

Read Local BC 2016

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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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Garage Criticism

Cultural Missives in the Age of Distraction

by Peter Babiak

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : popular culture, canadian

Montaigne Medal Finalist (Eric Hoffer Awards)

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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Jettison

by Nathaniel G. Moore

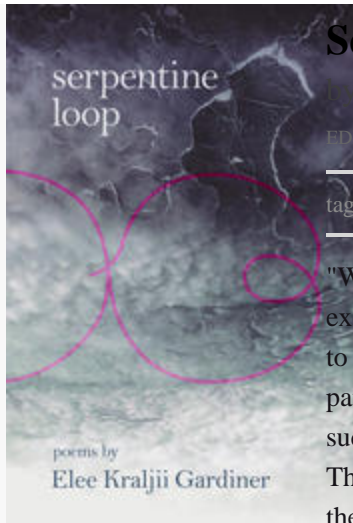
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

Nathaniel G. Moore follows up his 2014 ReLit Award win for *Savage* with a diverse collection of short fiction, his first, *Jettison*, featuring stories which dangle somewhere between horror and romance.

"Jaws" explores a father's desire to over-share the erotic origins of his children's "Aunt" Louise; "Blade Runner" uncovers the darkest and most hilarious aspects of dating by delineating the psych ward politics surrounding a male mental patient with five girlfriends who takes apart his bed when they ...

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Serpentine Loop

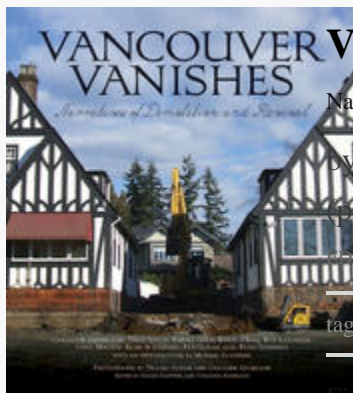
Elee Kraljii Gardiner

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 imprinted in m ...

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Vancouver Vanishes

Narratives of Demolition and Revival

by Caroline Adderson, introduction by Michael Kluckner, by (photographer) Tracey Ayton

EDITION: Paperback

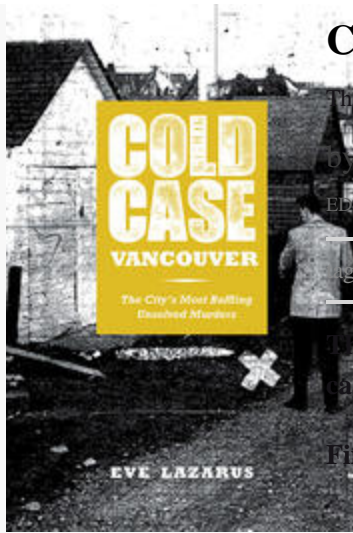
tagged : cultural heritage, 20th century

Finalist, Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award (BC Book Prizes), 2016

#1 on the BC Bestseller List

Since 2005, nearly 9,000 demo permits for residential buildings have been issued in Vancouver. An average of three houses a day are torn down, many of them original homes built for the middle and working class in the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Very few are deemed significant enough to earn the protection of a heritage designation, but they are part of our heritage nonetheless and their demolition is not ...

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Cold Case Vancouver

The City's Most Baffling Unsolved Murders

by Eve Lazarus

EDITION: Paperback

Tagged : criminology, post-confederation (1867-)

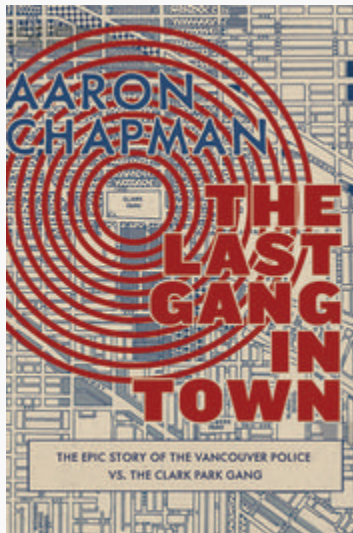
The untold story behind some of Vancouver's notorious unsolved murder cases.

Finalist, Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award (BC Book Prizes)

While Vancouver is much loved by tourists and locals alike for its spectacular natural scenery and diverse culture, behind that facade lurks a violent past. *Cold Case Vancouver* takes a look at the city's disreputable side by revisiting some of its infamous cold murder cases from 1944 to 1996.

There are literally hundreds of murders that remain unsolved in Va ...

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The Last Gang in Town

The Epic Story of the Vancouver Police vs. the Clark Park Gang

by Aaron Chapman

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : post-confederation (1867-), organized crime, british columbia (bc)

Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Prize finalist; Canadian Historical Association's Clio Prize for BC winner

Decades before organized crime syndicates brought sensational drug wars to Vancouver, street gangs held sway over its unruly east side. None was considered tougher or more feared than the Clark Park gang, a wild, two-fisted crew of characters from Vancouver's post-1960s counterculture.

