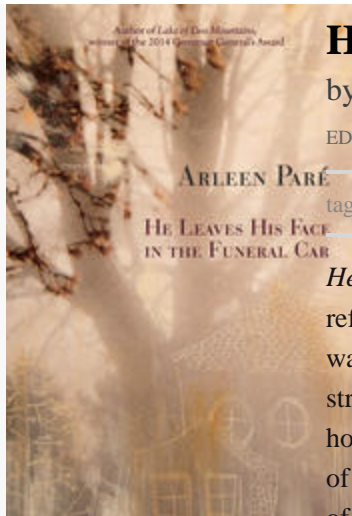
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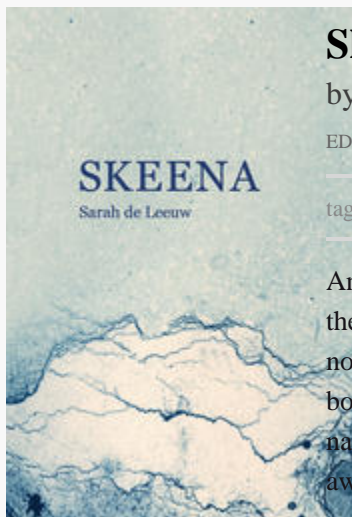
by Arleen Paré

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : women authors

He Leaves His Face in the Funeral Car is elegiac, lyrical, ironic; a series of reflections, recollections; a collection about relationships-to family, clocks, water, trees, ungulates, endings-recognizing that not all relationships are straightforward: a mother's secret false teeth, a teakettle riddled with bullet holes, pears and small knives. To leave a face in the funeral car is to fall out of time, to fall into history, to ponder the meanings of dust, the quiet records of suicide. This poet ...

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Skeena

by Sarah de Leeuw

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : nature, places, canadian

An elegy to and celebration of British Columbia's second-longest river, one at the centre of contemporary conversations about resource extraction and northern geographies, *Skeena* is an assemblage of voices, stories and histories both about the river and from the river's perspective. As a single poetic narrative spanning more than ninety pages, this second collection of poetry by award-winning poet Sarah de Leeuw follows a Canadian tradition of long poems, weaving together poetic rendering of the ...

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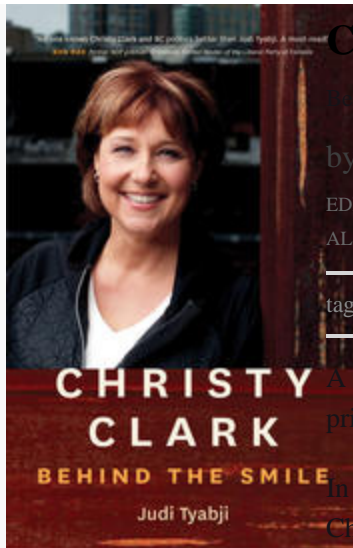
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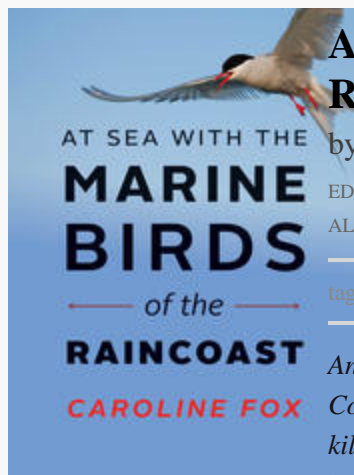
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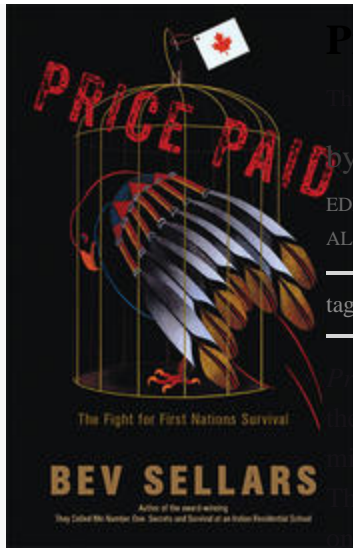
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by Bev Sellars

