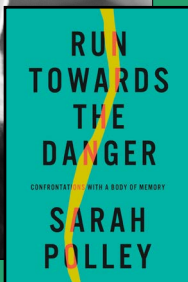


2022  
Festival  
Reading  
List



# Sarah Polley

*in Conversation with*  
**Leslie Hurtig**

**Tuesday June 28, 2022 | 7:30pm PT**  
Djavid Mowafaghian Cinema  
SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts

**\$20–55**

**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE**

Canadian writer, director, and Academy Award-nominated actor **Sarah Polley** joins the Vancouver Writers Fest in celebration of her evocative release, *Run Towards the Danger*. A complex and exquisite collection of essays, the book captures keystone moments in Polley's life, as well as the "fallibility of memory, the mutability of reality in the mind, and the possibility of experiencing the past anew, as the person you are now but were not then."

Well-known for her role in the miniseries for Margaret Atwood's novel *Alias Grace* (2017), her directorial debut *Away from Her* (2006), and her Oscar-nominated adapted screenplay for Alice Munro's "The Bear Came Over the Mountain," Polley's Hollywood credentials are significant and trail-blazing.

*Run Towards the Danger* is her dialogue between her past and present, exploring what it is to live in a body which is constantly becoming, learning, and changing. "These are the most dangerous stories of my life," says Polley. "The ones I have avoided, the ones I haven't told, the ones that have kept me awake on countless nights."

Join us as Sarah Polley sits down with Vancouver Writers Fest Artistic Director **Leslie Hurtig** for an intimate, one-on-one conversation.

*Prices include all taxes and fees.*

*The Vancouver Writers Fest requires masks be worn indoors at all times for this event. Face masks continue to offer assurance and safety for many of the communities the VWF serves. We thank you for your understanding and consideration.*

# Welcome to our 2022 Festival Reading List!

In a year that has seen a gradual re-entry to arts presentations and in-person gatherings, it's been a joy to have publishers and authors embrace the idea of returning to literary festivals and events. We're delighted to have assembled this list, representing a majority of the authors who will be appearing at the Vancouver Writers Fest this October. As with any year, we cast our net widely, with invitations being issued to publishers near and far. We worked to balance the list by representing local authors, multiple regions of Canada, and points across the world. We focused on lists of both small and large publishing houses, and the many different voices and stories that are told on the pages of their books. With a generous balance of emerging and established authors, youth and adult titles, and a wide array of genres, we are thrilled with the collection of books and ideas in these pages.



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This fall, the VWF returns to in-person programming on Granville Island, with over 115 authors in dozens of events across the island and in Vancouver. This year, we're pleased to be providing live-streaming of our youth events, along with a post-Festival digital offering in December (more details coming soon).

The Festival runs from October 17–23 and will feature six events specially curated by our **2022 Guest Curator**, Scotiabank Giller Prize author, **Omar El Akkad**. With a focus on “what home means,” Omar has invited what he deemed his “dream panelists,” to discuss stories of history and things passed down; ways we confront our many pasts (hint: with grief, movement, and humour); stories for and about an unravelling world; and, a focus on some remarkable Arab writers.

Along with our Guest Curator, and our Spoken Word Curator, **Jillian Christmas**, we're excited to have assembled a great number of buoyant and impactful books to delight, entertain, and inspire.

These books are available for sale and for order through your favourite bookstores, including our Official Bookseller, Book Warehouse!

We look forward to showcasing our events in our upcoming Program Guide (coming in late August), and to welcoming you this fall. In the meantime, wishing you a happy, healthy summer full of good books and gently turning pages.

*Leslie Hurtig*  
Leslie Hurtig, Artistic Director

*This Reading List represents all confirmed VWF authors as of press time. For additions please check our website regularly.*

# Important Dates

## Ticket On-Sale Dates

|                |                         |
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| <b>Members</b> | Wednesday, September 7  |
| <b>Schools</b> | Friday, September 9     |
| <b>Public</b>  | Wednesday, September 14 |

## Festival Week

October  
17-23

## 2022 Guest Curator: *Omar El Akkad*



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**Omar El Akkad** is an author and journalist. He was born in Egypt, grew up in Qatar, moved to Canada as a teenager, and now lives in the United States. The start of his journalism career coincided with the start of the war on terror, and over the following decade he reported from Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, and many other locations around the world. His work earned a National Newspaper Award for Investigative Journalism and the Goff Penny Award for young journalists. His fiction and nonfiction writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Le Monde*, *Guernica*, *GQ*, and many other newspapers and magazines. His debut novel, *American War*, is an international bestseller and has

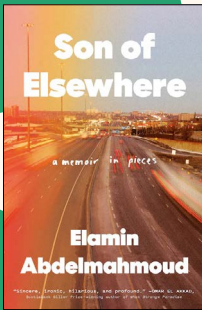
been translated into thirteen languages. It won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, the Oregon Book Award for fiction, the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize, and has been nominated for more than ten other awards. It was also listed as one of the best books of the year by *GQ*, NPR, and *Esquire*, and was selected by the BBC as one of 100 novels that changed our world. His new novel, *What Strange Paradise*, was released in July 2021 and won the Giller Prize, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, the Oregon Book Award for fiction, and was shortlisted for the Aspen Words Literary Prize. It was selected for Canada Reads 2022, and also named a best book of the year by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, NPR and several other publications.

# Adult Authors

Elamin Abdelmahmoud  
Threa Almontaser  
Madhur Anand  
Linwood Barclay  
Adriana Barton  
Billy-Ray Belcourt  
Tawahum Bige  
Cody Caetano  
Claudia Castro Luna  
Stéfanie Clermont  
Méira Cook  
Emma Donoghue  
Jonathan Escoffery  
Andrew Faulkner  
John Freeman  
Natalia García Freire  
Kim Fu  
Nathan Harris  
Ali Hassan  
Thomas Olde Heuvelt  
Violaine Huisman  
Brian Thomas Isaac  
Pierre Jarawan  
Gillian Jerome  
Wayne Johnston  
Chief Robert Joseph  
Susan Juby

Guy Gavriel Kay  
Jónína Kirton  
Chelene Knight  
Gabriel Krauze  
S.C. Lalli  
Tsering Yangzom Lama  
Marsha Lederman  
David Ly  
Alexander MacLeod  
Gabor Maté  
Janice Lynn Mather  
Tilar J. Mazzeo  
Bob McDonald  
Tara McGuire  
Brendan McLeod  
J.M. Miro  
Lucia Misch  
Nadifa Mohamed  
Lisa Moore  
Brandi Morin  
Noor Naga  
Dimitri Nasrallah  
Cecily Nicholson  
Otoniya Okot Bitek  
Alexandra Oliver  
Heather O'Neill  
Reema Patel

Tom Perrotta  
Charlie Petch  
Danny Ramadan  
Putsata Reang  
Eliza Reid  
Iain Reid  
João Reis  
David A. Robertson  
Stuart Ross  
Claire Ross Dunn  
Jasmine Sealy  
Yrsa Sigurðardóttir  
John Elizabeth Stintzi  
Douglas Stuart  
Saeed Teebi  
Debra Thompson  
Tayi Tibble  
Georgia Toews  
Aimee Wall  
Joshua Whitehead  
Soon Wiley  
Sandra SG Wong  
Dan K. Woo  
Yiwei Xue  
Daniel Zomparelli

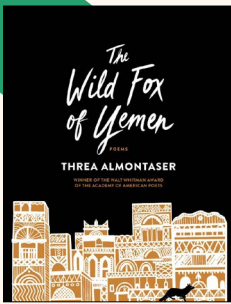


*Available*  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$32.95  
Memoir

## Son of Elsewhere: A Memoir in Pieces

Elamin Abdelmahmoud

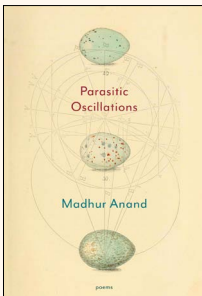
From one of the most beloved media personalities of his generation comes a one-of-a-kind reflection on Blackness, faith, language, pop culture, and more. Arriving in Canada at age 12 from Sudan, podcast host and *BuzzFeed News* culture writer **Elamin Abdelmahmoud**'s teenage years were spent trying on new ways of being in the world. *Son of Elsewhere* charts that life in wise, funny, and moving reflections on the many threads that weave together into an identity.



*Available*  
Graywolf Press  
\$22.00  
Poetry

## The Wild Fox of Yemen: Poems

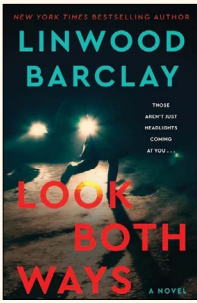
Winner of the Maya Angelou Book Award and longlisted for the National Book Award for Poetry and PEN/Voelcker Award, **Threa Almontaser**'s incendiary debut asks how mistranslation can be a form of self-knowledge and survival. A love letter to the country and people of Yemen, this collection is a portrait of young Muslim womanhood in New York after 9/11, and an extraordinarily composed examination of what it means to carry in the body the echoes of what came before.



*Available*  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$19.95  
Poetry

## Parasitic Oscillations: Poems

A stunning second collection from **Madhur Anand**, whose first book of poems was named by the CBC as one of ten "trailblazing" Canadian poetry collections. *Parasitic Oscillations* examines various aspects of living and practicing as both a poet and scientist in the Anthropocene during a time of unravelling, drawing from the poet's own work between the arts and sciences. Fluctuating through extreme highs and lows, both emotional and environmental, this is an enlightening and thought-provoking work.

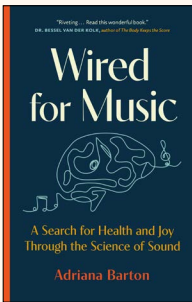


*Available*  
William Morrow  
\$24.99  
Thriller/Crime

## Look Both Ways: A Novel

Linwood Barclay

Bestselling author **Linwood Barclay** envisions a world in which automotive technology outpaces our wildest dreams—and our darkest nightmares. In the isolated community of Garrett Island, all the residents have been “driving” the Arrival, a revolutionary autonomous vehicle. But as Arrival Inc.’s flashy press event gets underway, disaster strikes. The Arrivals run amok, no longer taking orders from their passengers. And they seem hell-bent on killing any human they encounter.