In 1972, after a number of headline-making riots and clashes with police--including an infamous altercation ...

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The Mercy Journals

by Claudia Casper

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : dystopian, literary

Winner, Philip K. Dick Award for Distinguished Science Fiction

This unsettling novel is set thirty years in the future, in the wake of a third world war. Runaway effects of climate change have triggered the collapse of nations/states and wiped out over a third of the global population. One of the survivors, a former soldier nicknamed Mercy, suffers from PTSD and is haunted by guilt and lingering memories of his family. His pain is eased when he meets a dancer named Ruby, a performer who breathes n ...

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Niagara Motel

by Ashley Little

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : coming of age, literary, alternative history

Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize finalist

Set in the early 1990s, Ashley Little's follow-up to her award-winning novel *Anatomy of a Girl Gang* introduces readers to unforgettable eleven-year-old Tucker Malone--the only child of a narcoleptic touring stripper--who believes his father is Sam Malone from *Cheers*. He and his mother move from motel to motel until, one night in Niagara Falls, his mother is hit by a car after falling asleep in the street.

Tucker is sent to live in a youth group home where he mee ...

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Straight to the Head

by Fraser Nixon

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : crime, literary

1983. Vancouver is on the precipice of transforming itself from a dirty little town to a blandly sophisticated big city. Convertibles cruise beneath runty palm trees, and the air is filled with the delicious tang of ocean breezes, cheeseburgers, and pot smoke.

In this fast and furious crime novel set in the midst of a long west coast summer, an Eastern European immigrant named Irina absconds with a shipment of drugs and \$300,000 in dirty money, setting into motion a wild chain reaction involving ...

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Becoming Lin

by Tricia Dower

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : literary

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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The Day of the Dead

Sliver Fiction, Short Stories & an Homage

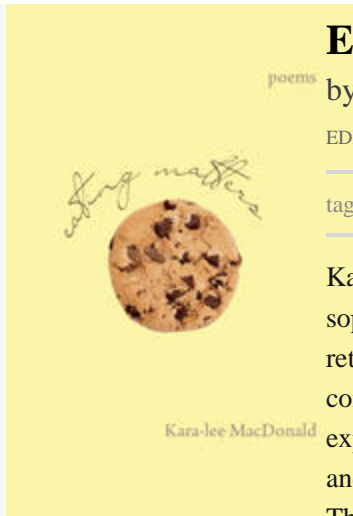
by Catherine Owen

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

The Day of the Dead: Sliver Fictions, Short Stories & An Homage is a series of collisions between genders in the realms of sexuality, relationships, art and grief in three sections: Men & Women, Muses and The Dead. Owen explores secrecy, abject pasts, misunderstood desires, the urgency to create and the horrors of loss. *The Day of the Dead* takes the reader into discomfiting worlds, thorned with fantasy and dark humour but rooted in the harsh and sometimes beautiful realities a woman and artis ...

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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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Flight Instructions for the Commitment Impaired

by Nicola Harwood

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : personal memoirs

"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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Oscar of Between

A Memoir of Identity and Ideas

Betsy Warland

EDITION: Paperback

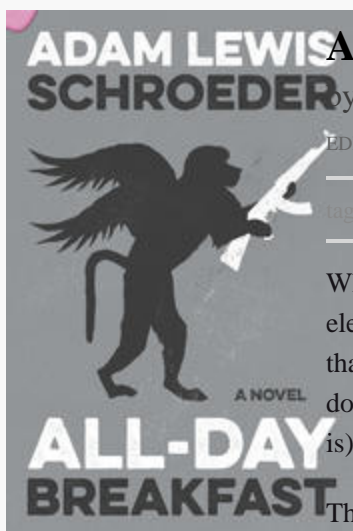
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

Tagged : 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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All-Day Breakfast

by Adam Lewis Schroeder

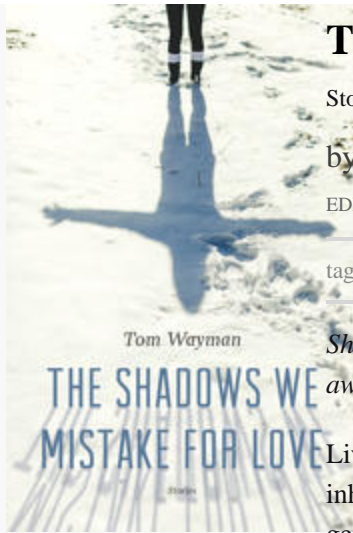
EDITION: Paperback

Tagged : literary

When widowed father and substitute teacher Peter Giller leads an eleventh-grade class on a field trip to a plastics factory, he thinks the worst that could happen is that the parent volunteers won't show up (they don't), the kids will be rude (they are) or the free lunch will be terrible (it is).

