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From the Publisher's Desk



It gives us all at Ronsdale great pleasure to introduce our titles for spring 2012 with two new books and many recent favourites. We keep all our books in print and now have over 200 separate titles in our warehouses. All our new titles are appearing simultaneously as e-books, available from Kindle, Kobo, Sony and other aggregators.

Jean Rae Baxter's *Freedom Bound* heads up the list this season. It is the third and final volume in her trilogy of United Empire Loyalist novels. This time she takes the reader to Charleston, South Carolina, in the last days of the American Revolution to explore the fate of the Loyalists and the black slaves who sought a way to freedom. Also this season, Ronsdale features a new edition of Beryl Young's *Charlie: A Home Child's Life in Canada*. In this award-winning nonfiction book we learn much – through the life story of Beryl's own father – about the 100,000 English children who were sent as indentured workers to Canada between 1870 and 1938.

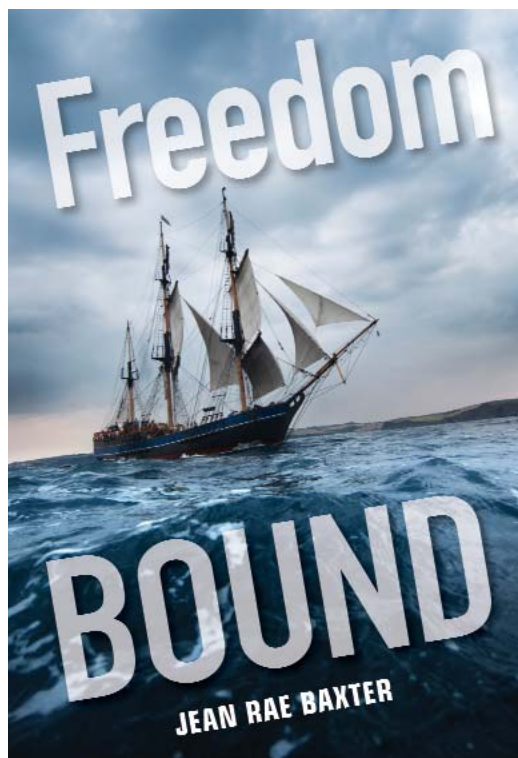
Ronsdale's books continue to appear on many award lists. This last year Jean Rae Baxter won first place for her *Broken Trail* in the Moonbeam awards. Patrick Bowman's *Torn from Troy* is shortlisted for the Red Maple Award. Beryl Young's *Charlie* was a starred selection in the CCBC Best Books, and was shortlisted for the Red Maple, Red Cedar, Hackmatack and the IODE awards. Carol Anne Shaw's *Hannah & the Spindle Whorl* was a finalist for the ForeWord Book of the Year Award and was shortlisted for the Chocolate Lily.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Deirdre Salisbury, who is the new publisher's assistant at Ronsdale. Erinna Gilkison, whom many of you will have met, has decided to return to New Zealand. Best wishes, Erinna.

We invite you to visit our website at ronsdalepress.com to become better acquainted with our books, our authors and Ronsdale Press itself. You can also find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ronsdalepress](https://www.facebook.com/ronsdalepress) or on Twitter, [@ronsdalepress](https://twitter.com/ronsdalepress). From all of us at Ronsdale – Veronica, Deirdre, Jasna, Jared, Julie, and myself – we wish you an enriching spring 2012 filled with stimulating reading.

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AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 2012

ISBN: 978-1-55380-143-6

e-book ISBN: 978-1-55380-153-5

5-1/4 x 7-5/8 ■ 256 pp

trade paper ■ \$11.95

YA NOVEL, AGES 10 AND UP

PROMOTION PLANS

- Advertising in *Hamilton Spectator*, UEL magazines, wholesalers' catalogues, CCBC, *Resource Links*, *What If?*, *BC Bookworld*, *Canadian Literature*
- Launch and media in Hamilton and Toronto
- A tour of appearances and presentations in bookstores, libraries and schools from Kingston to Vancouver
- National review mailing to print, radio and electronic media
- Bookmarks and posters

Freedom Bound

Jean Rae Baxter

In this, the final instalment of Jean Rae Baxter's best-selling young adult trilogy, eighteen-year-old Charlotte sails from Canada to Charleston in the beleaguered Thirteen Colonies to join her new husband Nick. During these final months of the American Revolution, she must muster all her wit and courage when she has to rescue Nick from being tortured as a spy in an alligator-infested South Carolina swamp. She must also find ways to bring freedom to a pair of teenage runaway slaves she has befriended. *Freedom Bound* delivers a frank and realistic picture of the slave system and a powerful account of what was at stake for both white and black Loyalists as they prepared to find a new home in the country that was soon to be Canada. Like *The Way Lies North* and *Broken Trail*, the two novels that preceded it, *Freedom Bound* contains a wealth of carefully researched historical details of one of the least known chapters of our history.