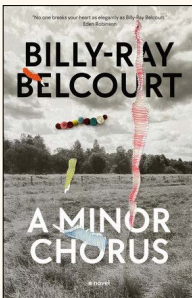


*October 2022*  
Greystone Books  
\$32.95  
Nonfiction/Science

## Wired for Music

Adriana Barton

In this captivating blend of science and memoir, health journalist and former cellist **Adriana Barton** explores music as a source of health, connection, and joy. Though music has been used as a healing strategy since ancient times, neuroscientists have only recently discovered how music stimulates core memory, motor, and emotion centers in the brain. From science labs to a remote village in Zimbabwe, *Wired for Music* blends science and story to get to the heart of music’s profound effects on the human body and brain.



*September 2022*  
Hamish Hamilton  
\$27.95  
Fiction

## A Minor Chorus: A Novel

Billy-Ray Belcourt

An unnamed narrator abandons his unfinished thesis and returns to his rural hometown in northern Alberta. What ensues is a series of conversations, connections, and disconnections that reveals the texture of life in a town literature has left unexplored. Populated by characters as alive and vast as the boreal forest, and culminating in a breathtaking crescendo, *A Minor Chorus* is an urgent first novel from Griffin Poetry Prize-winning author **Billy-Ray Belcourt**.

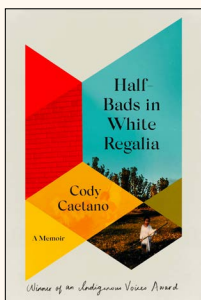


*Available*  
 Nightwood Editions  
 \$19.95  
 Poetry

## Cut to Fortress: Poems

Tawahum Bige

A stunning debut poetry collection from Łutselk'e Dene, Plains Cree poet **Tawahum Bige** confronting colonialism, relationships, grief and intergenerational wounds. With an upbringing in Surrey, fraught familial conflicts, the passing of his older brother and its influence on his world view, Bige reconnects with his Dene and Cree culture. The labour of his travels brings him to a place where healing passed-down traumas becomes possible through vulnerability.

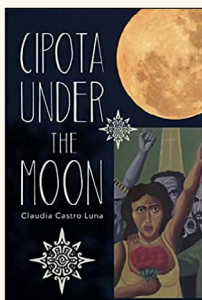


*Available*  
 Hamish Hamilton  
 \$24.95  
 Memoir

## Half-Bads in White Regalia: A Memoir

Cody Caetano

The Caetanos move into a doomed house in the highway village of Happyland before an inevitable divorce pulls Cody's parents apart. Left alone, Cody and his siblings must fend for themselves, even as the pipes burst and the lights go out. Capturing the chaos and wonder of a precarious childhood, **Cody Caetano** delivers a fever dream coming-of-age garnished with a slang all his own. *Half-Bads in White Regalia* is an unforgettable debut that unspools a tangled family history with warmth, humour, and generosity.



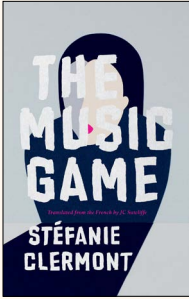
*Available*  
 Tia Chucha Press  
 \$25.95  
 Poetry

## Cipota Under the Moon: Poems

Claudia Castro Luna

In *Cipota under the Moon*, **Claudia Castro Luna** scores a series of poems as an ode to the Salvadoran immigrant experience in the United States. Wrought with memories of the 1980s civil war and rich with observations from recent returns to her native country, Castro Luna creates a testament to the men, women, and children who bet on life at all costs and now make their home in another language, in another place, which they, by their presence, change every day.



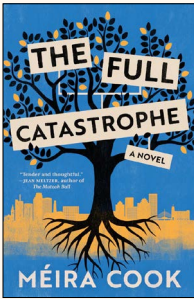


*Available*  
Biblioasis  
\$22.95  
Fiction

## The Music Game

Stéfanie Clermont

Friends since grade school, Céline, Julie, and Sabrina come of age at the start of a new millennium, supporting each other and drifting apart as their lives pull them in different directions. But when their friend dies by suicide in the abandoned city lot where they once gathered, they must carry on in the world that left him behind. **Stéfanie Clermont's** *The Music Game* confronts the violence of the modern world and pays homage to those who work in the hope and faith that it can still be made a better place.



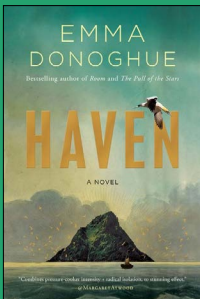
*Available*  
House of Anansi  
\$24.99  
Fiction

## The Full Catastrophe: A Novel

Méira Cook

Charlie Minkoff, a thirteen-year-old boy born with intersex traits, would be happy to be left alone. Living with his artist mother in a derelict loft in downtown Winnipeg, perpetually wondering about the father who abandoned him, and tormented in school because of his differences, Charlie navigates the assorted catastrophes of his life. Margaret Laurence Award winner **Méira Cook's** *The Full Catastrophe* is a coming of age story of psychological complexity, tenderness, and humour.

## VIRTUAL FALL BOOK CLUB EVENT—SEPTEMBER 11!

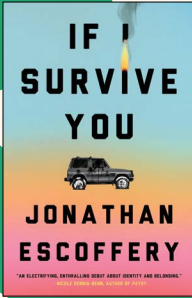


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\$29.95  
Historical Fiction

## Haven: A Novel

Emma Donoghue

From Writers' Trust Fiction Prize-winning and Giller and Booker Prize-nominated author **Emma Donoghue**: In seventh-century Ireland, a scholar priest named Artt has a dream in which God tells him to leave the sinful world behind. With two monks—young Trián and old Cormac—he rows down the River Shannon in search of an isolated spot to found a monastery. In the Atlantic, the three men find the impossibly steep, bare island now known as Skellig Michael. In such a place, what will survival mean?

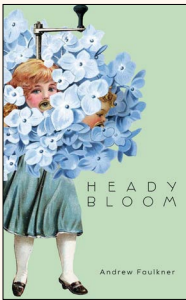


September 2022  
Penguin Random  
House Canada  
\$32.95  
Fiction

## If I Survive You

### Jonathan Escoffery

A major debut, blazing with style and heart, following a Jamaican family striving for more in Miami. Masterfully constructed with heart and humor, the linked stories in **Jonathan Escoffery's** *If I Survive You* center on young Trelawny as he struggles to carve out a place for himself amid his family's financial disaster, racism, and flat-out bad luck. Pulsing with vibrant lyricism and inimitable style, sly commentary and contagious laughter, Escoffery's debut unravels what it means to be in between homes and cultures.

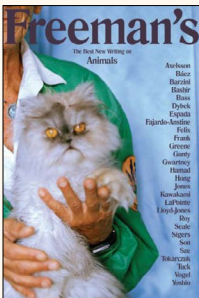


Available  
Coach House Books  
\$21.95  
Poetry

## Heady Bloom

### Andrew Faulkner

Imagine you're standing in a room, and someone on the other side of the door won't stop knocking. Welcome to **Andrew Faulkner's** world of the never-ending, low-grade headache, a medical issue resolved only by striking up a committed relationship with the slippery miracle that is Advil. Through direct address, sideways glances, and lyrical interludes, *Heady Bloom's* poems consider what it means to overcome a condition when living is a part of the condition itself.

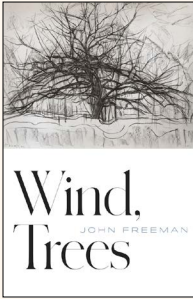


October 2022  
Grove Atlantic  
\$23.95  
Anthology

## Freeman's: The Best New Writing on Animals

### John Freeman

The latest installment of **John Freeman's** acclaimed literary journal *Freeman's* explores the irrevocably intertwined lives of animals and the humans that exist alongside them. Even as our actions threaten their very survival, they are still symbolic, captivating and captive, caught in a drama of our framing. Featuring new work from Mieko Kawakami, Martín Espada, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, Arthur Sze, Camonghne Felix, and more, this wide-ranging issue of *Freeman's* will stimulate discussion and dreams alike.

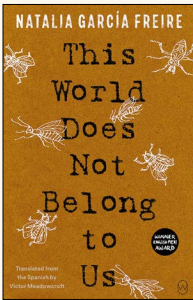


November 2022  
Copper Canyon Press  
\$23.95  
Poetry

## Wind, Trees

John Freeman

What can the trees teach us about inhabiting space together? What might we gain if we admit we do not control the wind, and cannot possibly carry all we've been handed? Offering a stark moral critique of pandemic self-preservation, *Wind, Trees* joins the ranks of politically urgent yet timeless collections. Through narrative lyric and metaphysical pulse, meandering thought and punctuating quiet, beloved editor and Festival friend **John Freeman** studies the devastating failings of humanity and the redemptive possibilities of love.

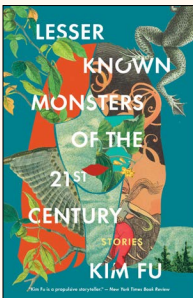


July 2022  
World Editions  
\$22.95  
Fiction

## This World Does Not Belong To Us

Natalia García Freire

After years away, Lucas returns uninvited to the home he was expelled from as a child. The garden has been conquered by weeds, which blanket his mother's beloved flowerbeds and his father's grave alike. This is Ecuadorian author **Natalia García Freire's** debut novel, selected by the *New York Times* as one of the best Spanish-language books of 2019. In raw, lyrical prose, *This World Does Not Belong to Us* portrays a world brought low by human greed, while hinting at glimmers of hope in the unlikely places.

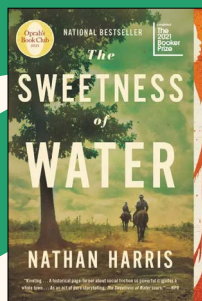


Available  
Coach House Books  
\$21.95  
Short Stories

## Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century

Kim Fu

In *Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century*, the strange is made familiar and the familiar strange, such that a girl growing wings on her legs feels like an ordinary rite of passage, while a bug-infested house becomes an impossible, Kafkaesque nightmare. The debut collection from PEN/Hemingway Award finalist **Kim Fu** wrestles with themes of death and technological consequence as it unmasks the contradictions that exist within all of us.