Then a leaking pipe sprays Peter and the students with a mysterious pink goo and 'the worst that could happen' spikes from inconvenient to catastrophic. At first, the goo's side effects are mil ...

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The Shadows We Mistake for Love

Stories

by Tom Wayman

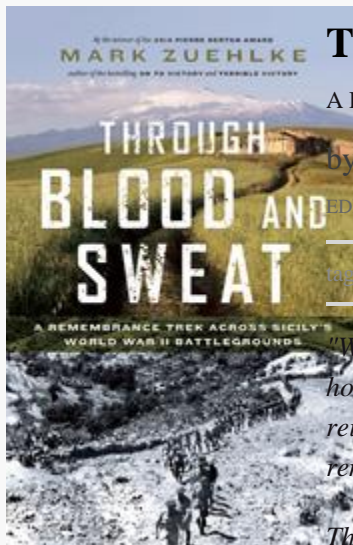
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

Short stories based in BC's West Kootenay region from multiple award-winning author and poet Tom Wayman.

Living in the shadow of the Selkirk Mountains in southeastern BC, the inhabitants of the Slocan Valley are tied together by magical and dramatic geography, but also by an intricate web of shared history, common needs and the deep and complex relationships that evolve in isolated locations, where everyone is visible and there is no anonymity. Tom Wayman's new short story collection, *The Sha ...*

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Through Blood and Sweat

A Remembrance Trek across Sicily's World War II Battlegrounds

by Mark Zuehlke

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : world war ii

"We should not need [monuments] to picture a past battlefield and the horrors endured there. But their presence definitely helps to focus the mind, reinforce the solemnity of emotion that is so inherent in the act of remembrance."

Through Blood and Sweat takes readers on a memorable, thought-provoking 300-kilometre march in the footsteps taken by the soldiers of 1st Canadian Infantry Division in 1943. As part of Operation Husky 2013, a group of Canadians walked this route to honour the memory of ...

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The Killer Whale Who Changed the World

by Mark Leiren-Young

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

tagged : marine life, animal rights

The fascinating and heartbreaking account of the first publicly exhibited captive killer whale a story that forever changed the way we see orcas and sparked the movement to save them

Killer whales had always been seen as bloodthirsty sea monsters. That all changed when a young killer whale was captured off the west coast of North America and displayed to the public in 1964. Moby Doll as the whale became known was an instant celebrity, drawing 20,000 visitors on the one and only day he wa ...

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No News Is Bad News

Canada's Media Collapse - and What Comes Next

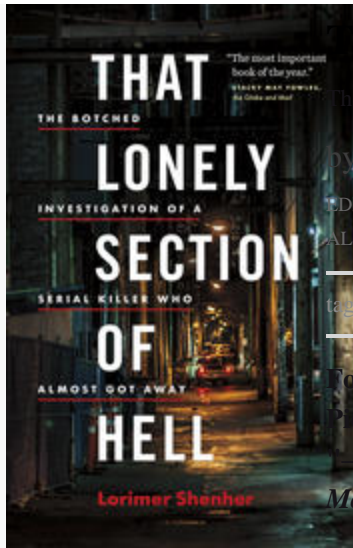
by Ian Gill

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : media studies, communication studies, democracy

Canada's media companies are melting faster than the polar ice caps, and in *No News Is Bad News*, Ian Gill chronicles their decline in a biting, in-depth analysis. He travels to an international journalism festival in Italy, visits the *Guardian* in London, and speaks to editors, reporters, entrepreneurs, investors, non-profit leaders, and news consumers from around the world to find out what's gone wrong. Along the way he discovers that corporate concentration and clumsy adaptations to the dig ...

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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

Former police detective Lorimer Shenher's “inside account of the Picketon serial murders is both a horrifying and compelling read.

—Peter Vronsky, author of *Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters*

In this searing personal account, ex-police detective Lori Shenher (who transitioned to 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 r ...

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Vancouver in the Seventies

Photos from a Decade that Changed the City

by Kate Bird, introduction by Shelley Fralic, foreword by Douglas Coupland

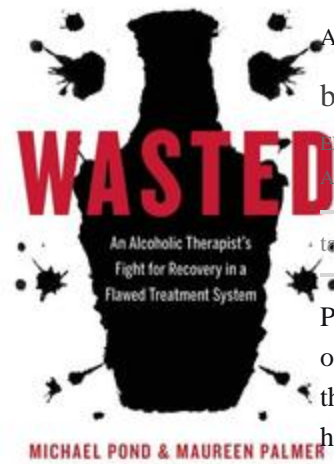
EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : historical, pictorials

Fresh out of the freewheeling sixties, the seventies was a decade of immense change for Vancouver a time of protest, political upheaval, economic boom, and cultural evolution. Through it all, the *Vancouver Sun's* award-winning photographers chronicled the city's metamorphosis. Shooting more than 4,500 photo assignments each year, they covered news, politics, business and industry, sports, entertainment, food, and fashion, without missing a beat. These images capture pivotal moments in this dyn ...