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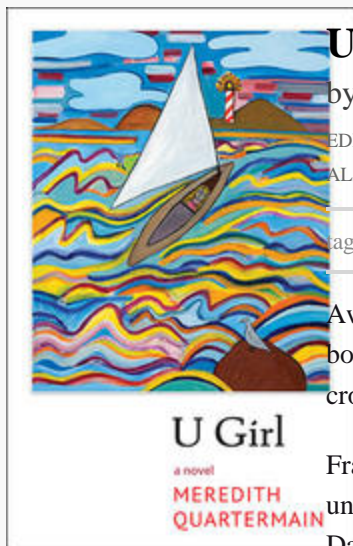
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Price Paid: The Fight for First Nations Survival untangles truth from some of the myths about First Nations at the same time that it addresses misconceptions still widely believed today.

The second book by award-winning author Bev Sellars, *Price Paid* is based on a popular presentation Sellars created for treaty-makers, politicians, policymakers, and educators when she discovered they did not know the historic reasons they were at the table negotiating First Nations rights. The book begins with g ...

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U Girl

by Meredith Quartermain

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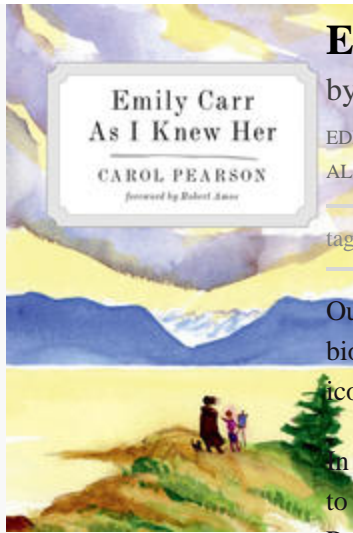
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tagged : literary

Award-winning author Meredith Quartermain's second novel and seventh book, *U Girl*, is a coming-of-age story set in Vancouver in 1972, a city crossed between love-in hip and forest-corp square.

Frances Nelson escapes her small-town background to attend first-year university in the big city. "You've got to find the great love," her new friend Dagmar tells her. But what makes it love instead of sex? And what kind of love bonds friends? She gleans surprising answers from Jack, a construction wor ...

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Emily Carr As I Knew Her

by Carol Pearson, foreword by Robert Amos

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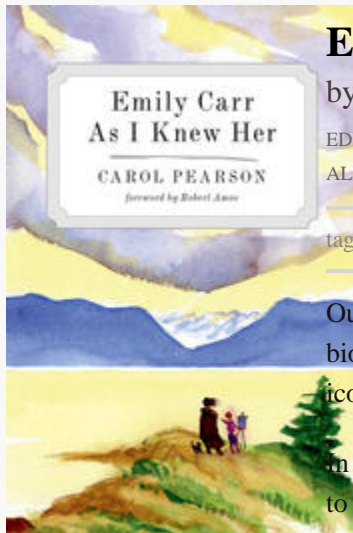
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Heroines Revisited

Photographs by Lincoln Clarkes

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EDITION: Paperback

aged : urban

Heroines Revisited is a large format follow-up volume to the original Heroines: Photographs by Lincoln Clarkes that was released by Anvil in 2002. This new edition features over 150 portraits accompanied by three new critical essays that contextualize the five-year photo project and the controversial body of work.

The Heroines Project is an epic photo documentary of the addicted women that were living and working in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside in the late '90s and early 2000s. University of Wes ...

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Waiting for the Cyclone

Stories

by Leesa Dean

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Acquired Community

by Jane Byers

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tagged : lgbt

Jane Byers' *Acquired Community* is both a collection of narrative poems about seminal moments in North American lesbian and gay history, mostly post-World War II, and a series of first person poems that act as a touchstone to compare the narrator's coming out experience within the larger context of the gay liberation movement.