Available

Little, Brown and Company

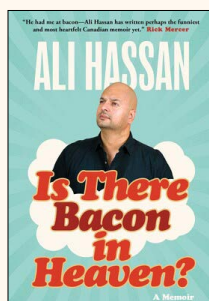
\$22.99

Fiction

## The Sweetness of Water

Nathan Harris

Nathan Harris's extraordinary debut was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, an Oprah's Book Club Pick, one of President Obama's Favorite Books of 2021, and longlisted for the Booker Prize. In the spirit of *The Known World* and *The Underground Railroad*, it depicts the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter all their lives forever. Equal parts beauty and terror, *The Sweetness of Water* is an epic that locates humanity amid the most harrowing circumstances.



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Simon & Schuster

\$24.99

Memoir

## Is There Bacon in Heaven?: A Memoir

Ali Hassan

For fans of Russell Peters and Trevor Noah comes a hilarious memoir about family, pursuing our passions, and figuring out who we are, by stand-up comedian and popular CBC host, **Ali Hassan**. In this heartfelt and funny memoir, Hassan shares his lifelong journey to becoming a “cultural Muslim”—learning to embrace his heritage, passions, and being true to himself. With the perfect blend of humour and insight, *Is There Bacon in Heaven?* explores the deep need to belong that exists in everyone.



Available

Tor Nightfire

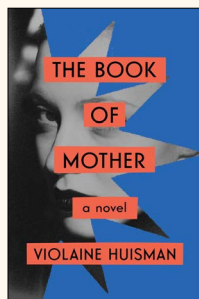
\$26.99

Horror

## Echo

Thomas Olde Heuvelt

From international bestselling sensation **Thomas Olde Heuvelt** comes *Echo*, a thrilling descent into madness and obsession as one man confronts nature—and something even more ancient and evil answers back. Nick Grevers awakens from a coma to learn his friend is missing and presumed dead. His face wrapped in bandages, Nick claims amnesia—but he remembers everything. But it isn't just the memory of the accident that haunts Nick. Something inside him now endangers all around him....

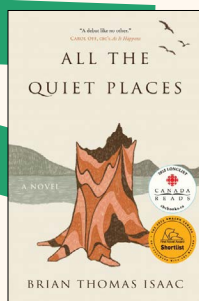


October 2022  
Scribner  
\$23.00  
Fiction

## The Book of Mother: A Novel

### Violaine Huisman

Met by rave reviews in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, and more, this stunning translation of **Violaine Huisman's** “witty, immersive autofiction showcases a Parisian childhood with a charismatic, depressed parent” (*Oprah Daily*). With a streak of dark humor, and stunning emotional language and bravery, *The Book of Mother* is an exquisitely wrought story of a mother’s dizzying heights and devastating lows, and a daughter who must hold her memory close in order to surrender, and finally move on.

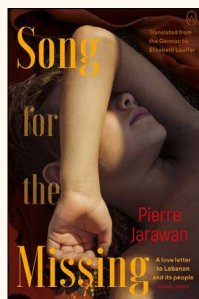


Available  
Touchwood Editions  
\$22.00  
Fiction

## All the Quiet Places

### Brian Thomas Isaac

Shortlisted for the 2022 Amazon Canada First Novel Award and the 2022 Indigenous Voices Awards, **Brian Thomas Isaac's** powerful debut novel is the coming-of-age story of Eddie Toma, an Indigenous (Sylx) boy, told through the young narrator’s wide-eyed observations of the world around him. *All the Quiet Places* is the story of what can happen when every adult in a person’s life has been affected by colonialism; it tells of the acute separation from culture that can occur even at home in a loved familiar landscape.



Available  
World Editions  
\$25.50  
Fiction

## Song for the Missing

### Pierre Jarawan

It’s 2011 and the Arab Spring is in full bloom when the discovery of two bodies in Beirut sows the first seeds of unrest in Lebanon. With houses already burning, Amin sets out to write down his memories of the country. In this novel full of mystery and suspense, friendship and loss, searches and secrets, bestselling German-Lebanese author **Pierre Jarawan** skillfully interweaves a deeply personal story with the tumultuous history of the Middle East.



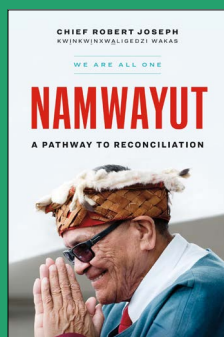
Available  
Nightwood Editions  
\$19.95  
Poetry

## Nevertheless: Walking Poems

Gillian Jerome

The long-awaited second collection by award-winning poet **Gillian Jerome**, *Nevertheless* is a book of walking poems and odes. Jerome roams into ordinary places around the city of Vancouver to find beings and states of being to sing about. This collection is about love, grief, friendship, neighbours, neighbourhoods, and aging, but its central question might be, “How do we restore relationships between land and people?” In response, Jerome’s poems suggest that we might plant a garden, put one foot in front of the other.

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER EVENT!** *Presented in Partnership with Massy Books*

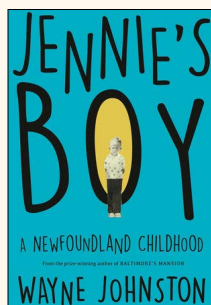


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\$29.95  
Nonfiction/Biography

## Namwayut—We Are All One: A Pathway to Reconciliation

Chief Robert Joseph

Reconciliation belongs to everyone. In this profound book, **Chief Robert Joseph**, globally recognized peacebuilder and Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk People, traces his journey from his childhood surviving residential school to his present-day role as a leader who inspires individual hope, collective change, and global transformation. In *Namwayut*, he teaches us to transform our relationships with ourselves and each other, grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing—while making space for something bigger and better for all of us.



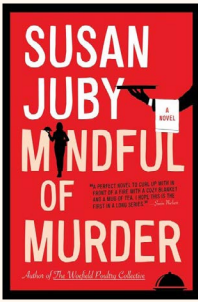
September 2022  
Knopf Canada  
\$34.95  
Memoir

## Jennie's Boy: A Newfoundland Childhood

Wayne Johnston

For six months, Wayne Johnston and his family lived in Goulds, Newfoundland. To the neighbours, he was known as “Jennie’s boy,” a back-handed salute to his tiny, ferocious mother. At seven, Wayne was sickly, skinny, and unable to go to school. So, he spent his days with his grandmother. They faced two life-or-death crises and only one of them survived. Wayne’s boyhood was full of pain, but also tenderness and wit. By that wit, and through love—often expressed in unloving ways—Wayne survived.





Available

HarperCollins

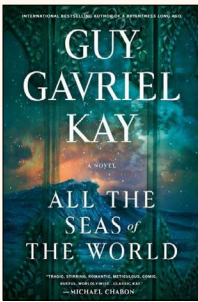
\$13.99

Fiction/Mystery

## Mindful of Murder

Susan Juby

From the critically acclaimed author of *Getting the Girl* and *The Woefield Poultry Collective*, **Susan Juby**, comes a mystery set in British Columbia's own Gulf Islands. Helen Thorpe is a smart, calm, and insightful butler, called back to a spiritual retreat where she used to work after her former employer dies and leaves Helen instructions to settle her affairs. As she carries out the will's instructions, Helen and her band of butlers find themselves caught up in the mystery surrounding their employer's death.



Available

Viking

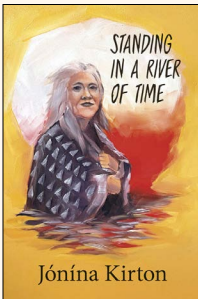
\$36.00

Fiction/Fantasy

## All the Seas of the World: A Novel

Guy Gavriel Kay

Returning triumphantly to the brilliantly evoked near-Renaissance world of *A Brightness Long Ago* and *Children of Earth and Sky*, international bestselling author **Guy Gavriel Kay** deploys his signature 'quarter turn to the fantastic' to tell a story of vengeance, power, and love. *All the Seas of the World* is a stand-alone page-turning drama that also offers moving reflections on memory, fate, and the random events that can shape our lives—in the past, and today.



Available

Talonbooks

\$19.95

Poetry/Memoir

## Standing in a River of Time

Jónína Kirton

Red River Métis/Icelandic poet, author, and facilitator **Jónína Kirton**'s *Standing in a River of Time* merges poetry and lyrical memoir on a journey exposing the intergenerational effects of colonization on a Métis family. Unravelling painful memories and a mixed-blood woman's journey towards wholeness. The Ancestors whisper to Kirton throughout, asking her to heal, to bring them home, so that within these stories of redemption and loss the dead walk with us, their presence felt as the story unfurls in unexpected ways.

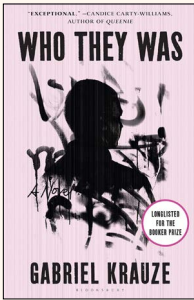


September 2022  
Book\*hug Press  
\$23.00  
Fiction

## Junie: A Novel

Chelene Knight

1930s, Hogan's Alley—a thriving Black and immigrant community located in Vancouver's East End. Junie is a creative child who moves to the alley with her mother, Maddie: a jazz singer with a growing alcohol dependency. As Junie finds adulthood, exploring her artistic talents and burgeoning sexuality, her mother sinks further into the bottle while the neighbourhood begins to change. **Chelene Knight's** *Junie* is not just an unflinching look at the destruction of a vibrant community, but a celebration of the Black lives within.



Available  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
\$35.00  
Fiction

## Who They Was

Gabriel Krauze

Author **Gabriel Krauze** was not an observer on the periphery of violence. He was personally heavily involved in gangs, drugs, guns, stabbings and robbery—all while completing an English degree at Queen Mary University. Longlisted for the Booker Prize, *Who They Was* pulls directly from those experiences, taking readers into an exhilarating, dire world of extreme toxic masculinity, the thrill of violence and the trauma it leaves behind. "Confronting, exhilarating, morally complex, and utterly unique" (Booker Prize).



