



Read Local BC 2017

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A selection of titles from Read Local BC 2017.

As if
by Alban Goulden
EDITION: Paperback

ged: 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 ...



Assdeep In Wonder

by Christopher Gudgeon

EDITION: Paperback

tagged: canadian

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

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

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Bad Endings

by Carleigh Baker

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Audiobook (CD)



tagged: short stories (single author)

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

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

The Encyclopedia of Lies The Encyclopedia of Lies Christopher Gudgeon

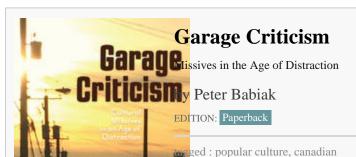
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

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

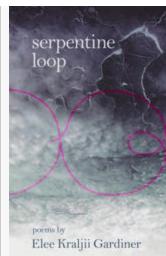
Here is a gay couple who persevere with their marriage plans as the world, literally, crumbles around them, a woman who discovers the mysterious collection of letters that reveals a terrifying truth about her deceased fiancée, a dutiful son. ...

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Montaigne Medal Finalist (Eric Hoffer Awards)

Garage Criticism Peter Babiak eviscerates and deflates some of the cultural cred cows of our time. From Fifty Shades of Grey ("Hot for Teacher: What ity 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 - ...



erpentine Loop

Elee Kraljii Gardiner

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

by Eve Lazarus

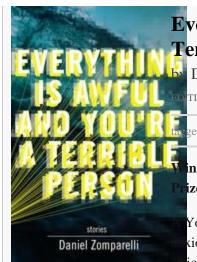
EDITION: Paperback

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

Finalist, Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award

It throughout BC solve hit-and-runs, safe-crackings, and some of the most sational murder cases of the 20th century. Vance was constantly called to crime scenes and to testify in court because of his skills in serology, toxicology, and autopsy.

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



Everything Is Awful and You're a Terrible Person

Daniel Zomparelli

TION: Paperback

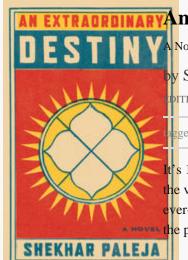
ged: gay, short stories (single author)

nner, ReLit Award; Finalist, Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize (BC Book izes)

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

In these unconventional, interconnected stories--the first work of fiction by acclaimed poet Daniel Zomparelli, editor-in-chief of ...

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An Extraordinary Destiny

y Shekhar Paleja

DITION: Paperback

agged: literary, coming of age

t's 1947 in Lahore, and the Sharma family is forced to flee their home during the violence of the Partition of India. As the train tracks measure the ever-growing distance between Varoon and his mother, who vanished during the panic to escape, the boy is thrust towards an uncertain future.

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



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Alison's Fishing Birds

by Roderick Haig-Brown, illustrated by Sheryl McDougald

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged:

RODERICK HAIG-BROWN

FOREWORD BY ANDREW NIKEFORUS

SHERYL MCDOUGALD
WITH LINGUITS BY JIM RIMMER

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



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

Sage Birchwater

CHILCOTIN CHRONICLES DITION: Paperback

SAGE BIRCHWATER

ged: post-confederation (1867-)

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

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is the Lake A Century at Chilliwack Lake

by Shelley O'Callaghan

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

CHILLIAGE LANGUAGE LANGUAGE : personal memoirs

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 of one woman's relationship to 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 ...

NICOLA PEFFER Refuge in the Black Deck REFUGE IN THE

Story of Ordinary Seaman Nicola Peffers

Nicola Peffers

TION: Paperback

tagged: military

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

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

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What the Mouth Wants

A Memoir of Food, Love and Belonging

by Monica Meneghetti

Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

agged : lgbt

The redefinition of family values as seen from the eyes of a polyamorous, queer Italian Canadian obsessed with food.

This mouthwatering, intimate, and sensual memoir traces Monica Meneghetti's unique life journey through her relationship with food, family and love. As the youngest child of a traditional Italian-Catholic immigrant family, Monica learns the intimacy of the dinner table and the ritual of meals, along with the requirements of conformity both at the table and in life. Monica is thirte ...

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what we once believed

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What We Once Believed

by Andrea MacPherson

EDITION: Paperback

ged: contemporary women

A coming-of-age novel contrasting a daughter's disappointment in her mother's abandonment with the generational differences around feminist values. Summer 1971. While women demand equality, protests erupt over the Vietnam War, and peace activists march, adolescent Maybe Collins' life in quiet Oak Bay is upended by the appearance of her mother, who disappeared nine years earlier.

And with her return comes another surprise: she's written a best-selling memoir called *The Other Mother*, about motherho ...