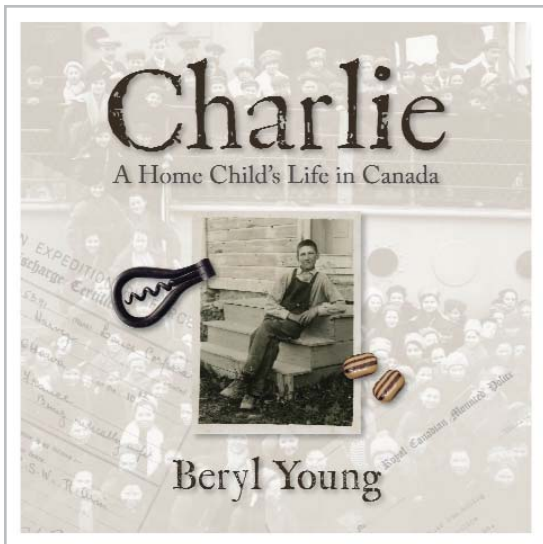
ALSO BY JEAN RAE BAXTER (see pp. 7 & 9)

- *The Way Lies North* (978-1-55380-048-4)
- *Broken Trail* (978-1-55380-109-2)

Awards 2007–2011: Gold Medal **Moonbeam** § Winner **Arts Hamilton** § **Red Maple** and **Stellar** shortlisted

Jean Rae Baxter writes both for young adults and for an adult general audience. *Freedom Bound* is the third volume in a trilogy about the United Empire Loyalist experience. *The Way Lies North* (2007), won the Arts Hamilton Award for a young adult book and was nominated for the Red Maple and Stellar awards. *Broken Trail* won the Gold Medal in the Moonbeam Award. Jean lives in Hamilton where she is one of the organizers of the Lit Live Reading Series and serves as co-chair of Arts Hamilton's Literary Advisory Committee. Website: jeanraebaxter.ca.





AVAILABLE JANUARY 2012

ISBN: 978-1-55380-140-5

e-book ISBN: 978-1-55380-149-8

8 x 8 ■ 112 pp

50 sepia photos ■ trade paper ■ \$12.95

YA NONFICTION, CROSSOVER ADULT

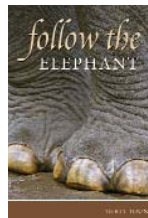
Charlie

A HOME CHILD'S LIFE IN CANADA

Beryl Young

Beryl Young's best-selling YA nonfiction book, *Charlie*, is again in print in a new paperback edition. The story of the 100,000 British children who came to Canada as child immigrants between 1870 and 1938 is not well known. Yet the descendants of these "home children" number over four million people in Canada today.

The author is one of them: Charlie was her father. *Charlie* is a compelling account of a poor English boy who is sent to Canada when his mother cannot care for him. Beginning as a farm labourer, he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI and was wounded in France at the Battle of the Somme. On his return to Canada he joined the RCMP and eventually became a senior officer who was asked to escort Princess Elizabeth on her first visit to Canada. An inspiring part of our Canadian heritage, *Charlie* will fascinate adults as well as children. The book is rich with archival material, including letters, photographs and information sidebars.



ALSO BY BERYL YOUNG (see p. 8)

• *Follow the Elephant* (978-1-55380-098-9)

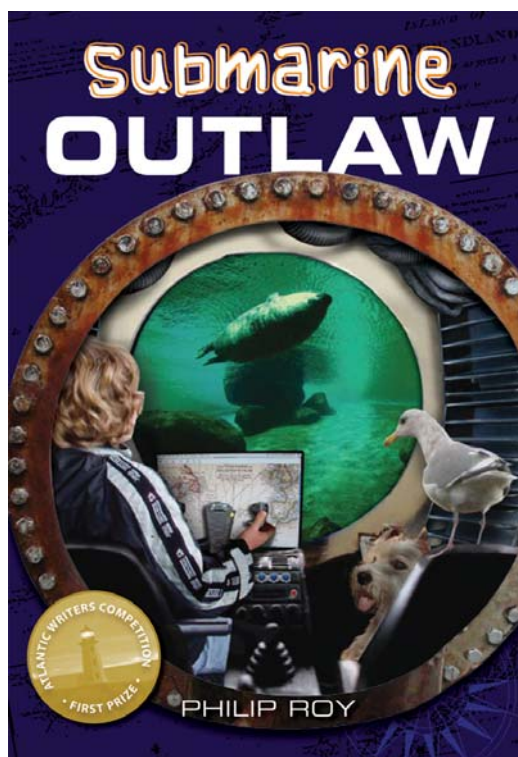
Awards: CCBC Best Books starred selection § Red Maple, Red Cedar, Chocolate Lily, Hackmatack and IODE Violet Downey shortlisted