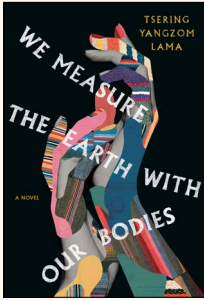
August 2022  
HarperAvenue  
\$24.99  
Thriller

## Are You Sara?: A Novel

S.C. Lalli

Two women, each named Sara, get into separate rideshares after meeting circumstantially at the same bar—but only one makes it home alive. Which Sara was the real target? In **S.C. Lalli's** smart, twisty novel about wealth, ambition and dangerous longing, the layers are peeled back on two Saras desperate to break away from the expectations placed on them, leading to devastating results.



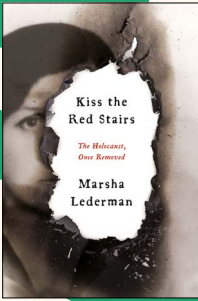


Available  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$24.95  
Fiction

## We Measure the Earth With Our Bodies

Tsering Yangzom Lama

**Tsering Yangzom Lama's** highly anticipated debut novel provides a nuanced portrait of the world of Tibetan exiles. In the wake of China's invasion of Tibet throughout the 1950s, Lhamo and her sister, Tenkyi, arrive at a refugee camp on the border of Nepal. Told through the lives of four people over fifty years, *We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies* is a gorgeously written meditation on colonization, displacement, and the lengths we'll go to remain connected to our families and ancestral lands.

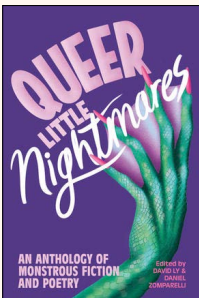


Available  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$35.00  
Memoir

## Kiss the Red Stairs: The Holocaust, Once Removed

Marsha Lederman

Award-winning journalist **Marsha Lederman** was five when she asked her mother why she didn't have any grandparents. Her mother told her the truth: the Holocaust. Decades later, her parents dead and herself a mother to a young son, she begins her own journey into the past to tell her family's stories of loss and resilience. *Kiss the Red Stairs* is a compelling memoir of Holocaust survival, intergenerational trauma, divorce, and discovery that will guide readers through several lifetimes of monumental change.

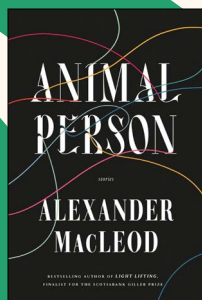


October 2022  
Arsenal Pulp Press  
\$21.95  
Short Stories/Poetry

## Queer Little Nightmares

Edited by David Ly and Daniel Zomparelli

Contributors include **Amber Dawn, David Demchuk, Hiromi Goto, jaye simpson, Eddy Boudel Tan, Matthew J. Trafford, and Kai Cheng Thom.** The fiction and poetry of *Queer Little Nightmares* reimagines monsters old and new through a queer lens. Pushed into the shadows as objects of fear, revulsion, and hostility, monsters have long conjured fascination and self-identification in the LGBTQ+ community, and over time, monsters have become queer icons.

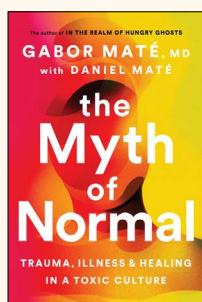


*Available*  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$28.00  
Short Stories

## Animal Person: Stories

Alexander MacLeod

From Giller Prize finalist **Alexander MacLeod** comes a magnificent collection about the needs, temptations, and tensions that exist just beneath the surface of our lives. Named a “must-read book” by *Maclean’s*, this collection features stories published in *The New Yorker*, *Granta*, and the O. Henry Prize Stories. Startling, suspenseful, deeply humane yet alert to the undertow of our darker instincts, the eight stories in *Animal Person* illuminate what it means to exist in the perilous space between desire and action.



*September 2022*  
Knopf Canada  
\$38.00  
Nonfiction

## The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness and Healing in a Toxic Culture

Gabor Maté, MD

In the richest, most technically advanced, most health-obsessed society ever, all is not well. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, chronic illnesses were on the rise. So what is really “normal” when it comes to health? Renowned speaker and best-selling author **Gabor Maté, MD** brings his clinical experience and compassionate perspective to commonly held myths about what makes us sick, personal suffering, and the pressures of modern-day living.

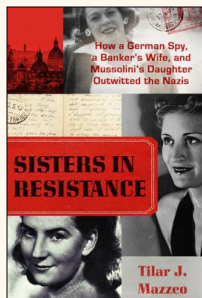


*Available*  
Doubleday Canada  
\$29.95  
Short Stories

## Uncertain Kin

Janice Lynn Mather

From Governor General’s Literary Award finalist **Janice Lynn Mather** comes this mesmerizing collection of linked stories that explores the beauty and brutality of being alive. Little girls disappear from their beds one lush August. An island wakes to blood pouring from its taps after a pastor’s tirade. Tinged with folklore and the surreal, *Uncertain Kin* is grounded by its emotional richness and breathtaking insight into our relationships with others—and ourselves.



*Available*

Grand Central Publishing

\$38.00

Nonfiction

## Sisters in Resistance: How a German Spy, a Banker's Wife, and Mussolini's Daughter Outwitted the Nazis

Tilar J. Mazzeo

In a tale as twisted as any spy thriller, *New York Times* bestseller **Tilar J. Mazzeo's** *Sisters in Resistance* shows how three women delivered critical evidence of Axis war crimes to Allied forces during WWII. Drawing from research and interviews with people who witnessed these events, Mazzeo gives readers a look into a little-known moment in history and shows how, without Edda, Hilde, and Frances's involvement, certain convictions would never have been possible.



*September 2022*

Viking

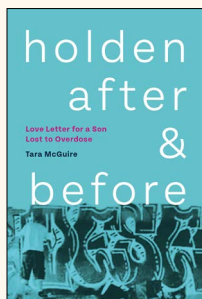
\$32.95

Nonfiction

## The Future is Now: Solving the Climate Crisis with Today's Technologies

Bob McDonald

Is a global pandemic what it took to show us that saving our planet is possible? The absence of “regular” human activities has dramatically affected our environment. In this book, **Bob McDonald** turns his focus to global energy sources. This is an exploration of the incredible technologies that our species can use to get out of the mess we’ve made for ourselves. A new green age is upon us—let this book be your guide to the future.



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Arsenal Pulp Press

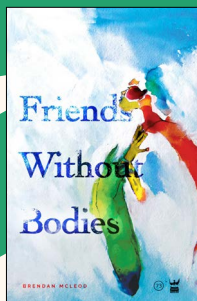
\$24.95

Memoir

## Holden After and Before: Love Letter for a Son Lost to Overdose

Tara McGuire

*Holden After and Before* is a stunning memoir that traces former broadcaster **Tara McGuire's** excavation and documentation of the life of her son Holden, a graffiti artist who died of an accidental opioid overdose at the age of twenty-one. Beginning with Holden's death and leaping through time and space, McGuire employs fact, investigation, memory, fantasy, and even fabrication in her search for understanding not only of her son's tragic death, but also of his beautiful life.



Available  
Write Bloody North  
\$22.95  
Poetry

## Friends Without Bodies

Brendan McLeod

In his debut poetry collection, award-winning writer and Juno-nominated musician **Brendan McLeod** tracks the fallouts of the COVID-19 pandemic. What began as a personal project quickly blossomed into an ambitious record of society's new rules, moral predicaments, and emotional upheavals. Funny, harrowing, and compassionate, *Friends Without Bodies* mines the irony at the heart of the pandemic—that the greatest tool we have to protect ourselves, and others, is our own loneliness.

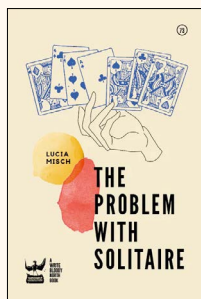


Available  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$39.95  
Historical Fantasy

## Ordinary Monsters: A Novel

J.M. Miro

**J. M. Miro's** stunning novel, *Ordinary Monsters*, introduces the dark, labyrinthine world of the Talents. In Victorian London, two children with mysterious powers are hunted by a figure of darkness—a man made of smoke. When a jaded female detective is recruited to escort them to safety, all three begin a journey into the nature of difference, belonging, and the monstrous. Riveting and exquisitely written, Miro presents a catastrophic vision of the Victorian world—and of the gifted, broken children who must save it.

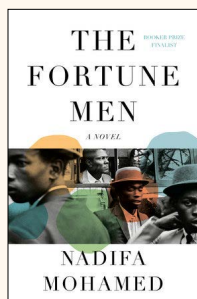


Available  
Write Bloody North  
\$22.95  
Poetry

## The Problem with Solitaire

Lucia Misch

From possible apocalypse to the all-night pie diner—from the moon landing, to memory, to the cat's take on death—*The Problem With Solitaire* considers the question: *when we play against ourselves, who wins?* with curiosity, compassion, and a stubborn refusal to flinch. **Lucia Misch's** poetry balances outlandish visions with moments of bare candor, sincere reverence with shameless cheek, offering readers an agile, eloquent debut collection that never strays too far from its grubby little punk heart.



Available

Knopf

\$36.00

Fiction

## The Fortune Men: A Novel

Nadifa Mohamed

Based on a true event, **Nadifa Mohamed's** *The Fortune Men* was shortlisted for the 2021 Booker Prize. This haunting tale of miscarried justice follows Mahmood Mattan, a young Somali sailor accused of a crime he did not commit: the brutal killing of Violet Volacki, a shopkeeper from Tiger Bay. Mahmood must stage a terrifying fight for his life, with all the chips stacked against him: a shoddy investigation, an inhumane legal system, and, most evidently, pervasive and deep-rooted racism at every step.



Available

House of Anansi Press

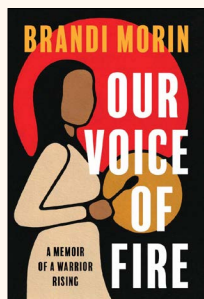
\$32.99

Fiction

## This is How We Love

Lisa Moore

As the snowstorm of the century rages toward Newfoundland, twenty-one-year-old Xavier is beaten and stabbed in a vicious attack. His mother, Jules, must fight her way through the shuttered streets of St. John's to reach the hospital. When a video of the attack surfaces, Jules struggles to make sense of what she sees in the footage—and of what she can't make out. A tour de force of storytelling and craft, *This is How We Love* brings us a cast of characters so rich and true they could only have been written by **Lisa Moore**.