The "parade" poems such as "Celebration Was a Side Effect, 1992" explores the important role parades have played in the queer movement and how they have transformed from act ...

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The Amazing Mazie Baker

The Story of a Squamish Nation's Warrior Elder

by Kay Johnston

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : native americans

When author Kay Johnston first met Mazie Baker, she came to know her as the reigning queen of bannock, selling out batch after batch of fluffy, light frybread at local powwows. She soon learned that Mazie, a matriarch and an activist, had been nurturing and fiercely protecting her community for a lifetime.

In 1931, Mazie Antone was born into the Squamish Nation, a community caught between its traditional values of respect-for the land, the family and the band-and the secular, capitalistic legisla ...

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The Day of the Dead

Sliver Fiction, Short Stories & an Homage

by Catherine Owen

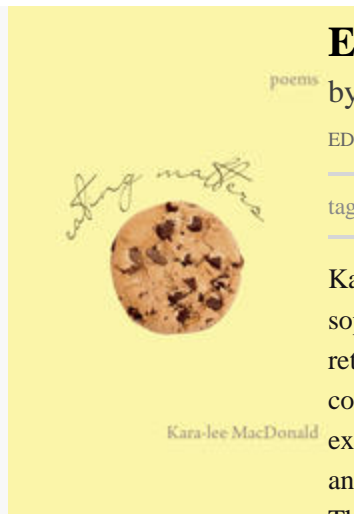
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Eating Matters

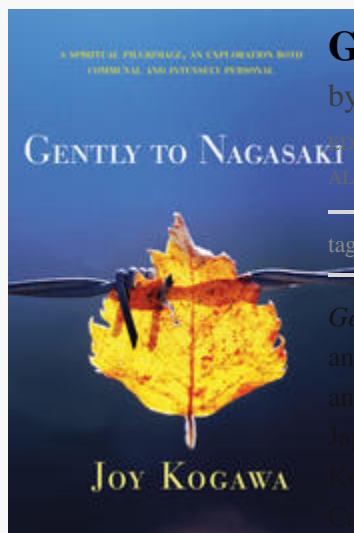
by Kara-lee MacDonald

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : women authors

Kara-lee MacDonald is a survivor. The poems in *Eating Matters* are sophisticated explorations of anorexia and bulimia, from within and in retrospect, as the semiautobiographical narrator faces and overcomes her complex drives and compulsions. Through a variety of poetic forms, she explores the deep structures of body images and societal pressures that create and promulgate eating disorders and the culture of shame surrounding them. The poems will strike a chord in those who have experience with t ...

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Gently to Nagasaki

by Joy Kogawa

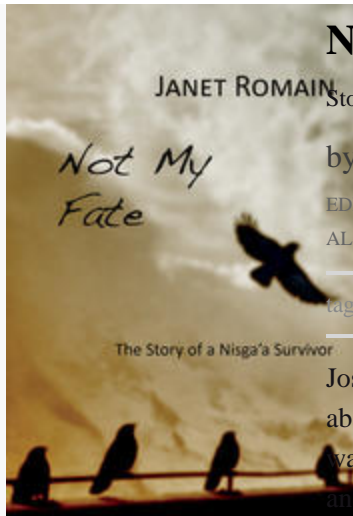
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tagged : personal memoirs

Gently to Nagasaki is a spiritual pilgrimage, an exploration both communal and intensely personal. Set in Vancouver and Toronto, the outposts of Slocan and Coaldale, the streets of Nagasaki and the high mountains of Shikoku, Japan, it is also an account of a remarkable life. As a child during WWII, Joy Kogawa was interned with her family and thousands of other Japanese Canadians by the Canadian government. Her acclaimed novel *Obasan*, based on that experience, brought her literary recognition and ...