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Wasted

An Alcoholic Therapist's Fight for Recovery in a Flawed Treatment System

by Michael Pond & Maureen Palmer

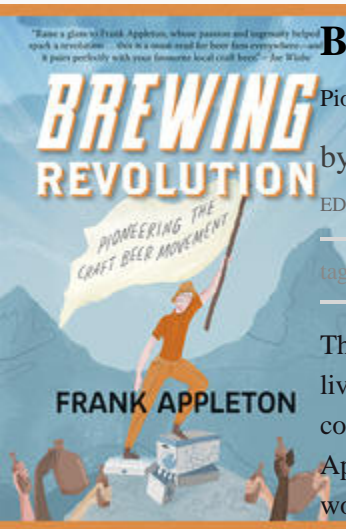
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : alcoholism, personal memoirs

Psychotherapist Michael Pond is no stranger to the devastating consequences of alcoholism. He has helped hundreds of people conquer their addictions, but this knowledge did not prevent his own near-demise. In this riveting memoir, he recounts how he lost his practice, his home, and his family all because of his drinking. After scores of visits to the ER, a tour of hellish recovery homes, a stint in intensive care for end-stage alcoholism, and jail, Pond devised his own personal plan for recover ...

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Brewing Revolution

Pioneering the Craft Beer Movement

by Frank Appleton

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : personal memoirs, beer

The inspiring story behind today's craft beer revolution is the subject of this lively memoir by Frank Appleton, the English-trained brewmaster who is considered by many to be the father of Canada's craft-brewing movement. Appleton chronicles fifty years in the brewing business, from his early years working for one of the major breweries, to his part in establishing the first cottage brewery in Canada, to a forward look at the craft-beer industry in an ever more competitive market.

Disillusions ...

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Peace Dancer

illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Robert Budd

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : canadian

The children of the Tsimshian village of Kitkatla love to play at being hunters, eager for their turn to join the grown-ups. But when they capture and mistreat a crow, the Chief of the Heavens, angered at their disrespect, brings down a powerful storm.

The rain floods the Earth and villagers have no choice but to abandon their homes and flee to their canoes. As the seas rise, the villagers tie themselves to the top of Anchor Mountain, where they pray for days on end and promise to teach their ch ...

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Red Robinson

The Last Deejay

by Robin Brunet

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : entertainment & performing arts, personal memoirs, rock

Red Robinson details the life and career of Red Robinson, one of Canada's most celebrated pioneers of rock and roll. Robinson began spinning hits while in high school in the early 1950s, laying the foundation for what would become a glamorous, impossible-to-stop and ultimately fulfilling career that has made him a household name west of the Rockies.

Raised by a single mother, Robinson worked as a delivery boy to help support the family. From such humble beginnings, he developed a strong work eth ...

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STALKING SALMON

WRESTLING DRUNKS



Confessions of a Charter Boat Skipper
PETER L. GORDON

Stalking Salmon & Wrestling Drunks

Confessions of a Charter Boat Skipper

by Peter L. Gordon

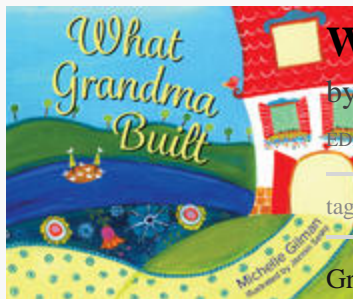
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : fishing, personal memoirs

Each fisherman steps onto the docks, sees Peter Gordon's boat the MV *Kalua*, glances at the other members of the charter and feels a rush of anticipation. The challenge is on to see who will catch the biggest fish.

Told with a skipper's authority, *Stalking Salmon and Wrestling Drunks* recounts the highs and lows of fishing with tourists, including dealing with rowdy guests, bad weather, near death experiences, lost fish, tangled lines, and sometimes even tragedy. Gordon's humour and tenacity shine ...

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What Grandma Built

by Michelle Gilman, illustrated by Jazmin Sasky

EDITION: Paperback

tagged :

Grandma finds the perfect spot for her home on the shore of a lake. As her family gets bigger, the house grows too--and eventually becomes a castle! Bursting with toys, bunk beds, bedrooms and pies, the castle is a magical place full of love and traditions. Whole walls are reserved for family photos and grandchildren's drawings, and a huge playground fills the yard. Grandma and her family love boating, watching the loons, and having meals together in Grandma's giant dining room.

The castle is bu ...