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House of Anansi Press

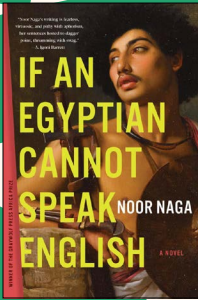
\$22.99

Nonfiction/Memoir

## Our Voice of Fire: A Memoir of a Warrior Rising

Brandi Morin

A wildfire of a debut memoir by French/Cree/Iroquois journalist **Brandi Morin**, known for her clear-eyed reporting on Indigenous oppression in North America. From her time as a foster kid and runaway to her career as an internationally acclaimed journalist, *Our Voice of Fire* chronicles Morin's journey to overcome enormous adversity and find her purpose, and her power, through journalism. This compelling book is full of the purifying fire of a pursuit for justice.

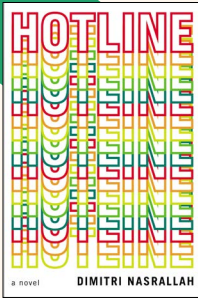


*Available*  
Graywolf Press  
\$22.99  
Fiction

## If an Egyptian Cannot Speak English: A Novel

Noor Naga

A dark romance exposing the gaps in American identity politics in the aftermath of Arab Spring, *If an Egyptian Cannot Speak English* is at once ravishing and wry, scathing and tender. **Noor Naga's** experimental debut examines the ethics of fetishizing the homeland and punishing the beloved... and vice versa. When the revolution fails, how long can someone survive the disappointment? Who suffers and, more crucially, who gets to tell about it?

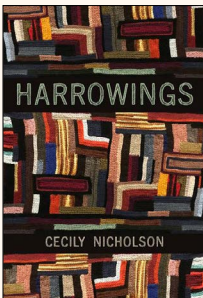


*Available*  
Esplanade Books/  
Véhicule Press  
\$21.95  
Fiction

## Hotline: A Novel

Dimitri Nasrallah

Following international acclaim for *Niko* and *The Bleeds*, acclaimed author **Dimitri Nasrallah** has written a vivid elegy to the 1980s, bringing the era's systemic challenges into the current moment. The only job Muna Heddad can find after moving to Montreal from Lebanon is as a weight-loss hotline operator. All day, she takes calls about marriages gone bad, dying parents, isolation, and personal inadequacies, making Muna privy to her clients' deepest secrets. A moving story that "sears the heart" (*Quill & Quire*).



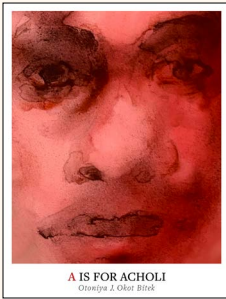
*July 2022*  
Talonbooks  
\$16.95  
Poetry

## Harrowings

Cecily Nicholson

*Harrowings* considers Black rurality, intellectual, and art history. Connecting poet **Cecily Nicholson's** childhood growing up on a farm to her volunteer work during the recent pandemic, on a local farm led by people who were formerly incarcerated, this work is concerned with food security, and resurgent abolitionist practice.



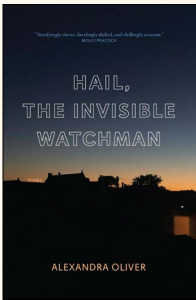


September 2022  
Wolsak & Wynn  
\$18.00  
Poetry

## A is for Acholi

Otoniya Okot Bitek

*A is for Acholi* is a sweeping collection exploring diaspora, the marginalization of the Acholi people, the dusty streets of Nairobi, and the cold grey of Vancouver. Playfully upending English and scholarly notation, **Otoniya J. Okot Bitek** rearranges the alphabet, hides poems in footnotes, and slips stories into superscripts. With writing that is lyric, layered and deeply felt, the poems in *A is for Acholi* unfold maps of history, culture, and identity, tracing a route to a present where the poet dreams of writing a world without empire.

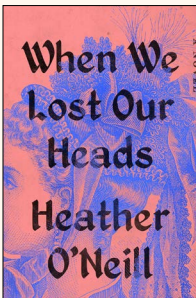


Available  
Biblioasis  
\$19.95  
Poetry

## Hail, the Invisible Watchman

Alexandra Oliver

The poems in *Hail, the Invisible Watchman* are as tidy as a picket fence—and as suggestive. Behind the charms of iambs lurks a dark exploration of domestic and social alienation. Metered rhyme sets the tone like a chilling piano score as insidiousness creeps into the neighbourhood. In taut poetic structures across three succinct sections, **Alexandra Oliver's** conflation of the mundane and the phantasmagoric produces a scintillating portrait of the suburban uncanny.

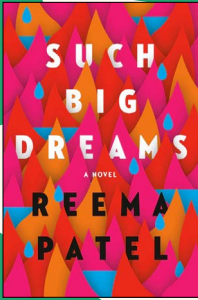


Available  
HarperCollins  
\$32.99  
Fiction

## When We Lost Our Heads

Heather O'Neill

Bestselling, Giller Prize-shortlisted author of *The Lonely Hearts Hotel* **Heather O'Neill** returns with *When We Lost Our Heads*, a spellbinding story of a friendship so intense it threatens to change the course of history. Marie, daughter of a sugar baron, and Sadie, a sly and brilliant girl, attract and repel each other in ways that set them both on fire. When Sadie disappears into the city's gritty underworld, and political revolution takes hold, each woman will play an unexpected role in events that upend their city.

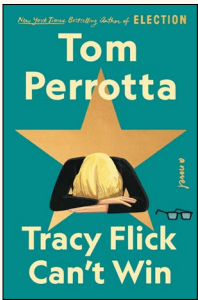


Available  
McClelland & Stewart  
\$23.00  
Fiction

## Such Big Dreams: A Novel

Reema Patel

A savvy former street child working at a human rights law office in Mumbai fights for redemption and a chance to live life on her own terms in *Such Big Dreams*, a fresh, propulsive debut novel from **Reema Patel** about fortune and survival. Patel's transportive cast of characters offer moving, smart, and arrestingly funny perspectives on the cost of ambition and the power of reclaiming one's story. Named a Loan Stars Top Ten Pick and a CBC Canadian Fiction title to watch.

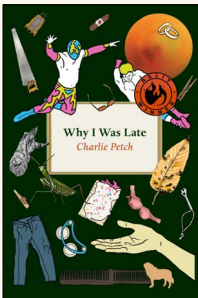


Available  
Scribner  
\$23.99  
Fiction

## Tracy Flick Can't Win: A Novel

Tom Perrotta

From *New York Times* bestselling author **Tom Perrotta**, a pitch-perfect new satirical novel about ambition, coming-of-age in adulthood, and never really leaving high school politics behind. *Tracy Flick Can't Win* is a sharp, darkly comic reflection on our current moment. Flick fans and newcomers alike will love this compelling novel chronicling the second act of one of the most memorable characters of our time.



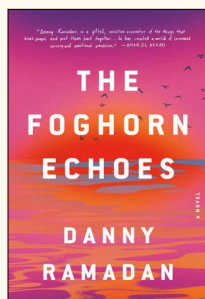
Available  
Brick Books  
\$20.00  
Poetry

## Why I Was Late

Charlie Petch

With kitchen-table candour and empathy, **Charlie Petch**'s debut collection of poems offers witness to a decades-long trans/personal coming of age. Winner of the 2022 ReLit Award for Poetry, *Why I Was Late* brings a transmasculine wisdom, humour, and experience to bear upon tailgates, spaceships, and wrestling rings. Heroes are found in unexpected places, elevated by gestures of kindness, accountability and acceptance. No subject—grief, disability, kink, sexuality, gender politics, violence—is off limits.





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Viking

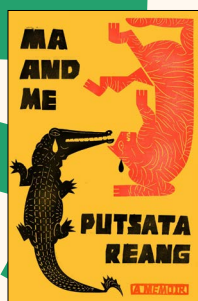
\$32.00

Fiction

## The Foghorn Echoes: A Novel

Danny Ramadan

In war-torn Syria, a blooming romance leads to a tragic accident when Hussam's father catches him acting on his feelings for his best friend, Wassim. Ten years later, Hussam is living an openly gay life in Vancouver, where he attempts to quiet his demons with sex, drugs, and alcohol. Wassim is living on the streets of Damascus, having abandoned a charade he could no longer keep up. *The Foghorn Echoes* is a gripping novel about how to carve out home in the midst of war, and how to move forward when the war is within yourself.



Available

MCD / Macmillan

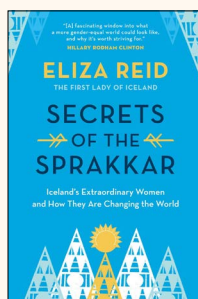
\$37.00

Memoir

## Ma and Me: A Memoir

Putsata Reang

When award-winning journalist **Putsata Reang** was eleven months old, her family fled war-torn Cambodia on an overcrowded navy vessel. Holding what appeared to be a lifeless baby in her arms, Ma resisted orders to throw her bundle overboard. On landing, military nurses and doctors saved the child's life. Over the years, Reang lived to make Ma proud, hustling to repay her life debt—often only to disappoint. With rare clarity and lyric wisdom, *Ma and Me* is a stunning, deeply moving memoir about love, debt, and duty.



Available

Simon & Schuster

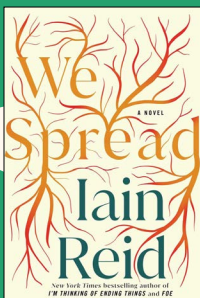
\$29.99

Nonfiction

## Secrets of the Sprakkar: Iceland's Extraordinary Women and How They Are Changing the World

Eliza Reid

**Eliza Reid**, the Canadian first lady of Iceland pens a book about why this tiny nation is leading the charge in gender equality. Iceland has consistently ranked number one on closing the gender inequality gap. Why? The answer is found in the ancient Icelandic word meaning extraordinary or outstanding women. *Secrets of the Sprakkar* is a powerful portrait of a tiny country that could lead the way forward for us all.