PROMOTION PLANS

- Advertising in wholesalers' catalogues, CCBC, Resource Links, What If?, BC BookWorld, Canadian Literature
 - Media in Vancouver
- A tour of appearances to "Home Child" reunions and celebrations across Canada
 - Author visits to schools and libraries
 - Bookmarks and posters

BERYL YOUNG is the author of two previous YA novels. *Wishing Star Summer* (2001) and *Follow the Elephant* (Ronsdale, 2009) both of which are best sellers. She is a member of the Federation of BC Writers, the Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC, the Writers Union of Canada, and the Canadian Society of Authors, Illustrators and Performers. Beryl has three children and four grandchildren. She lives in Vancouver, BC. Website: www.berlyyoung.com.





978-1-55380-058-3 ■ 254 pp ■ \$10.95

AUDIO BOOK: 978-1-55380-068-2 ■ \$14.95

Submarine Outlaw

Philip Roy

In the first novel of the Submarine Outlaw series, a young Newfoundland boy teams up with a junkyard genius to build a submarine that he sails around the Maritimes. High-speed chases, daring rescues and treasure hunting ensue – showing how any great goal in life takes patience, determination and hard work.

“A wildly imaginative story of adventure full of surprises and fast paced, yet there is also wisdom and insight to be found here.”

– Lesley Choyce

Winner **Atlantic Writers Competition** § Silver Medal **ForeWord’s Book of the Year** § **Red Maple, Diamond Willow, Hackmatack, Ann Connor Brimer, Rocky Mountain** and **Langley** shortlisted § **Best Books for Kids & Teens** selected



978-1-55380-076-7 ■ 224 pp ■ \$10.95

Journey to Atlantis

Philip Roy

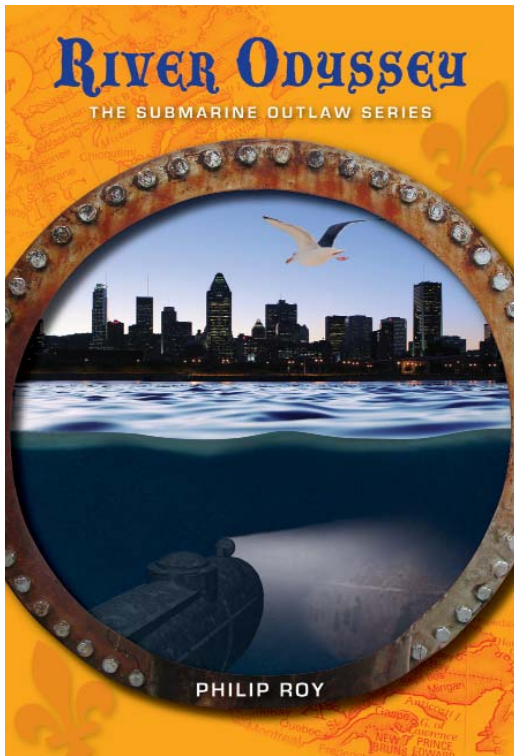
In this sequel to his best-selling novel *Submarine Outlaw*, Alfred undertakes a new voyage in his homemade submarine that takes him from his native Newfoundland into the Mediterranean in search of fabled Atlantis. Along the way, there are daring rescues at sea, the pursuit of illegal Spanish trawlers, an encounter with pirates and a camel journey into the desert.

“Roy has skillfully blended the mythology and legends of ancient civilizations with geographical accuracy so that a reader could actually plot out Albert’s voyage on a map.

Highly recommend it even for the reluctant reader!”