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Carnival of Secrets

Grim Hill, Book Six

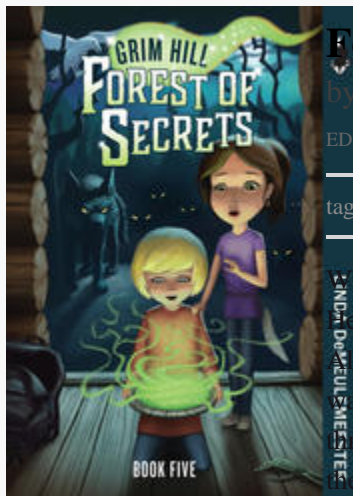
by Linda DeMeulemeester

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : fantasy & magic, paranormal, adolescence

In this thrilling conclusion to the Grim Hill series, Cat has lost everything she holds dear. Sookie has gone over to dark magic and is a diabolical threat. A sinister carnival has crept into town and has everyone under its thrall. Only Cat's fairy friend Lea thinks there might be a sliver of hope that all the harm can be undone. But even she quakes at the danger. Still, Cat is determined to do whatever it takes, except this time even the gang isn't prepared for the most harrowing adventure of a ...

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Forest of Secrets

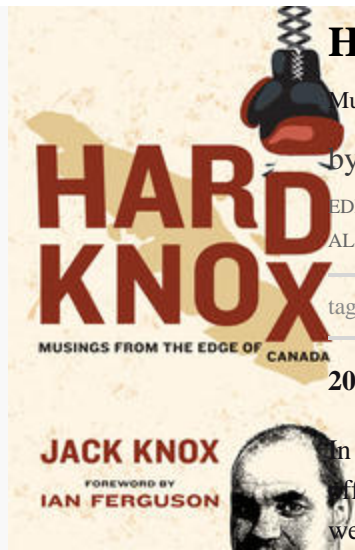
by Linda DeMeulemeester

EDITION: eBook

tagged : paranormal, adolescence, fantasy & magic

When Cat and her friends are taken hostage and find themselves stranded in a dead-end valley, it's clear they will need a miracle to get back home. Although they find an abandoned cabin for shelter, their supply of food and water is running out fast, their kidnappers are not on their heels, and a sinister creature lurks in the loft of the cabin. Cat has to make an impossible choice: risk the group's chance of survival, or risk her sister, who may be able to summon help using her magical skills. But ...

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Hard Knox

Musings from the Edge of Canada

by Jack Knox, foreword by Ian Ferguson

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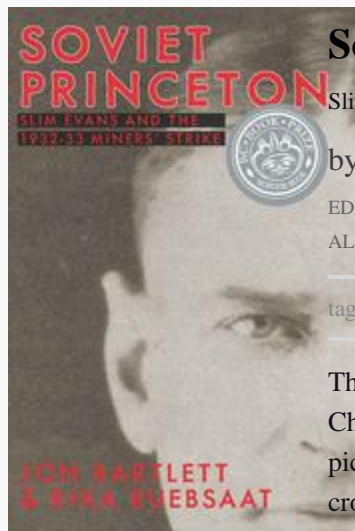
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : essays, editors, journalists, publishers

2017 long-list finalist, Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour Writing

In *Hard Knox*, seasoned columnist and consummate everyman Jack Knox offers up his uniquely hilarious views on Canadian life as seen from the western fringes of the country—in particular from the “Island of Misfit Toys” as he aptly calls his Vancouver Island home. This treasure trove of west-coast wit and wisdom touches on everything from “smug anti-Americanism” to extreme weather to flagrant public displays of affection in ...

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Soviet Princeton

Slim Evans and the 1932-33 Miners' Strike

by Jon Bartlett & Rika Ruebsaat

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : post-confederation (1867-), labor & industrial relations, communism & socialism

The winter of 1932-33 saw the small interior town of Princeton, BC divided. Charges of outside agitators and charges by mounted provincial police into picket lines of workers, Ku Klux Klan threats and a beating and cross-burning, the kidnapping of legendary labour organizer Slim Evans who was bundled onto the next train out of town (though he returned soon enough) — Princeton's few thousand citizens saw much of the human drama of the Great Depression play out right in their own lives over the ...

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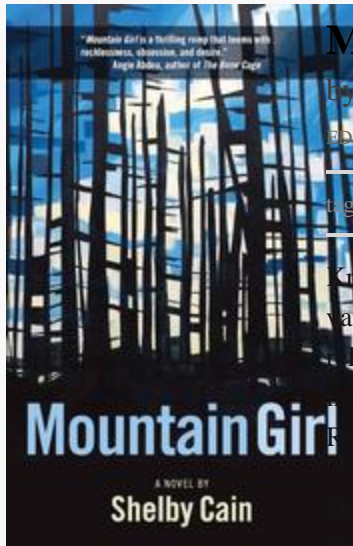
Twenty Seven Stings