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Simon & Schuster Canada

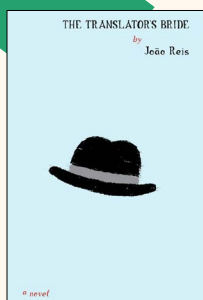
\$29.99

Thriller

## We Spread: A Novel

Iain Reid

The author of *I'm Thinking of Ending Things*, which inspired the hit Netflix movie, returns with a new work of philosophical suspense. Penny has lived in the same apartment for decades. She is resigned to the mundane rituals of old age, until things start to slip. Is she succumbing to the effects of aging, or is she an unknowing participant in something more unsettling? **Iain Reid's** genre-defying novel explores questions of conformity, art, productivity, relationships, and what it means to grow old.



Available

Open Letter Books

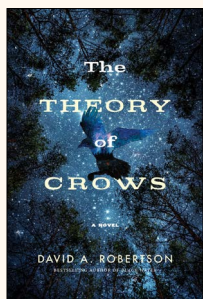
\$22.50

Fiction

## The Translator's Bride

João Reis

The Translator's bride has left him. But if he can only find a way to publish a book, and buy a small house, maybe he can win her back... These are the obsessive thoughts that pervade the Translator's mind as he walks around an unnamed city full of idiots, trying to figure out how to put his life back together—all while he struggles with his own mind and ideas. *The Translator's Bride* is a darkly funny ride from Portuguese writer **João Reis**, whose work has been compared to that of Hamsun and Kafka.



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Harper Perennial

\$24.99

Fiction

## The Theory of Crows: A Novel

David A. Robertson

Following a devastating tragedy, a troubled father and his estranged teenage daughter head out in search of a long-lost cabin on the family trapline, miles from the Cree community they once called home. What happens to father and daughter here will test them, and eventually heal them, in ways they never thought possible. This poignant and evocative novel from award-winning author **David A. Robertson** is about the bonds of family and the gifts offered by the land.

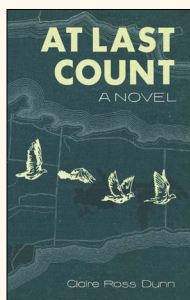


Available  
ECW Press  
\$21.95  
Essays

## The Book of Grief and Hamburgers

Stuart Ross

It was once pointed out that whenever **Stuart Ross** got close to something heavy and “real” in a poem, a hamburger would inevitably appear for comic relief. In this hybrid essay/memoir/poetic meditation, Ross wrestles with what it means to grieve the people one loves and face the enormous accumulation of loss. A moving act of resistance against self-annihilation and a desperate attempt to embrace all that was good in those most dear to him.



Available  
Invisible Publishing  
\$20.95  
Fiction

## At Last Count: A Novel

Claire Ross Dunn

Toronto-based TV writer **Claire Ross Dunn** (*Degrassi*, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*) delights with a novel for readers who love Mark Haddon, Miriam Toews, and Sally Rooney. When Paisley Ratchford’s Toronto apartment building is scheduled to be demolished, a last-ditch effort to reclaim her abandoned childhood home plunges her into a laugh-out-loud funny tale that proves we don’t always need to believe everything our brain tells us.

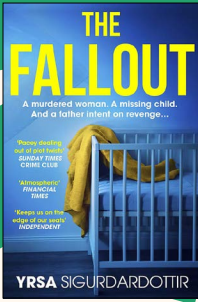


Available  
HarperAvenue  
\$24.99  
Fiction

## The Island of Forgetting

Jasmine Sealy

How does memory become myth? How do lies become family lore? How do we escape the trauma of the past when the truth has been forgotten? *The Island of Forgetting* is an intimate saga from Barbadian-Canadian writer **Jasmine Sealy**, spanning four generations of one family who run a beachfront hotel. Loosely inspired by Greek mythology, this is a novel about the echo of deep—and sometimes tragic—love and the ways a family’s past can haunt its future.

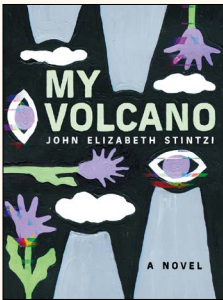


August 2022  
 Hodder & Stoughton  
 \$26.99  
 Crime

## The Fallout

Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

On a cold day in Reykjavík, a baby goes missing from her pram, and the mother is found dead. Eleven years later, a woman's dismembered body is found in a deserted car. Detective Huldar and child psychologist Freyja seek to identify the body, while trying to keep their personal and professional relationships separate. Their search takes the case back into secrets of the past, and the unspoken crimes that bind three separate families. *The Fallout* is a gripping new novel from acclaimed author **Yrsa Sigurðardóttir**.

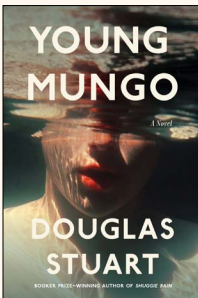


Available  
 Arsenal Pulp Press  
 \$23.95  
 Fiction

## My Volcano

John Elizabeth Stintzi

When an active stratovolcano grows in Central Park, a global and diverse cast of characters experiences private and collective eruptions. For readers of Karen Tei Yamashita and Haruki Murakami and fans of David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas* and Olga Tokarczuk's *Flights*, **John Elizabeth Stintzi's** *My Volcano* sets the mythic and absurd against the starkly realistic, attempting to portray what it feels like to live in a burning world stricken numb. With audacious structure and poetic prose, this novel is an electrifying tapestry on fire.

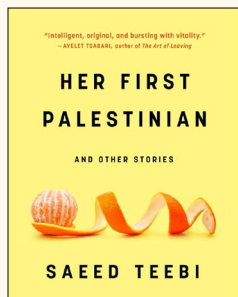


Available  
 Knopf Canada  
 \$35.00  
 Fiction

## Young Mungo

Douglas Stuart

From the Booker Prize-winning author of *Shuggie Bain* comes a #1 international bestseller that tells the deeply moving story of the dangerous first love of two young men. Born under different stars, Protestant Mungo and Catholic James are caught between two of Glasgow's housing estates, where young working-class men fight territorial battles for the sake of reputation. As they begin to fall in love, they dream of escaping the grey city—but the threat of discovery is constant and the punishment unspeakable.

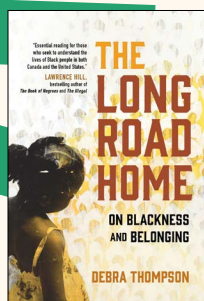


August 2022  
House of Anansi Press  
\$22.99  
Short Stories

## Her First Palestinian

Saeed Teebi

**Saeed Teebi's** engrossing stories plunge into the lives of characters grappling with their experiences as Palestinian immigrants to Canada. A doctor teaches his girlfriend about his country, only for her to fall into an obsession with the Middle East conflict. A university student invents an imaginary girlfriend to fit in with his callous, womanizing roommates. A lawyer takes on the impossible mission of becoming a body smuggler. These taut and compelling stories reflect the Palestinian diaspora with grace and insight.



September 2022  
Simon & Schuster Canada  
\$24.99  
Nonfiction

## The Long Road Home: On Blackness and Belonging

Debra Thompson

When **Debra Thompson** moved to the United States, she felt like she was returning to the land of her ancestors, who had escaped to Canada via the Underground Railroad. In *The Long Road Home*, Thompson follows the roots of Black identities in North America and the routes taken in search of freedom and belonging. This is a vital examination of the nuances of racism in the United States and Canada, and the power of freedom and the dreams that link Black people across borders.



July 2022  
Knopf  
\$36.00  
Poetry

## Poūkahangatus: Poems

Tayi Tibble

Intimate, moving, virtuosic, and hilarious, **Tayi Tibble** is one of the most exciting new voices in poetry today. In *Poūkahangatus* (pronounced "Pocahontas"), her debut volume, Tibble challenges a dazzling array of mythologies—Greek, Māori, feminist, kiwi—peeling them apart, respinning them in modern terms. Poem by poem, Tibble carves out a bold new way of engaging history, and explores her identity as a twenty-first-century Indigenous woman.

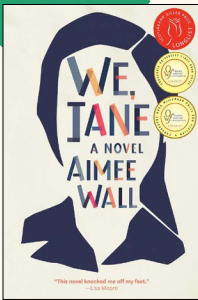


*Available*  
 Doubleday Canada  
 \$27.00  
 Fiction

## Hey, Good Luck Out There

### Georgia Toews

When the twenty-two-year-old narrator of **Georgia Toews'** subversive debut novel is discharged from a women's rehab facility after thirty punishing days, returned to Toronto's streets without resources, a job, or an apartment, and tasked with staying clean despite a seemingly bottomless urge to give up, the book asks: What next? What happens in the aftermath of your lowest low? *Hey, Good Luck Out There* is a furious and hilarious journey through the relentless, soul-baring world of addiction and recovery.

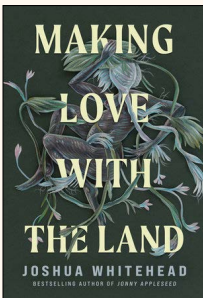


*Available*  
 Book\*hug Press  
 \$23.00  
 Fiction

## We, Jane

### Aimee Wall

Searching for meaning in Montreal, Marthe begins an intense friendship with an older woman. Both travel back to a small community in Newfoundland to continue the work of an underground movement: abortion services performed by women, always referred to as Jane. *We, Jane* explores the essential nature of abortion, underscores the complexity of relationships in close circles, and beautifully captures the inevitable heartache of understanding home.



*August 23, 2022*  
 Knopf Canada  
 \$29.95  
 Essays/Memoir

## Making Love with the Land

### Joshua Whitehead

Much-anticipated nonfiction from **Joshua Whitehead**, author of the Giller-longlisted and Canada Reads-winning novel *Jonny Appleseed*. In *Making Love with the Land*, Whitehead brilliantly explores Indigeneity, queerness, and the relationships between body, language, and land through a variety of genres (essay, memoir, notes, confession). *Making Love with the Land* is a startling, heartwrenching look at what it means to live as a queer Indigenous person "in the rupture" between identities.





