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David Menary is the author of *Terrier Town: Summer of '49* (WLU Press, 2003), which won Honourable Mention (historical fiction) at the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Awards in 2004. His second book, *The River and the Railroad*, chronicled the fictional adventures of two 13-year-old boys in the last year before the Great War. The setting of New Thunder was based on the Galt area.

A Cambridge native, he has a master's degree in history from the University of Waterloo, as well as degrees from Western University and Wilfrid Laurier University. In addition to writing, he also enjoys painting. Some of his artwork has been selected for juried art shows at the Cambridge Arts Centre.

His newspaper career began when he was hired as a sportswriter at the *Cambridge Reporter* by renowned sports editor Carl Fletcher. He was recognized with a Milt Dunnell Award by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association, a Bernice Adams Award, and the Don and Benita Rope Sports Contributor Award. He was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in 2024.

His most recent works have mostly delved into local history and include the recently published *BlackWhite: Home Town Memories*, a book of black and white photography showing his portfolio of local scenes. Other books include *Galt's Quest for the Stanley Cup*, *Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame* book, *Great Trees of Canada, Gordie Howe: A Year in Galt*, Brothers of the Wind, *Frederick Douglass in Galt*, *Lusitania: The Waterloo County Connection*, *Don Shaver: A Life*, and the history of Canada's oldest operating rink, Galt Arena.

He is the founder of It Happened in Cambridge and co-founder of the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.