by Julie Emerson, illustrated by Roxanna Bikadoroff

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian, women authors

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Mountain Girl

by Shelby Cain

EDITION: Paperback

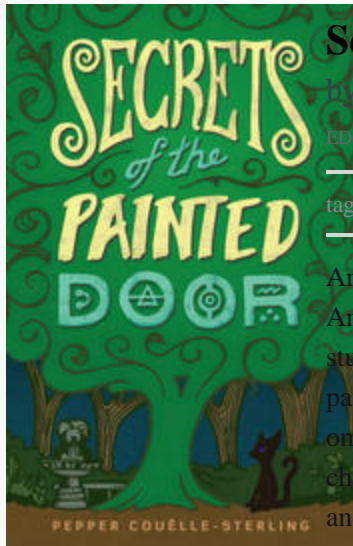
tagged : psychological, literary

Krissy Mathews has returned. Four years ago, the seventeen-year-old vanished. The young detective assigned to her case has hunted her relentlessly. Now she bursts through the door of the hospital, a lifeless child in her arms and a man she calls her husband by her side. The police pry Jasper from Krissy's grasp and charge him with her kidnapping.

Diagnosed with Stockholm syndrome, she is forced to question what she thought was true love, borne of the twisted abuse she suffered while isolated

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Secrets of the Painted Door

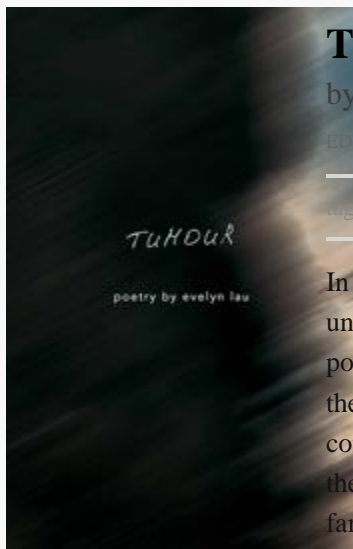
by Pepper Couëlle-Sterling

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : fantasy & magic

Anna always looked forward to summer holidays. This summer is different. Anna is sent to live with her Grandfather, an eccentric artist in his strange new studio. She's terribly afraid that she will be left alone with her books while he paints every day, the summer dragging on page after page. A chance meeting on the ferry, secret gatherings in the garden, and a painted door, quickly change Anna's perceptions. The painted door opens to exciting adventures: ancient and mysterious, dangerous and m ...

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Tumour

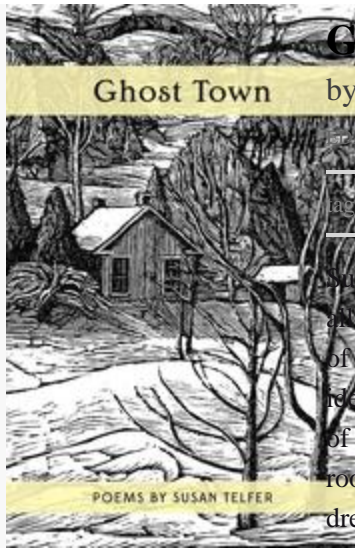
by Evelyn Lau

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian, women authors

In her seventh book of poetry, **Evelyn Lau** digs up her deepest fears to unearth the universal hope we all have — of a life that matters. *Tumour's* power lies in Lau's ability to talk about the things we don't like to talk about, the things we avoid with lotions and potions and self-medication. *Tumour* compels sober self-reflection and shining light into the corners of the mind. In the book's first part, Lau roots through the forces of life that shaped her — the family legacy, the cultural inher ...

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Ghost Town

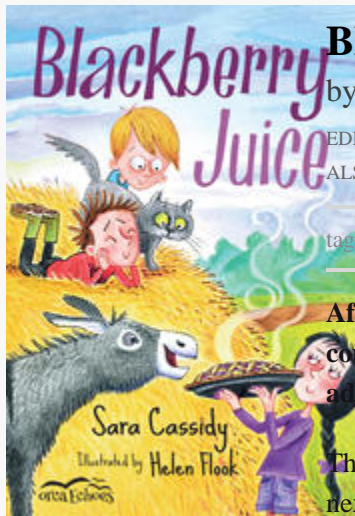
by Susan Telfer

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

tagged : canadian

Susan Telfer's intense poems in *Ghost Town* are possessed of a wild brilliance of their own. There is a raw, unruly, exhumed energy coming to the surface of these poems, which is the source of their power. This book's themes are of identity, a struggle for self, invention and re-invention, against the undertow of family dysfunction, of ancestral influences, of grief and loss. They are rooted in the West Coast, explicitly located on the fault line as well as in dreams. Sometimes poetic forms offer t ...