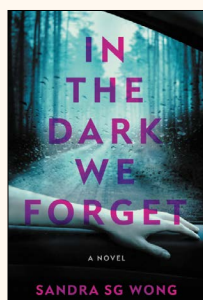
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Viking  
\$23.95  
Fiction

## When We Fell Apart

Soon Wiley

When the Seoul police inform Min that his girlfriend Yu-jin has committed suicide, he throws himself into finding out why she could have secretly wanted to die. Or did she? Yu-jin's life was much more complex than she chose to reveal to Min. And the more he learns about her, the more he begins to doubt he ever really knew her at all. As Yu-jin's story collides with Min's, the result is an engrossing page-turner by **Soon Wiley** that poses powerful questions about cultural identity, family bonds, secrets, and what it truly means to belong.



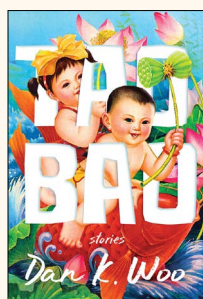
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HarperCollins Canada  
\$24.99  
Crime/Thriller

## In the Dark We Forget

Sandra SG Wong

When Cleo Li wakes up with amnesia beside a mountain highway, confused and alone, she learns that her parents have disappeared—not long after her mother bought a winning \$47 million lottery ticket. As details of her parents' mysterious disappearance are uncovered, Cleo finds herself under increasing suspicion. Maybe the person she should be afraid of... is herself. **Sandra SG Wong's** *In the Dark We Forget* vividly examines the complexities of family—and the lies we tell ourselves in order to survive.



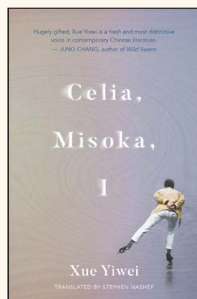
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Wolsak & Wynn  
\$20.00  
Short Stories

## Taobao: Stories

Dan K. Woo

In twelve spare, fable-like short stories **Dan K. Woo** introduces us to a fascinating cast of characters from different regions of China. Whether they are participating in a marriage market to appease their mother, or dealing with trauma in a hospital in Shanghai, we see young people search for love, meaning, and happiness in a country that is often misunderstood in North America. Through it all, the spectre of Taobao—China's online retail giant—hovers, providing everything the characters might need or want.



*Available*

Rare Machines

\$24.99

Fiction

## Celia, Misoka, I

Xue Yiwei

After the death of his wife, a middle-aged Chinese man begins to reflect on his past and how he has ended up alone in Canada. It is in this period of angst and uncertainty that he meets two women on Montreal's Mount Royal. The paths taken by these three characters—Celia, Misoka, and “I”—span continents and decades, but converge in Montreal, like mysterious figures in an ancient Chinese Zen painting. This is a meditation on the meaning of life in an increasingly global world, from acclaimed Chinese-Canadian author **Xue Yiwei**.

## Youth Authors

S. K. Ali  
Kern Carter  
Johnnie Christmas  
Sarah Ellis  
Julie Flett  
Joyce Grant  
Kathleen Gros  
Faith Erin Hicks  
Kirstie Hudson  
Susan Juby  
Benjamin Lefebvre  
Tanya Lloyd Kyi  
Malinda Lo  
Adrienne Mason  
Carey Newman  
Kenneth Oppel  
Nathan Page

Kirsten Pendreigh  
Gabrielle Prince  
Leona Prince  
Bill Richardson  
David A. Robertson  
Buffy Sainte-Marie  
Drew Shannon  
Heather Smith  
Kim Spencer  
Ashley Spires  
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Kevin Sylvester  
Nancy Vo  
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Eldon Yellowhorn  
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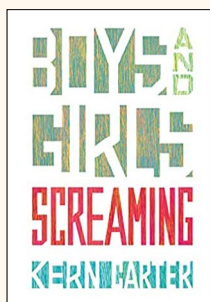


October 2022  
Salaam Reads  
\$26.99  
Young Adult

## Love from Mecca to Medina

S. K. Ali

In **S. K. Ali's** sequel to *Love from A to Z*, Adam is in Doha, Qatar, making a map of the historic migration from Mecca to Medina, and worried about where his next paycheck will come from. Zayneb is in Chicago, where school and other stresses are piling up. Then a marvel occurs: Adam and Zayneb get the chance to spend Thanksgiving week on a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina. But one wedge after another drives them apart and Adam and Zayneb start to wonder: was their meeting just an oddity after all?



Available  
DCB Young Readers  
\$15.95  
Young Adult

## Boys and Girls Screaming

Kern Carter

When Ever's father passes away and her mom has a stroke, she is devastated. To cope with the anguish, Ever forms a group called Boys and Girls Screaming, made up of kids from their school who have suffered trauma. Although the teens find solace in the group, Ever tumbles further into depression. As the group learns the true source of Ever's pain, they jump into action to help her find a way out. This story from **Kern Carter** speaks of a generation of teens finding the support they need to process their trauma in their own ways.

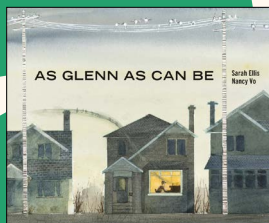


Available  
DCB Young Readers  
\$26.99  
Graphic Novel

## Swim Team

Johnnie Christmas

From beloved graphic novelist **Johnnie Christmas**, a new story for young readers: Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, until she's stuck with the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree queasy. Luckily, Etta, the former swim team captain, is willing to support her. Soon Bree finds her swim-crazed community counting on her to turn the school's failing team around. Can Bree defy the odds and guide her team to a state championship, or have they swum their last lap—for good?

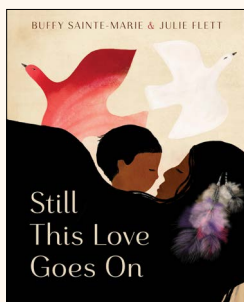


*Available*  
Groundwood Books  
\$19.00  
Picture Book

## As Glenn as Can Be

Sarah Ellis, illustrated by Nancy Vo

Glenn Gould loved playing the piano. He gave concerts all over the world, but he soon grew to dislike them—the hall was too cold, or he didn't feel well, or the audience made too much noise. He discovered that when he was alone, he could make his music sound exactly the way he wanted. He could do what he loved best, while being completely himself. **Sarah Ellis's** beautiful portrait of Glenn Gould is complemented by **Nancy Vo's** gorgeous illustrations, bringing the life and times of this extraordinary musician to readers.

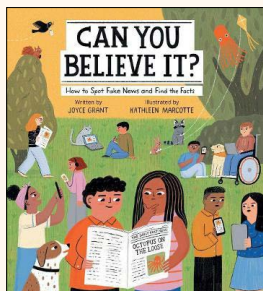


*September 2022*  
Greystone Books  
\$22.95  
Picture Book

## Still This Love Goes On

Buffy Sainte-Marie, illustrated by Julie Flett

A love letter to Indigenous communities everywhere from Academy Award-winning Cree icon **Buffy Sainte-Marie**, this picture book celebrates seasons, nature, and community. Breathtaking illustrations from celebrated Cree-Métis artist **Julie Flett** combine with Sainte-Marie's vivid lyrics to craft a remarkable piece of art. Destined to be read and sung for generations, this gem of a picture book is accompanied by sheet music so that readers can play along.

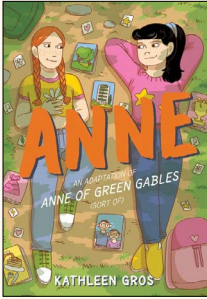


*Available*  
Kids Can Press  
\$19.99  
Middle Grade

## Can You Believe It?: How To Spot Fake News And Find The Facts

Joyce Grant

*Can You Believe It?* explores how real journalism is made, what fake news is, and how to spot the difference. It's full of practical advice, thought-provoking examples, and information on subjects that range from bylines and credible sources to influencers and clickbait. It talks about how bias can creep into news reporting. This must-read guide from **Joyce Grant** shows children which information they can trust and which they can't.



October 2022  
Quill Tree Books  
\$13.99  
Graphic Novel

## Anne: An Adaptation of Anne of Green Gables (Sort Of)

Kathleen Gros

Anne Shirley has just started living with the Cuthberts. They seem to be hitting it off, but Anne wonders how they'll react to the trouble she sometimes finds herself in. Then Anne meets Diana Barry and the two become fast friends, as Anne finds she can share anything with Diana. As time goes on, though, Anne starts to develop more-than-friends feelings for Diana. A new foster home, a new school, and a first-time crush—it's a lot all at once. But if anyone can handle it, it's the irrepressible Anne Shirley.

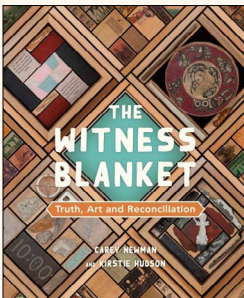


August 2022  
First Second  
\$14.99  
Graphic Novel

## Ride On

Faith Erin Hicks

Victoria has always loved horses. But riding in competitions is high stakes, high stress, and expensive. And even though her best friend Taylor loves competing, Victoria has lost her taste for it. After a heartbreaking fight with Taylor, Victoria needs a new start, a place where she doesn't have to worry about anything other than riding. Edgewood Stables seems ideal. There are plenty of horses to ride, and Victoria is perfectly happy giving the other riders the cold shoulder. But can she truly be happy with no friends?



Available  
Orca Book Publishers  
\$24.95  
Middle Grade

## The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation

Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson

For more than 150 years, thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their families and sent to residential schools across Canada. Artist **Carey Newman** created the Witness Blanket to ensure that history is never forgotten. The Blanket is a living work of art—a collection of hundreds of objects from those schools. This book is a collection of truths; but it's also a beacon of hope and a step toward reconciliation.