– Recently Read

Hackmatack shortlisted



978-1-55380-105-4 / e-book: 978-1-55380-117-7
240 pp ■ \$10.95

River Odyssey

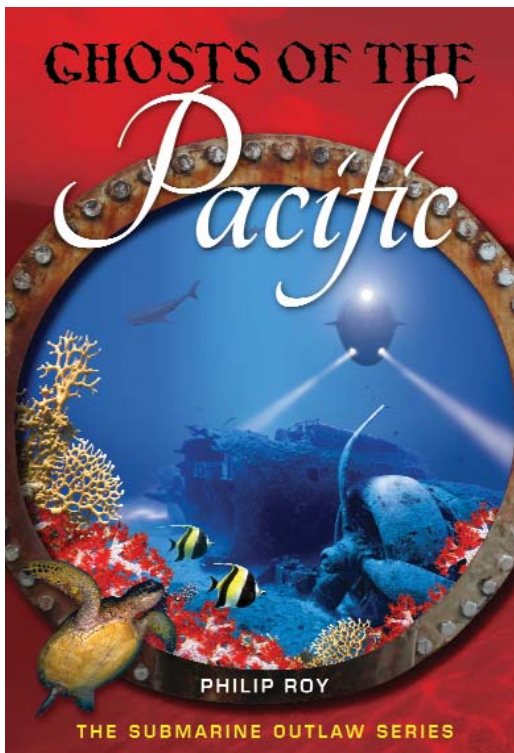
Philip Roy

In the third volume of the Submarine Outlaw series, Alfred sets off in his submarine up the dark and wilful St. Lawrence River. With Hollie and Seaweed, his dog and seagull crew, Alfred follows the route of Jacques Cartier, nearly five hundred years before them, as they sail down the Strait of Belle Isle into the largest river mouth in the world. But the St. Lawrence is treacherous, concealing many dangers, including a sunken ocean-liner that entangles the sub as it passes. Alfred's goal on this journey is Montreal, where he must confront the man who abandoned him at birth – his father. Only then will he escape the unfinished business that haunts him.

"Highly recommended."

– *CM Magazine*

Best Books for Kids & Teens selected



978-1-55380-130-6 / e-book: 978-1-55380-136-8
254 pp ■ \$11.95

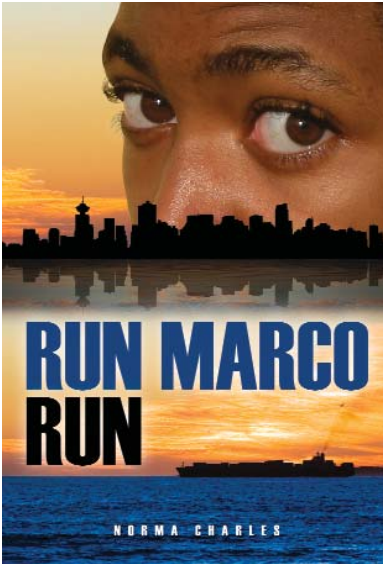
Ghosts of the Pacific

Philip Roy

In the fourth volume, Alfred takes his homemade submarine through the icy gauntlet of the Northwest Passage with many adventures. He then makes the long voyage into the South Pacific, into exotic Micronesia, a beautiful place but home to the nuclear testing of Bikini Lagoon, the Suicide Cliffs of Saipan and the Marshall Islands, which may conceal the secrets of the mystery of Amelia Earhart's final days. Along the way he encounters a floating island of plastic the size of Texas as well as the atrocious acts of shrimp trawlers who shoot their by-catch of dolphins and turtles. Fearing for the future of the Earth, Alfred decides to become an ocean environmentalist.

"Roy has crafted an adventure tale that readers will relish. . . . It is an altogether charming read that will capture the imagination of any young reader who has ever dreamt of exploring the world."

– *Atlantic Books Today*



978-1-55380-131-3 / e-book: 978-1-55380-137-5
186 pp ■ \$11.95

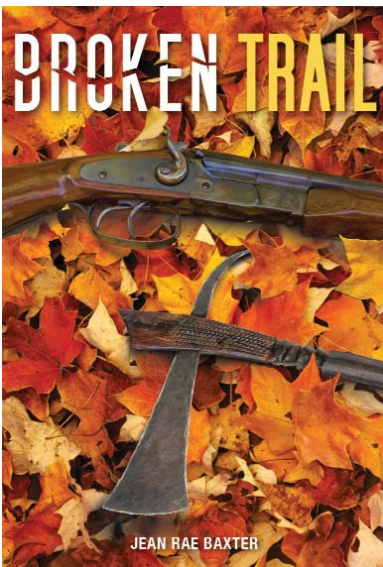
Run Marco, Run

Norma Charles

When Marco Graham witnesses his father being kidnapped in a market in Buenaventura, Colombia, he decides that he must stowaway on a freighter headed north to Vancouver to find help in freeing his father. Marco has to evade drug dealers, security guards, the police and the “authorities” who would send him back to Colombia – straight into the arms of his father’s kidnappers.