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brace the Body You Have

Louise Green, foreword by Jess Weiner

EDITION: Paperback

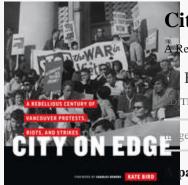
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged: exercise, women's health, motivational & inspirational, self-esteem

In *Big Fit Girl*, Louise Green describes how the fitness industry fails to meet the needs of plus-size women and thus prevents them from improving their health and fitness. By telling her own story of how she stopped dieting, got off the couch, and unleashed her inner athlete—as well as showcasing similar stories from other women—Green inspires other plus-size women to do the same.

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City on Edge

A Rebellious Century of Vancouver Protests, Riots, and Strikes

Kate Bird, foreword by Charles Demers

TION: Hardcover

ged: photojournalism, historical

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

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

ROWING ADVENTURE, FEAR, AND AWE IN A RISING SEA

Rowing the Northwest Passage

Adventure, Fear, and Awe in a Rising Sea

Kevin Vallely

TION: Paperback

O AVAILABLE: eBook

ged: adventure, polar regions, extreme sports

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

Evan Solomon

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

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My Fight with Hep C - and a Miracle Cure

DEMON by Elizabeth Rains

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EDITION: eBook

tagged: personal memoirs

My Fight with Hep C-

One woman's shocking diagnosis with hepatitis C, her search for the And a Miracle Cure cause, and her miraculous cure.

ELIZABETH RAINS

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



ELIZABETH RAINS

Elizabeth Rains describes how she was likely infected with hepatitis C during her wild hippie days, how she was diagnosed more than four decades later, and how she became one of the early patients to be cured, including the obstacles she encountered in gaining access to the \$100,000 drugs. She describes the symptoms and non-symptoms of hep C, the st ...

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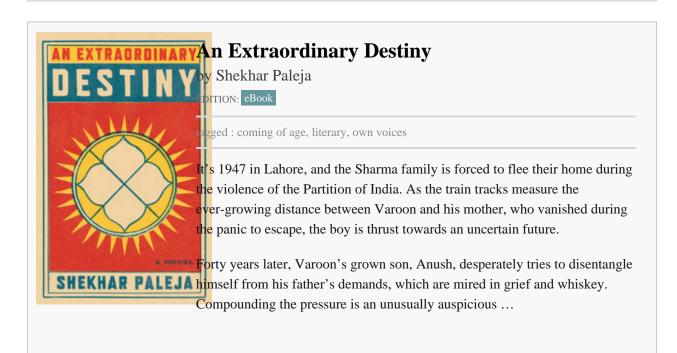
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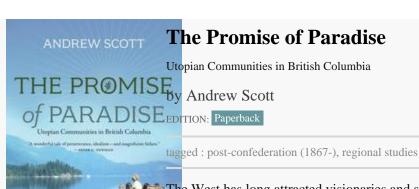
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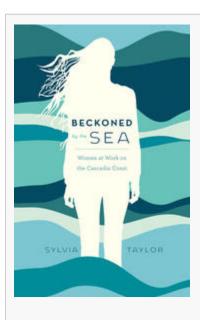
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The West has long attracted visionaries and schemers from around the world. And no other region in North America can outstrip British Columbia for the number of utopian or intentional settlement attempts in the past 150 years. Andrew Scott delves into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

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



Beckoned by the Sea

Women at Work on the Cascadia Coast

by Sylvia Taylor, foreword by Renée Saklikar

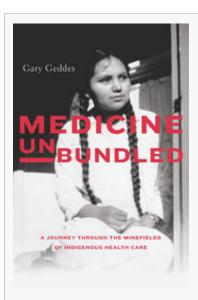
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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

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

Beckoned by the Sea celebrates coastal women from northern BC to northern California who work on or with the sea. The twenty-four women featured in this inspiring and fascinating book represent a variety of industries—from conservation, commercial fishing, and marine biology to safety and rescue, tourism, ...



Medicine Unbundled

A Journey through the Minefields of Indigenous Health Care

by Gary Geddes

EDITION: Paperback ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged: indigenous studies, public health, discrimination & race relations

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The Sacred Herb / The Devil's Weed

Andrew Struthers

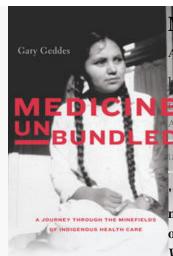
TION: Paperback

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O AVAILABLE: eBook

ged : flowers, anecdotes

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



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wards a New World in the Yalakom Valley

Judith Plant

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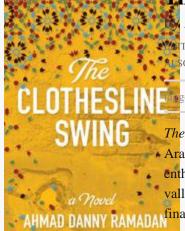
O AVAILABLE: Paperback eBook

ged: social theory, utopias, personal memoirs

e time is the early 1980s. Judith Plant and her new partner, Kip, are ready a change. Inspired by the charismatic Fred Brown, their communications of places of the Salakom Fraser University, they join a commune in a remote valley are the Yalakom River, deep in BC's Coast Mountains. Culture Gap:

Towards a New World in the Yalakom Valley tells the story of that sojourn. The challenges and privations, the joys and adventures of rural communal living, form the backdrop to the human drama the author ...