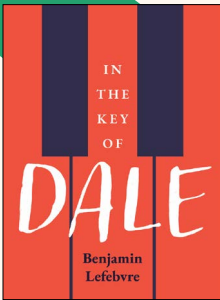


*Available*  
Puffin Canada  
\$22.99  
Middle Grade

## Me Three

Susan Juby

Eleven-year-old Rodney is starting sixth grade in a new school, in a new home in a new state. He's in a class with kids who seem to hate him. Just a couple of months ago, Rodney was popular. He lived in Las Vegas, with his mom, sister, and dad, a successful poker player. Now his old life is over; his mom says it's because of something his dad did. His dad says it's all a big misunderstanding. Rodney is confident that it won't be long until the things are cleared up, but he can only keep the truth at bay for so long.



*October 2022*  
Arsenal Pulp Press  
\$18.95  
Young Adult

## In the Key of Dale

Benjamin Lefebvre

Sixteen-year-old Dale Cardigan is a loner who's managed to make himself completely invisible at school. He doesn't fit with his classmates, his stepbrother, or even his mother. After Dale is unable to locate his father's grave at the cemetery, he starts writing letters addressed to his father. Somewhat against his will, he befriends his classmate Rusty. Their friendship gets awkward when it seems Dale's growing attraction to Rusty is doomed to be one-sided, but it's to Rusty that Dale turns when he stumbles upon a family secret.

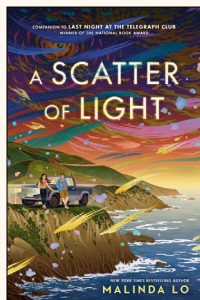


*Available*  
Kids Can Press  
\$21.99  
Picture Book

## Our Green City

Tanya Lloyd Kyi, illustrated by Colleen Larmour

A charming, child-friendly tour around an ideal sustainable city—with a uniquely positive environmental message from award-winning author **Tanya Lloyd Kyi**, with illustrations by **Colleen Larmour**. *Our Green City* shares a delightful, utopian, sustainable community of the future, where readers are invited on an interactive journey to explore it. Unlike many children's books about the environment, this is a hopeful and uplifting book, with neighbors from diverse backgrounds coming together to care for their surroundings and one another.

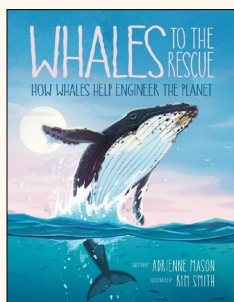


October 2022  
Dutton Books for  
Young Readers  
\$24.99  
Young Adult

## A Scatter of Light

Malinda Lo

Aria Tang West was looking forward to a summer on Martha's Vineyard with her best friends. But after a graduation party goes wrong, Aria's parents exile her to California to stay with her grandmother. Aria expects boredom, but what she finds is Steph Nichols, her grandmother's gardener. Soon, Aria is second-guessing who she is and what she wants to be, and a summer that once seemed lost becomes unforgettable—for Aria, her family, and the working-class queer community Steph introduces her to.



September 2022  
Kids Can Press  
\$18.99  
Middle Grade

## Whales to the Rescue: How Whales Help Engineer the Planet

Adrienne Mason

In this fascinating and unique book, marine biologist **Adrienne Mason** reveals how whales are “ecosystem engineers”—animals that create, modify, or maintain a habitat or ecosystem. Whales do this by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. They store loads of carbon in their bodies for decades, even centuries; when they die, they sink to the ocean floor, taking their carbon with them. More carbon in the ocean means less carbon in the atmosphere. And it's all thanks to whales!



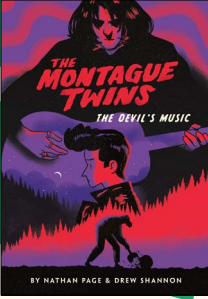
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Puffin Canada  
\$23.99  
Middle Grade

## Ghostlight

Kenneth Oppel

From the incomparable mind of **Kenneth Oppel**: The tragic death of sixteen-year-old Rebecca and her father is just a tale Gabe tells tourists for his summer job. But when he awakens Rebecca's spirit, Gabe is drawn into a dark world. Rebecca reveals that she and her father were part of The Order, a secret society that protected the world from evil spirits like Viker, the ghost responsible for their deaths. Now, Gabe and his friends must stop Viker before they all become lost souls.





*Available*

Knopf Books for Young  
Readers  
\$34.99  
Young Adult

## The Montague Twins #2: The Devil's Music

Nathan Page, illustrated by Drew Shannon

*The Hardy Boys* meets *Paper Girls* in the second volume of this mystery series featuring magical teen detectives Alastair, Pete, Charlie, and Rachel—who are also members of a local teen rock band. Before a show one night, Charlie and Rachel meet a famous rockstar, Gideon, and invite him to their show. Little do they know that Gideon might be the source of the rumored Devil's Music, a limited-release song that entrances all of its listeners in a deadly hypnosis...



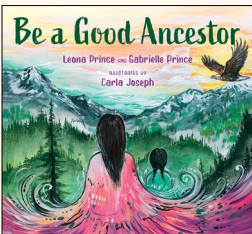
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Sleeping Bear Press  
\$23.99  
Picture Book

## Luna's Green Pet

Kirsten Pendreigh, illustrated by Carmen Mok

The apartment building where Luna and her family live has a very strict NO PETS! policy. Almost ready to give up, Luna spies in the trash something small, something green, something discarded—a wilted plant. Perfect! Luna names her new pet Stephanie. But will Luna's love and care be enough to bring Stephanie to full health? And what are those strange bumps growing on her? This charming story of one young girl's out-of-the-box thinking is perfect for anyone who has ever wished for a pet, only to be told no.



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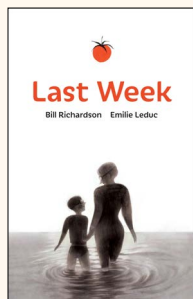
Orca Book Publishers  
\$21.95  
Picture Book

## Be a Good Ancestor

Leona Prince and Gabrielle Prince

Addressing environmental issues, animal welfare, self-esteem, and self-respect, and the importance of community, the authors deliver a poignant and universal message rooted in Indigenous teachings: Be a good ancestor to the world around you. Thought-provoking stanzas offer a call to action for each one of us to consider how we affect future generations. Every decision we make ripples out, and we can affect the world around us by thinking deeply about those decisions.



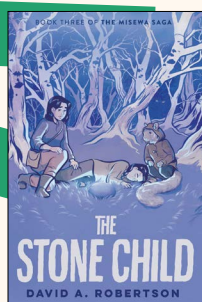


*Available*  
Groundwood Books  
\$14.99  
Middle Grade/  
Picture Book

## Last Week

Bill Richardson

A child cherishes every second of their grandmother's last week of life in this sensitive portrayal of medical assistance in dying. As friends and family come to call on Flippa—as Gran is fondly known—the child observes the strange mix of grief, humour, awkwardness, anger, and nostalgia that attends these visits. But precious are the times they have alone. As Sunday approaches, the child must find a way to come to terms with Flippa's decision. What is the best way to say goodbye?

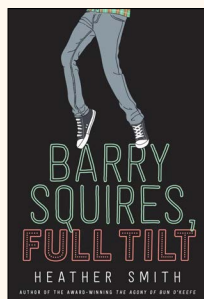


*August 2022*  
Puffin Canada  
\$21.99  
Middle Grade

## The Stone Child: The Misewa Saga, Book Three

David A. Robertson

In the third book in the Narnia-inspired Indigenous fantasy series, Morgan discovers a near-lifeless Eli at the base of the Great Tree and turns to friends for help. With Arik and Emily at her side, she sets off to find Eli's soul before it's too late. As they journey into the northern woods, a place they've been warned never to enter, they face life-threatening attacks from strange creatures. But a surprise ally comes to their aid, and Morgan finds the strength to focus on what's most important: save her brother's life.



*Available*  
Penguin Teen  
\$14.99  
Young Adult

## Barry Squires, Full Tilt

Heather Smith

When the Full Tilt Dancers perform at the opening of the new bingo hall, twelve-year-old Barry Squires wants desperately to join the troupe. Having watched *Riverdance* twice, Barry figures he'll nail the audition, but his parents refuse to take his dreams seriously. Thankfully, Barry has the support of his ever-present grandmother; his adorable baby brother; an old British rocker named Uneven Steven; a group of geriatrics from the One Step Closer to God Nursing Home; and Saibal, a friend with whom Barry gets up to no good.



October 2022  
Orca Book Publishers  
\$12.95  
Middle Grade

## Weird Rules to Follow

Kim Spencer

In the 1980s, the fishing town of Prince Rupert is booming. Eleven-year-old Mia and her best friend, Lara, have known each other since kindergarten. But Mia's life is very different from her non-Indigenous, middle-class friend. Lara lives with her family in a big house, while Mia lives in a shabby building with her relatives. Even though their differences never seemed to matter, Mia notices how adults treat her differently because she's Indigenous. And this blatant racism might begin to take its toll on Mia and Lara's friendship.

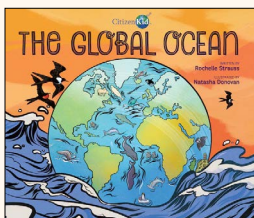


September 2022  
Kids Can Press  
\$21.99  
Picture Book

## The Most Magnificent Idea

Ashley Spires

The long-awaited sequel to the runaway bestseller *The Most Magnificent Thing*! This is the story of a girl who, with her dog at her side, loves to make things. Her brain is an "idea machine," always so full of ideas, she can hardly keep up! But then, one day... it isn't. She tries brainstorming, gathering new supplies, even jumping up and down on one foot to shake an idea loose. Nothing. What if she never has another idea again? Readers everywhere will be rooting for their favourite thing-maker to get her mojo back!

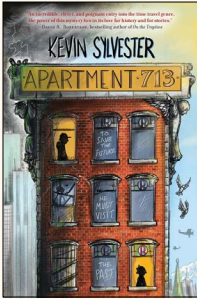


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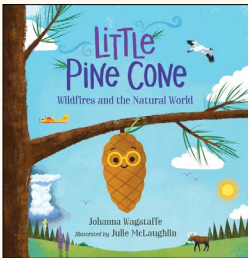


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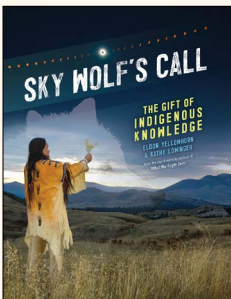


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