“This is a book that will resonate with young people as well as older readers, and the themes of drug trafficking and immigration difficulties are timely and relevant. Norma Charles has written an enjoyable and important story that needs to be told. . . . Recommended.”

– CM Magazine



978-1-55380-109-2 / e-book: 978-1-55380-124-5
242 pp ■ \$11.95

Broken Trail

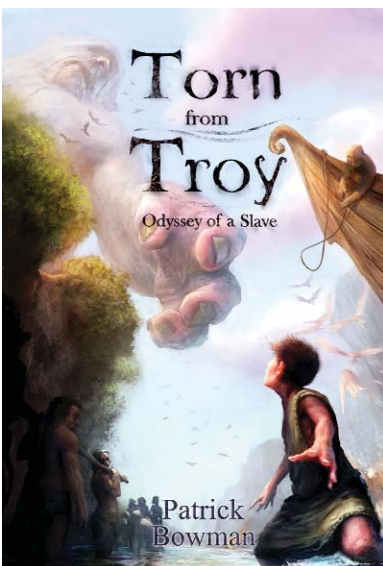
Jean Rae Baxter

In 1780, in the middle of the American Revolution, 13-year-old Broken Trail is caught between conflicting worlds. White by birth but Oneida by adoption, he must choose between two ways of life. Or is there a third and better way?

“Author Jean Rae Baxter has written an engaging, absorbing story – well-plotted, full of detail and full of sympathy and understanding of human nature. Broken Trail’s quest for his true identity is one every adolescent can identify with.”

– Canadian Children’s Book News

Gold Medal **Moonbeam**



978-1-55380-110-8 / e-book: 978-1-55380-125-2
206 pp ■ \$11.95

Torn from Troy

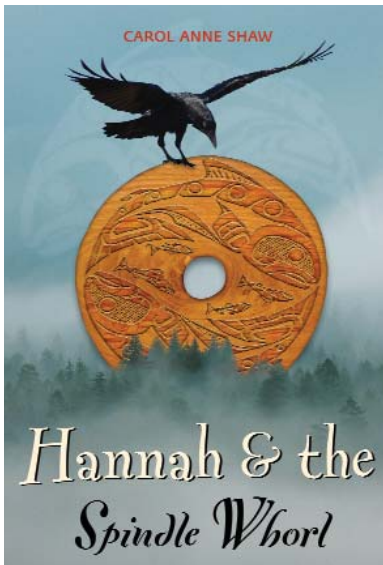
Patrick Bowman

Here is Homer’s *Odyssey* told from the point of view, not of the Greeks but of a young Trojan youth who has been made a slave by Odysseus. On the voyage to Ithaca, Alexi must decide what his role will be when they meet the Cicones, the Lotus Eaters, and especially the Cyclops.

“Raw adventure from beginning to end. . . . The novel’s grisly details will be enjoyed by fans of blood and gore, but for all those with an interest in ancient times and a taste for adventure, Torn from Troy is a highly satisfying read.”

– Quill & Quire

Red Maple shortlisted



978-1-55380-103-0 / e-book: 978-1-55380-114-6
244 pp ■ \$10.95

Hannah & the Spindle Whorl

Carol Anne Shaw

When Hannah finds a beautiful old Salish spindle whorl in a cave, little does she know that she will soon be back amid its original owners – with a mystic raven, a fearsome Sasquatch and European settlers who are about to bring devastation to the First Nations people.

*“Engrossing good fun . . . a treat for young
(and young at heart) readers.”*

– Vancouver Sun

Silver Medal **Moonbeam** § **ForeWord Book of the Year Award** finalist § **Chocolate Lily** shortlisted



978-1-55380-102-3 / e-book: 978-1-55380-115-3
170 pp ■ \$10.95

Ghost of Heroes Past

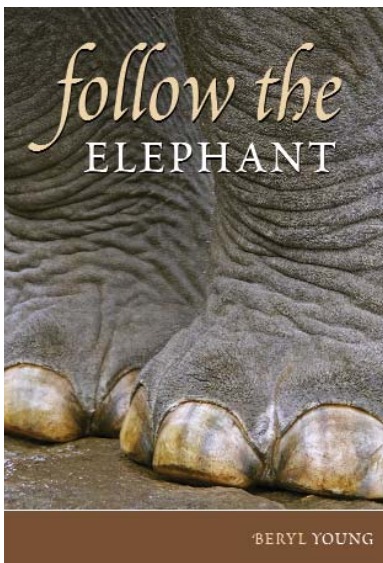
Charles Reid

When Johnny tries to get out of attending a Remembrance Day ceremony, a mysterious soldier-ghost appears to take him back to meet real-life Canadians who were involved in Canada's two world wars, and the Russian Revolution.