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Not My Fate

Story of a Nisga'a Survivor

by Janet Romain

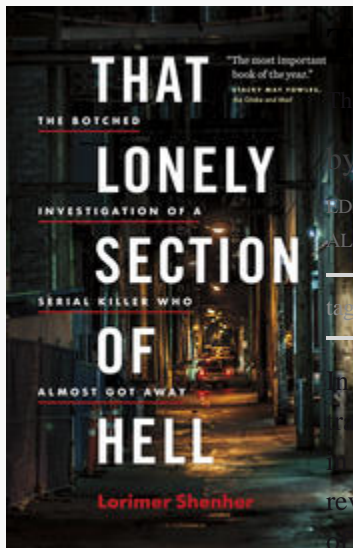
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Josephine Caplin (Jo) was born into a world marred by maternal abandonment, alcoholism and traumatic epileptic seizures. In grade three, she was apprehended by child services and separated from her protective brother and her early caregivers, her father and uncle, who were kind men with drinking problems. Placed into many alienating and lonely foster homes, Jo would not see her family again until she was fourteen. Throughout her life Jo fought symptoms of fetal alcohol syndrome, abuse by sadisti ...

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That Lonely Section of Hell

The Botched Investigation of a Serial Killer Who Almost Got Away

by Lorimer Shenher

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover eBook

tagged : serial killers, law enforcement, prostitution & sex trade

In this searing personal account, ex-police detective Lori Shenher (who transitioned to male in 2015, and is now known as Lorimer) describes his role in Vancouver's infamous Missing Women Investigation and unflinchingly reveals his years-long struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of working on the case. From his first assignment, in 1998, to investigate an increase in the number of missing women to the harrowing 2002 interrogation of convicted serial killer Robert Pickton, She ...

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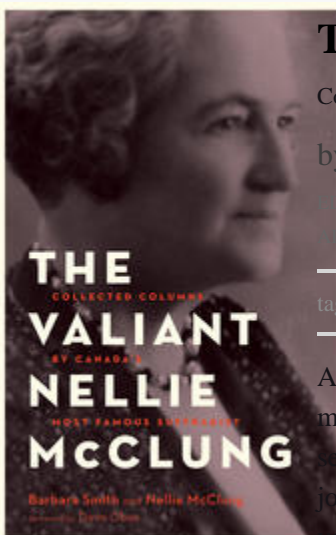
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In a Blue Moon

by Lucia Frangione

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian

When Frankie's dad dies, her mom, Ava, can't afford to live in the city anymore. The only asset they're left with is a farmhouse situated on twenty acres of land far outside of town. Ava decides to move there and start an Ayurveda clinic on the property, giving her precocious and grieving daughter a new start. One problem presents itself, though: a squatter who won't leave.

Will, professional photographer, long-estranged brother-in-law to Ava, and uncle to Frankie, lives rent-free on th ...

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by Daphne Marlatt

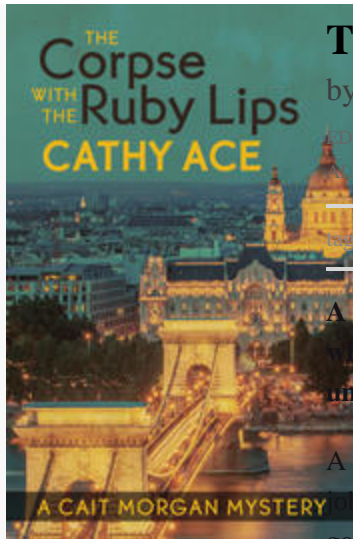
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Reading Sveva is award-winning author Daphne Marlatt's response to the life and paintings of Sveva Caetani, an Italian émigré who grew up in Vernon, B.C.

Daughter of an Italian prince, leftist, and scholar of Islam, Sveva grew up with the multilingual and highly cultured European traditions of her parents who moved to Vernon in 1921, when Fascism was on the rise in Italy. At age eighteen, after her father's death in 1939, Sveva was forced into home-seclusion for twenty-five years with her ...