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Blackberry Juice

by Sara Cassidy, illustrated by Helen Flook

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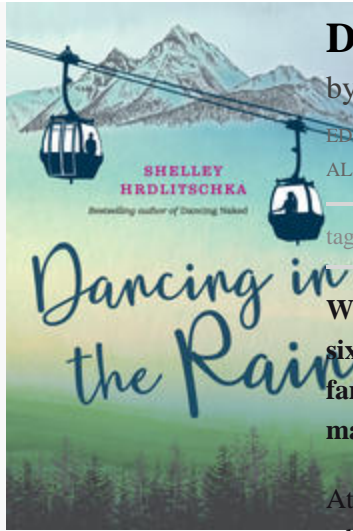
ALSO AVAILABLE: [eBook](#) [Audiobook](#)

tagged : farm & ranch life, new experience, farm animals

After moving into their new home, a keeling-over farmhouse in the country, nine-year-old Cyrus and his brother, Rudy, have trouble adjusting to all the changes.

The fresh-from-the-farm egg yolks are blindingly yellow. The eccentric girl next door has a very unusual sense of style. And Rumpley, a donkey they inherited with the farmhouse, doesn't even know how to bray. Nothing about the country feels warm or familiar. But when Cyrus is stranded one evening by the tide, he finds his lifeline in an u ...

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Dancing in the Rain

by Shelley Hrdlitschka

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ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : adoption, death & dying

While struggling with the death of her beloved adoptive mother, sixteen-year-old Brenna reconnects with members of her biological family, hoping to discover why her biological mother broke off contact many years earlier.

At the same time, she is falling in love with Ryan, who provides support while she grieves but has to leave her when she needs him most. Despite powerful feelings of abandonment, Brenna realizes that getting strong physically and focusing on the needs of others might just help h ...

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Pandas on the Eastside

by Gabrielle Prendergast

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : politics & government, mammals

When ten-year-old Journey Song hears that two pandas are being held in a warehouse in her neighborhood, she worries that they may be hungry, cold and lonely. Horrified to learn that the pandas, originally destined for a zoo in Washington, might be shipped back to China because of a diplomatic spat between China and the United States, Journey rallies her friends and neighbors on the poverty-stricken Eastside. Her infectious enthusiasm for all things panda is hard to resist, and soon she's getting ...

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Pocket Change

Pitching In for a Better World

by Michelle Mulder

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : business & economics, recycling & green living, environmental conservation & protection

Around the world, people are questioning consumerism, leaning toward more sustainable lifestyles and creating a whole new concept of wealth.

Until a few hundred years ago, people were embarrassed to buy bread in a store. Families took pride in making almost everything they owned. These days, many people take pride in buying as much as possible! New clothes, a speedier bicycle, the latest phone. If we've got money, someone can sell us a product that will supposedly make our lives better. But each ...

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Race Against Time

A Claire Abbott Mystery

by Gail Anderson-Dargatz

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tagged : women sleuths, crime, supernatural

***Race Against Time* is the third novel in a series of mysteries featuring journalist and sleuth Claire Abbott.**

Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Small-town reporter Claire Abbott wakes from a nightmare, convinced a bomb will go off in the local school. And then, strangely enough, there really is a bomb scare. After the school is cleared by police and their sniffer dog, Claire is certain the threat isn't over. People are behaving strangely. Claire believes a bomber will attack the school. But when? And who is the bomber? Claire must ...

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At Sea with the Marine Birds of the Raincoast

by Caroline Fox

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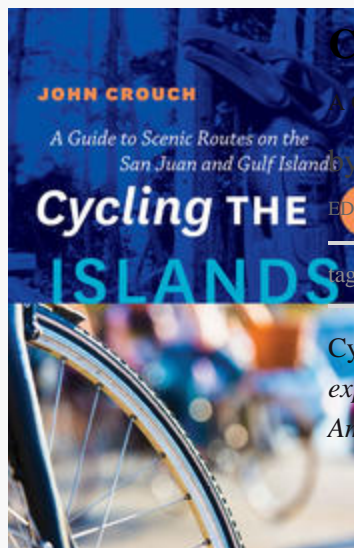
tagged : birds, coastal regions & shorelines, environmental conservation & protection

Winner, 2016 Lane Anderson Award for Best Canadian Science Writing Shortlisted, Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Book on British Columbia.

An illustrated narrative that interweaves the shifting seasons of the Northwest Coast with the experiences of a conservation biologist surveying thousands of kilometres of open ocean in order to uncover the complex relationships between humans, marine birds and the realities of contemporary biodiversity.

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Cycling the Islands

A Guide to Scenic Routes on the San Juan and Gulf Islands

John Crouch

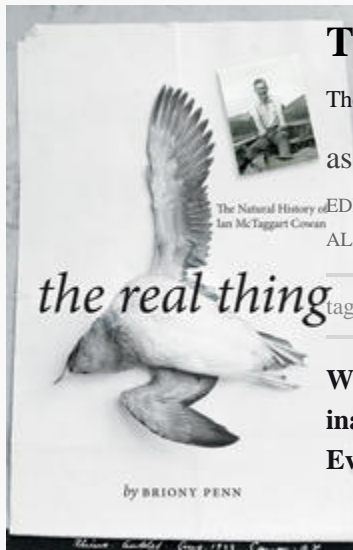
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : bicycling, western provinces, pacific

Cycling the Islands is the ultimate guidebook for those travellers looking to explore the beauty and splendour of British Columbia's Gulf Islands and the American San Juan Islands by bicycle.