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The Clothesline Swing

Ahmad Danny Ramadan

TION: Paperback

O AVAILABLE: eBook

ged: literary, magical realism, gay

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

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



by Michael V. Smith

EDITION: Paperback

tagged: canadian, lgbt

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

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Next Door to the Butcher Shop

EDITION: Paperback

tagged: canadian

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

How quickly age

descends on us. Our memories are maps

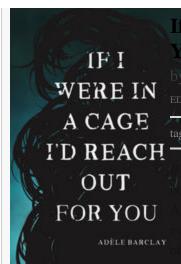
to places that don't exist. I was an emperor

on a green lawn wearing a white sheet

and a paper crown. The birds sang my praises

from the hedges and the trees

DeCroo unsentimentally recounts moments suffused with grief, longing and loss, and offers a refr \dots



I Were in a Cage I'd Reach Out for ou

Adèle Barclay

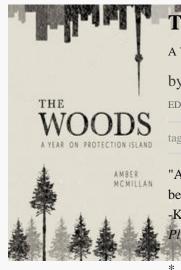
EDITION: Paperback

tagged: canadian, women authors

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

Amidst the comings and goings, there's a sincere desire to connect to others, an essential need to reach out, to redraft the narratives that make kinship radical and near. These poems are 1...

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The Woods

A Year on Protection Island

by Amber McMillan

EDITION: Paperback

tagged: personal memoirs, literary, women

"Amber McMillan's writing balances an eye for the unusual and resiliently beautiful with a sympathy for the frailties common to all her islanders." -Kevin Chong, author of Baroque-a-Nova, Neil Young Nation and Beauty Plus Pity

The Woods: A Year on Protection Island is a personal memoir that probes the unique and sometimes unsettling tenor of life on one of BC's smallest gulf islands. The measure of one's success here, the author discovers, doesn't rely on status or income, but on the ability t ...

Blood on the Beach

by Sarah N. Harvey & Robin Stevenson

ITION: Paperback

LSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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

Eight teens are dropped off on a remote west-coast island for a week-long treatment program called INTRO (Into Nature to Renew Ourselves).

The story is told by two of them: Alice, whose police-officer mother believes Alice might have a substance-abuse problem, and Caleb, who assaulted his abusive stepfather. They are joined by six other miscreants and three staff: a psychologist, a social worker and an ex-cop. On the first night, one of the girls disappears from her cabin. There is a panicked sea ...

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

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

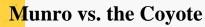
From Scratch by Gail Anderson-Dargatz EDITION: Paperback ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Audiobook tagged: contemporary women, small town & rural, contemporary

Cookie is about to lose her job at the local bakery.

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

This short novel is a high-interest, low-reading level book for older t ...

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by Darren Groth

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

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

Since the sudden death of his younger sister, Evie, sixteen-year-old Munro Maddux has been having flashbacks and anger-management issues.

DAKENHe has a constant ache in his right hand. And there's a taunting, barking, GROTH biting voice he calls "the Coyote." Munro knows a six-month student exchange will not be the stuff of teenage dreams, but in Brisbane, he intends to move beyond his troubled past. It is there, at an assisted-living residence called Fair Go Community Village, that Munro discovers the Coyo ...



ourney of Reconciliation

Monique Gray Smith

TION: Hardcover

SO AVAILABLE: eBook

ged: prejudice & racism, customs, traditions, anthropology, native canadian, diversity

mith's book is an effort that returns, offering diverse voices that invite the world into the reconciliation experience. Absolutely necessary."— Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and th ...

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You Hold Me Up Monique Gray Smith Danielle Daniel by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Audiobook Hardcover

agged: emotions & feelings, friendship, teachings

Encourage children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions.

Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote You Hold Me Up to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with others. With vibrant illustrations from celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, this is a foundational book about building re



Casting Back

xty Years of Fishing and Writing

by Peter McMullan

TION: Paperback

CASTING BACK

Sixty Years of Fishing and Writing

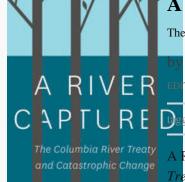
Peter McMullan

tagged: fishing, essays, personal memoirs

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

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

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