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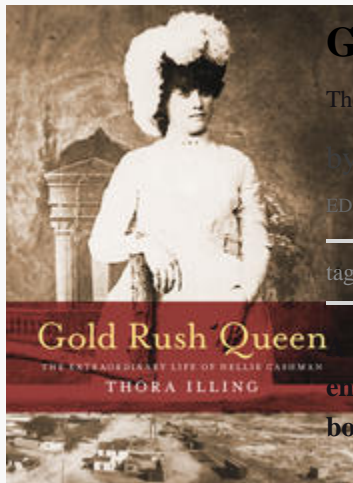
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A new book from Bony Blithe award-winning mystery author Cathy Ace where her sleuth Cait Morgan investigates a chilling cold case from a university in Budapest.

A gig as guest lecturer at the university in Budapest should have been a dream job for a travelling criminologist and food lover. But wherever Cait Morgan goes, murder seems to follow. One of Cait's new students pleads with her to solve the mystery of her grandmother's brutal slaying. She agrees, but when she is repeatedly hassled b ...

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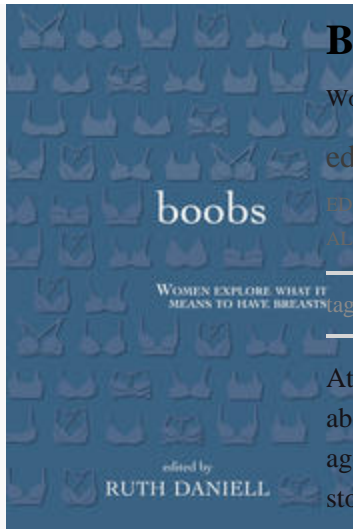
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It's 1965. Twenty-two-year-old Linda Wise despairs of escaping her overprotective parents and her hometown, where far too many know she was sexually assaulted as a teenager. Deliverance arrives in the form of marriage to the charismatic, twenty-six-year-old Ronald Brunson, a newly ordained Methodist minister who ignites her passion for social justice. Ron tells her war and racial discrimination are symptoms of the "moral rot" destroying the country, conjuring up something dark and rancid in her ...

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Women Explore What It Means to Have Breasts

edited by Ruth Daniell

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At turns heartbreaking and hilarious, BOOBS is a diverse collection of stories about the burdens, expectations and pleasures of having breasts. From the agony of puberty and angst of adolescence to the anxiety of aging, these stories and poems go beyond the usual images of breasts found in fashion magazines and movie posters, instead offering dynamic and honest portraits of desire, acceptance and the desire for acceptance.

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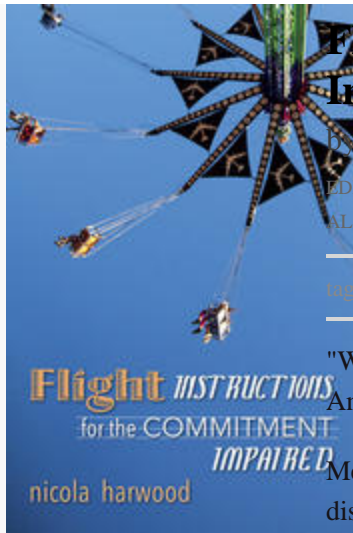
by SD Holman

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Butch: Not Like the Other Girls is a photographic exploration of the liminal spaces occupied by female masculinity in contemporary communities. Its first incarnation exhibited as a public art project in transit shelters around Vancouver in March-April 2013, with a simultaneous gallery show at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre (the Cultch). According to Cultch administrators, the opening night (which attracted over 500 attendees and spilled out into the street for half a block) was the largest v ...

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Flight Instructions for the Commitment Impaired

by Nicola Harwood

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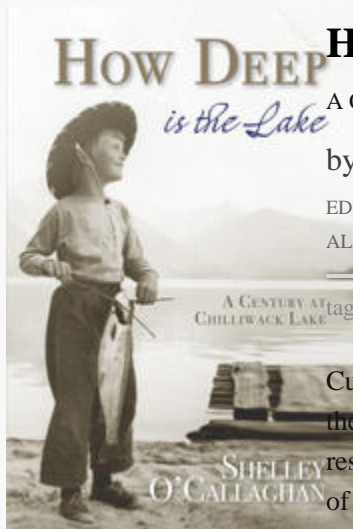
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"Wanted: lesbian couple to foster wonderful eleven-year-old African American boy with gender identity issues."