Featuring over 30 adventures on 11 different islands, each route includes a map and detailed information on local history, topography, aesthetics, places of interest, type of road, general route condition, level of difficulty, start and end points, checkpoints along the way and plenty of full-colour photo ...

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The Real Thing

The Natural History of Ian McTaggart Cowan

as told by Briony Penn

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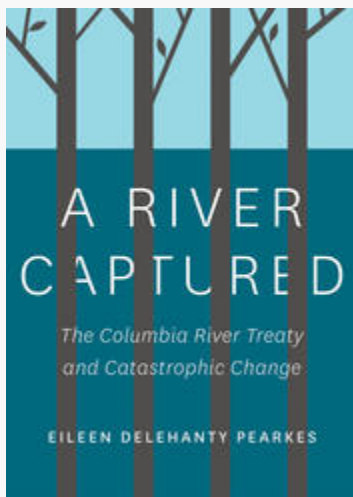
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : ecology, environmental conservation & protection, science & technology

Winner of the 2016 Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize and the inaugural Mack Laing Literary Prize. Shortlisted for the 2016 Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prizes.

The Real Thing is the first official biography of Ian McTaggart Cowan (1910–2010), the “father of Canadian ecology.” Authorized by his family and with the research support and participation of the University of Victoria Libraries, Briony Penn provides an unprecedented and accessible window into the story of this remarkable naturalist. ...

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A River Captured

The Columbia River Treaty and Catastrophic Change

by Eileen Delehanty Pearkes

EDITION: Paperback

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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Surviving Logan

by Erik Bjarnason & Cathi Shaw

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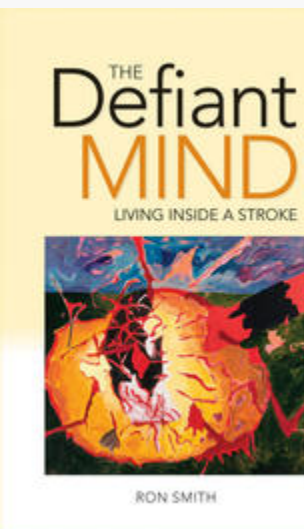
tagged : mountaineering, sports, adventurers & explorers

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.

In May of 2005, North Shore Rescue put together a 40th Anniversary Expedition to Mount Logan. The team was made up of seven men and one woman – all experienced mountaineers and search & rescue personnel. The trip up the mountain was relatively standard, marked by good weather.

But on May 25, 2005, thei ...

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The Defiant Mind

Living Inside a Stroke

by Ron Smith

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover eBook

tagged : personal memoirs, medical, health care issues

"What is a stroke?" This is the question that plagues Ron Smith as he emerges from the carpet bombing of his brain. *The Defiant Mind: Living Inside a Stroke* is a first-person account of a massive ischemic stroke to the brain stem. Smith takes the reader inside the experience and shows how recuperation happens the challenges of communication, the barriers to treatment, the frustrations of being misunderstood and written off, the role of memory in recovering identity, the power of continuing t ...

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Heart Like a Wing

by Dan Paxton Dunaway

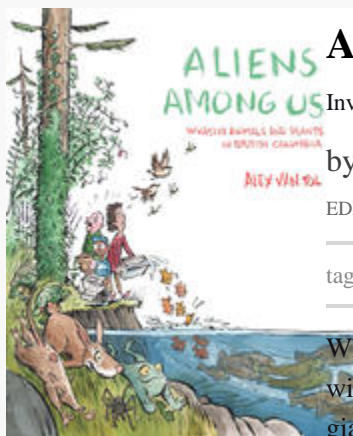
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : coming of age, aboriginal & indigenous, canada

Briony, a prairie girl with a disfigured face, is adopted when she is nine by a childless older couple, Dagget and Moll, who appear mysteriously at her orphanage one day. They take her to their remote town of Crowsbeak in northern Saskatchewan, where Briony struggles to fit in. Tormented by her schoolmates for her scarred face and dark skin, and haunted by nightmares, she takes refuge in Dagget's world as a bush pilot in the vast spruce forests, lakes and Native villages of the North. As she fli ...

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Aliens Among Us

Invasive Animals and Plants in British Columbia

by Alex Van Tol, illustrated by Mike Deas

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : environmental conservation & protection

What would you do if you came face to face with a large yellow waxwing, wild turkey or weather loach? Who would you call if common wall lizards or giant hogweed crept into your back yard?

Alex Van Tol can help. In *Aliens Among Us*, she identifies more than 50 species of alien animals and plants that have established themselves in British Columbia. With the help of colour photographs and Mike Deas's illuminating illustrations, Van Tol exposes the invaders, then explains how they got here and what t ...

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