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Local Author to Release Final Novel in Beothuk Series

MOUNT PEARL, July 5, 2017 - Newfoundland and Labrador author, Terry Foss, will launch the final book in his Red Indian trilogy at the Beothuk Interpretation Centre on July 8th. Red Indian: The Beginning is a prequel to the original novel in the series, Red Indian: The Early Years, as it traces the ancestry of the main characters, Shanadee and Kirraditti.

“We know so little about the now-extinct Beothuk people who inhabited this land,” says Foss. “My goal in writing the Red Indian books has been to flesh out their story, make them real and relatable to the reader, and make them more than just a line in a history book.”

The Red Indian novels are works of historical fiction, exploring the family and tribe of Shanawdithit – the last known member of the Beothuk people. Foss weaves a rich story while integrating the few details known about the ill-fated Beothuk. Historical characters include not only Shanawdithit but also Nonosabasut, whose remains, along with his wife Demasduit’s, have recently been requested to be repatriated from Scotland by the indigenous leaders of Newfoundland and Labrador.

In addition to historical characters, Foss also incorporates the Beothuk language, traditions, and ways of life into his books. Foss drew historical details from what was uncovered through interactions with Shanawdithit and Demasduit with European settlers and through discoveries made at archeological sites in the province. As such, Foss is pleased to be holding the launch of his final book in the Red Indian series at the Beothuk Interpretation Centre historical site where a Beothuk village once stood.

The launch and book signing will take place on Saturday, July 8th, 12:00-4:00 PM at the Beothuk Interpretation Centre in Boyd’s Cove. During the book launch, Foss will read an excerpt from his newest novel, Red Indian: The Beginning, and take any questions readers may have regarding the Red Indian series. Following the launch, Foss will be signing books, with copies of each book in the series available for purchase.

Members of the media interested in learning more about the upcoming book launch should contact the author at the contact information provided below.

About the author: Born in outport Newfoundland and growing up in the town of Embree, Foss spent his childhood roaming the beaches and woods once walked by the Beothuk. He now lives in Mount Pearl with his wife Sharon. The idea of Red Indian was born when he was thumbing through one of the volumes of The Books of Newfoundland and discovered his mother’s maiden name was shared with a “great” Indian killer, Thomas Rowsell. As he became curious about his own ancestry, so too did he become curious about the ancestry of the Beothuk people. To learn more about the author and his novels, visit www.terryfoss.ca.

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