Meet Antwan. Not only has he got gender issues, he's severely emotionally disturbed, severely demanding and, as he puts it, "born to argue."

In the late nineties, Nicola Harwood and her girlfriend moved to San Francisco in order to be at the epicentre of queer culture. Shortly after arriving, they encountered an ad posted in the *SF Bay Times* looking for lesbian foster parents. Impulsively ...

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How Deep is the Lake

A Century at Chilliwack Lake

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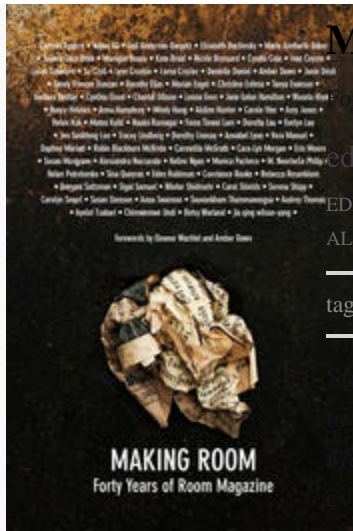
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Curious about the previous inhabitants of the lake where her family has spent the summer for over one hundred years, author Shelley O'Callaghan starts researching and writing about the area. But what begins as a personal journey of one woman's relationship to the land and her desire to uncover the history of her family's remote cabin turns into an exploration and questioning of our rights as settlers upon a land that was inhabited long before we came. In her research, O'Callaghan uncovers a hist ...

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Making Room

Forty Years of Room Magazine

Edited by Meghan Bell

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tagged : women authors

A well-studded collection of CanLit's most notable and diverse women authors who have been published in Canada's oldest literary journal by and about women. *Making Room: Forty Years of Room Magazine* celebrates the history and evolution of Canadian literature and feminism with some of the most exciting and thought-provoking fiction, poetry, and essays the magazine has published since it was founded in 1975 as *Room of One's Own*. This collection includes poems about men not to be fallen in love with, trans w ...

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The Native Voice

The Story of How Maisie Hurley and Canada's First Aboriginal Newspaper Changed a Nation

Eric Jamieson

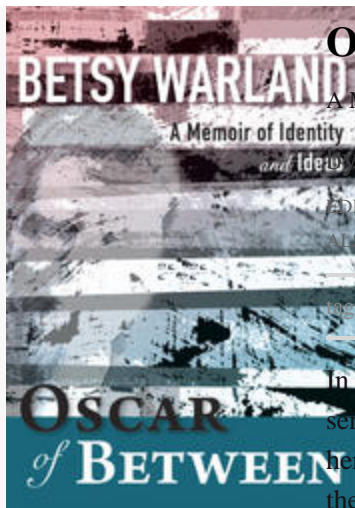
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tagged : native american

In 1945, Alfred Adams, a respected Haida elder and founding president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia (NBBC), was dying of cancer. After decades of fighting to increase the rights and recognition of First Nations people, he implored Maisie Hurley to help his people by telling others about their struggle. Hurley took his request to both heart and mind, and with \$150 of her own money, started a small newspaper that would become a powerful catalyst for change: *The Native Voice*.

At that ...

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Oscar of Between

A Memoir of Identity and Ideas

Betsy Warland

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aged : personal memoirs

In 2007, at the age of sixty, Betsy Warland finds herself single and without a sense of family. On an impulse, she decides to travel to London to celebrate her birthday, where she experiences an odd compulsion to see an exhibit on the invention of military camouflage. Within the first five minutes of her visit, her lifelong feeling of being aberrant reveals its source: she had never learned the art of camouflage.

This marked the beginning of *Oscar of Between: A Memoir of Identity and Ideas*. Takin ...

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