*“Readers will find a history lesson they
won't soon forget. Recommended.”*

– CM Magazine

Chocolate Lily shortlisted



978-1-55380-098-9 ■ 248 pp ■ \$10.95

Follow the Elephant

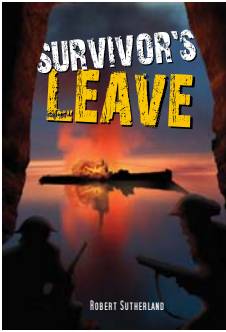
Beryl Young

In this young adult novel, a boy accompanies his grandmother to India and establishes a mysterious relationship with the elephant god, Ganesh, teaching him how to cope with his father's recent death.

*“A seat of the pants adventure waltzing across the great
Indian sub-continent. Rated G-E (Good to Excellent).”*

– Resource Links

Silver Medal **Moonbeam** § **IODE Violet Downey Award** shortlisted § **Chocolate Lily** shortlisted



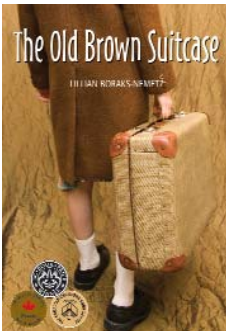
978-1-55380-097-2
176 pp ■ \$10.95

Survivor's Leave

Robert Sutherland

This young adult novel features two Canadian sailors whose ship is torpedoed at sea during WWII and whose shore leave takes them to a country house in England where they uncover a dangerous Nazi plot.

Bronze Medal **Moonbeam**



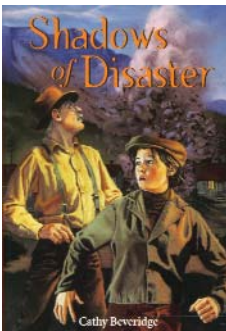
978-1-55380-057-6
204 pp ■ \$10.95

The Old Brown Suitcase

Lillian Boraks-Nemetz

A new edition of the award-winning novel that tells the true story of Slava, a Polish girl who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto during WWII, hides under an assumed name and then later emigrates to Canada. With her remaining family, she struggles to build a new life in a new country.

Winner **BC Book Prize**
Winner **Cdn Jewish Book Award**



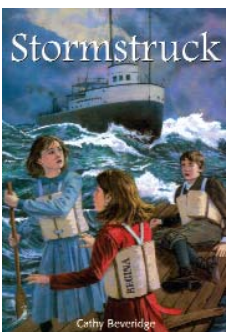
978-1-55380-002-6
194 pp ■ \$8.95

Shadows of Disaster

Cathy Beveridge

In the first of her historical novels focusing on Canadian disasters, Beveridge takes twelve-year-old Jolene back in time to the year 1903 in the coal-mining town of Frank. Disguised as a boy, she finds herself fleeing from Canada's deadliest rockslide.

Golden Eagle, Rocky Mountain, Diamond Willow and **Red Cedar** shortlisted



978-1-55380-041-5
214 pp ■ \$9.95

Stormstruck

Cathy Beveridge

The third volume in Cathy Beveridge's series of novels about Canadian disasters once again features Jolene and her twin brother Michael. This time they find themselves battling for their lives shipwrecked on Lake Huron in the "Great Storm" of 1913.

Best Books for Kids & Teens selected
Resource Links selected



978-1-55380-077-4
182 pp ■ \$10.95

Chasing a Star

Norma Charles

When Sophie LaGrange decides that she must meet Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's skating icon of the 1950s, little does she know that she will have to deal with the Satan's Rebels, a dangerous motorcycle gang that is attempting to recruit Sophie's brother and kidnap Barbara Ann.

Chocolate Lily shortlisted

The Way Lies North

Jean Rae Baxter

This fascinating story of the United Empire Loyalists tells how Charlotte Hooper is forced to give up everything when she and her family flee the violence of the "Sons of Liberty" to head north to Canada. Along the way she makes friends with the Mohawk people, developing such strength and integrity that she is renamed "Woman of Two Worlds."

Red Maple and **Stellar** shortlisted
Best Books for Kids & Teens selected



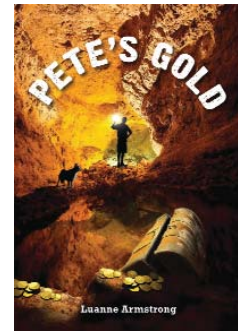
978-1-55380-048-4
342 pp ■ \$10.95

Pete's Gold

Luanne Armstrong

A teenage boy who would rather be spending his summer with his friends and his computer is sent to his grandmother's farm in the country while his parents plan a divorce. Ghosts, skeletons, lost gold and the possibility of a new beginning!

Chocolate Lily and **Red Cedar** shortlisted
Best Books for Kids & Teens selected
Moonbeam shortlisted



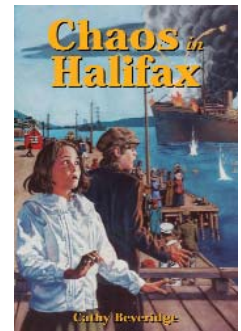
978-1-55380-059-0
194 pp ■ \$10.95

Chaos in Halifax

Cathy Beveridge

Once again, Jolene ventures back in time. With her twin brother Michael, she finds herself in the midst of the Halifax Explosion of 1917. When Michael attempts to change history, the twins are led to the brink of destruction.

Golden Eagle shortlisted



978-1-55380-019-4
206 pp ■ \$9.95

Tragic Links

Cathy Beveridge

In the fourth novel in her best-selling series of Canadian disasters, Beveridge takes Jolene back in time to two Quebec disasters: the Quebec Bridge disaster of 1907 and the Laurier Palace Theatre fire of 1927.

Bronze Medal **Moonbeam**



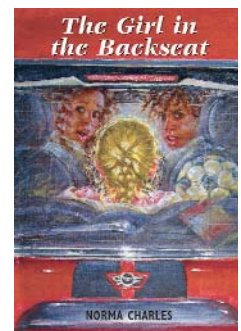
978-1-55380-066-8
190 pp ■ \$10.95

The Girl in the Backseat

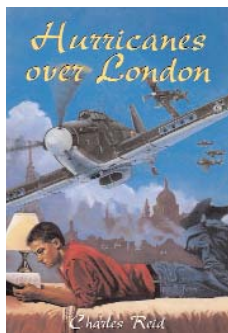
Norma Charles

The story of a young girl who escapes from a Bountiful-like religious commune in which she is threatened with marriage to the "prophet." Stowing away in a Mini with a racially blended family, she makes her way to Winnipeg, pursued by her abusive father.

Bronze Medal **Moonbeam**
Red Cedar shortlisted



978-1-55380-056-9
186 pp ■ \$10.95

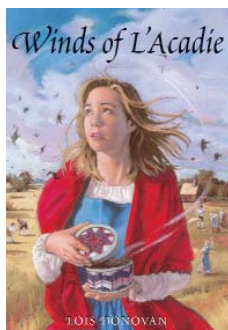


978-0-921870-82-1
152 pp ■ \$8.95

Hurricanes over London

Charles Reid

When Jamie, a young Alberta boy, finds his grandfather's diary of growing up in London during WWII, he learns of the Battle of Britain, discovers the story of Canadian flying ace Willie McKnight and helps restore a Hurricane fighter plane.



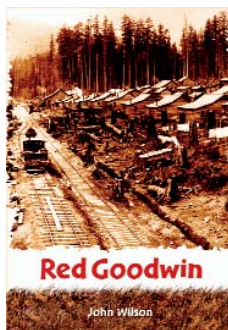
978-1-55380-047-7
216 pp ■ \$11.95

Winds of L'Acadie

Lois Donovan

In this stirring novel, two young people travel back in time to the Acadia of 1755 where they find themselves caught up in the tragedy of the deportation, and challenged to save their new-found friends.

Hackmatack & Golden Eagle shortlisted
Best Books for Kids & Teens selected



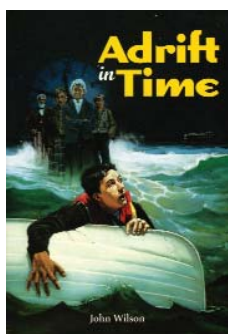
978-1-55380-034-7
170 pp ■ \$9.95

Red Goodwin

John Wilson

A conservative teenager sent out from England to live in the mining town of Cumberland during WWI finds that all his ideas are turned upside down when he befriends Canada's radical labour leader, Ginger Goodwin, who is hiding out in the forests of Vancouver Island.

Red Maple shortlisted

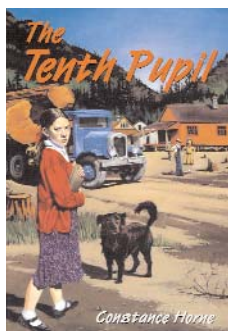


978-1-55380-007-1
135 pp ■ \$9.95

Adrift in Time

John Wilson

A teenager sets off in an open boat after an argument with his father, only to find himself swept out into the Strait of Georgia. Drifting and suffering hypothermia, the young boy is visited by family ghosts who share stories of his ancestors and Canada's pioneer past.



978-0-921870-86-9
160 pp ■ \$8.95

The Tenth Pupil

Constance Horne

A novel about life in the logging camps of Vancouver Island in the 1930s and the racism between Japanese- and European-Canadians – all seen through the eyes of a young girl, Trudy, who, on an excursion to Vancouver, witnesses first-hand a brutal anti-Asian riot.

Dark Times

Edited by Ann Walsh

Thirteen deeply moving stories about young people, in extremis, experiencing grief and loss. Among the authors included are Sarah Ellis, Lee Maracle, Ann Walsh, Alison Lohans, Diana Aspin, Carolyn Pogue and Carrie Mac.

Our Choice (Best Books for Kids & Teens) selected

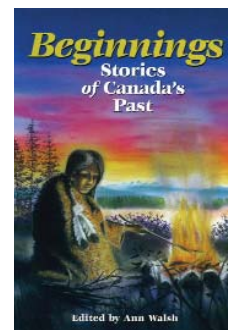


978-1-55380-028-6
184 pp ■ \$9.95

Beginnings: Stories of Canada's Past

Edited by Ann Walsh

This anthology of Canadian short stories focuses on "first time" historical experiences, such as the first meeting between Natives and Europeans in B.C., the first *filles du roi* and the first election in which women could vote. Includes extensive historical notes.



978-0-921870-87-6
228 pp ■ \$12.95

Jeannie and the Gentle Giants

Luanne Armstrong

Jeannie is distraught after being placed with foster parents when her mother becomes mentally ill. Through her friendship with two draft horses, Jeannie gains the maturity to become a source of strength for others.

Silver Birch, BC Book Prizes, Red Cedar and **Hackmatack** shortlisted



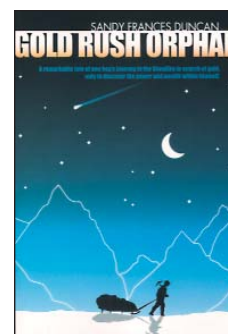
978-0-921870-91-3
154 pp ■ \$8.95

Gold Rush Orphan

Sandy Frances Duncan

This novel follows Jeremy Britain, an orphaned youth, in his trek over the White Pass in search of gold during the 1895 Klondike gold rush. Based on the historical diary of the author's uncle.

BC Book Prizes shortlisted

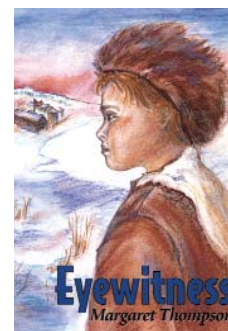


978-1-55380-012-5
280 pp ■ \$10.95

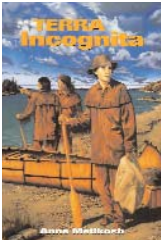
Eyewitness

Margaret Thompson

A novel that recounts life at the Hudson's Bay post of Fort St. James in the 1820s, including the real-life conflict between James Douglas and Chief Kwah of the Carrier people, as seen through the eyes of a young orphan named Peter.



978-0-921870-74-6
190 pp ■ \$8.95



Terra Incognita

Anne Metikosh

Set in New France in 1670, this novel portrays Madeleine Hébert, who disguises herself as a boy to make the long and dangerous canoe trip to Michilmackinac in search of her father, a soldier fighting for the king of France.

978-0-921870-76-0
144 pp ■ \$8.95
Ages 10 & up



Tangled in Time

Lynne Fairbridge

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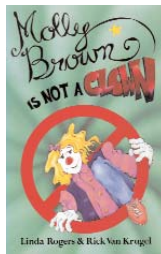


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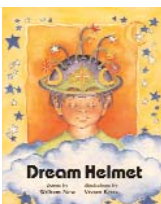
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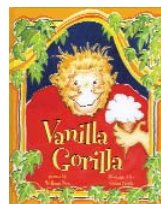


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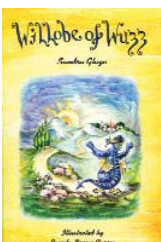


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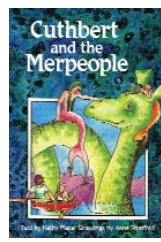


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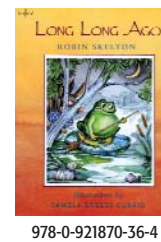


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