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Inside Indonesia's Big Bang by Dr. Mark Gilbert - Memoir-Plus - January, 2026

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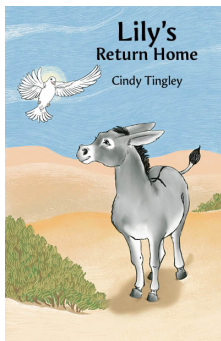
Suggested retail: CAD\$26.99, USD\$21.99

What is a BIG BANG in governance? How could two countries as different as Canada and Indonesia start and maintain a twenty-year partnership to improve public services in Indonesia? *Inside Indonesia's Big Bang* by Mark Gilbert, PhD, is a first-hand account as he reflects back to 1994 when he became part of a Canadian team representing the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) that made their first appearance at the main office of the Indonesian Ministry of Home Affairs. Initially, it was all about timing. Indonesia wanted to grow its economy by speeding up its government regulation approvals and Canada wanted to share knowledge and build relationships with nations aspiring to improve the lives of their citizenry. They began with a focus on

administrative decentralization but quickly evolved into major governance reforms. The catalyst was the 1998 fallout from the Asian financial crisis. Though there were frequent changes in leadership and natural disasters to contend with, the momentum created by the Big Bang was unstoppable as was the Canadian team's commitment to provide support and share expertise.

"This book is a rare example of writing on international development assistance programs in which the technical story is skillfully interwoven with the parallel story of the author's personal encounter with a very different culture, history, and system of governance."

— Tim G. Babcock, Ph.D., institutional development worker, Indonesia 1976-2017



Lily's Return Home by Cindy Tingley - First Chapter Book - March, 2026 (published posthumously)

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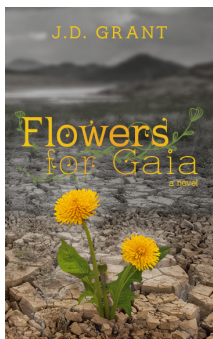
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Lily's Return Home is the fourth and final book in the Lily the Donkey's Adventure series that tells the story of the life of Jesus from the perspective of a feisty, carrot-munching donkey named Lily. From carrying Mary, heavy with child, to Bethlehem in the first book, *Lily's Secret*, to accompanying the Holy Family home to Galilee in this last book, Lily and her animal entourage are witness to the love and acceptance of Jesus and his teachings.

"Cindy Tingley lived and authored her books with love. Her kindness, strength of character, humour and hope are reflected in her series about Lily. In this final story we have the opportunity to celebrate the life of a little

donkey who was both gentle and powerful and the legacy of a small statured woman whose big heart sprinkled peace and love among all of us lucky enough to share time with her."

— Barbara Ann Miller, fellow OCP author, *Zig Zag Zeffy*



Flowers for Gaia by J. D. Grant - YA - May, 2026

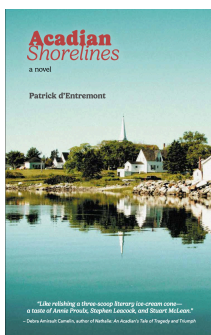
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Call her Earth, or call her Gaia, years from now, our planet is almost uninhabitable as a result of worldwide environmental chaos and war. In the middle of the ocean, two small, conjoined islands still thrive and serve as home to a unique population of survivors, the Wiconi. These peaceful, agrarian-based islanders have genetically evolved affinities that allow them to influence earth, water, air, and fire, talents they use to protect and aid the Earth Mother. They are her Guardians. When three Terran ships from the dying, outer "civilized" world land on the Wiconi islands, cultures collide. The newcomers, with their advanced technologies and cultural arrogance, subjugate the peaceful islanders and build industries that quickly threaten the natural balance and sustainability of the islands.

"A hopeful light in the darkness, Flowers for Gaia explores the power of compassion in a world that is both familiar and mysterious. It is a profound vision of what is possible if we only stopped to heed to the voice and rhythm of the spirit that nurtures us all."

— Caroline McLeod, writer and mother to a future generation of stewards



Acadian Shorelines by Patrick d'Entremont - Historical Fiction - July, 2026

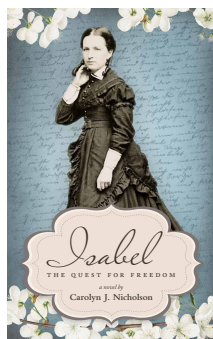
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Suggested retail: CAD\$23.99, US\$19.99

Acadian Shorelines relays the hijinks and heartaches of teenager Tommy Breau growing up in the late 1960s in a small Acadian fishing village in Nova Scotia, where American radio broadcasts of pop music and baseball games come in more clearly than the Habs game from Montreal. Hilarious and heart-breaking in equal measure and featuring a rich cast of smart but clueless friends, wished-for girlfriends, and a loving if strict family, Acadian Shorelines has the adult Tommy looking back and wondering whether the French Catholic upbringing he was so eager to escape may have been the best years of his life.

"A delightful novel, bittersweet, comical, and immersive, where calamities—small and large—occur to beloved characters in a distinctly Canadian community. Narrated with equal parts wry humour and a compassion for the younger self that only comes with hindsight, this is a book you'll want to share."

— Nicola Davison, author of *Decoding Dot Grey*



Isabel – The Quest for Freedom by Carolyn J. Nicholson - Historical Fiction - September, 2026

ISBN: 9781989833650

Suggested retail: CAD\$26.99, USD\$21.99

Isabel Morton's prominent Nova Scotia family wants the best for their twenty-four-year-old daughter—a suitable marriage—but Isabel will have none of it. She wants to be free, even if it means she must live as an "old maid" in a garret. Then she meets William Wishart, who offers her the freedom to follow her own stars if she marries him.

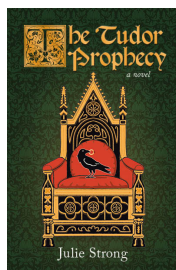
But how does a woman follow her own stars in a culture where women are the property of their fathers, or if married, their husbands, and are to be meek, pious, and subservient? With no access to representative government, no right to vote, how can women be free? Isabel tries to find a way through many twists and turns of fate until, at last, she realizes that freedom for herself is not enough; she chooses to work for women's suffrage in order to gain freedom for all women and their daughters and granddaughters.

Spanning the years 1837 to 1873 and based on the author's own family, this work of historical fiction follows Isabel from bucolic Upper Dyke Village to gritty Halifax, from placid Shelburne to turbulent Saint John, NB, and back to her native Kings County, Nova Scotia, in her quest for freedom.

"This is a compelling novel about a woman confronting the Victorian mores of Nova Scotian society in the mid-nineteenth century. The anecdotes in this engaging family saga range from amusing ("pantalettes" as a fashion statement) to horrifying (the many, many early deaths). Isabel is evocative and eminently readable."

— Bruce W. Bishop, author of *The Families' Storytelling Trilogy: Unconventional Daughters, Uncommon Sons, and Undeniable Relations*

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The Tudor Prophecy by Julie Strong - Historical Fiction - January, 2025

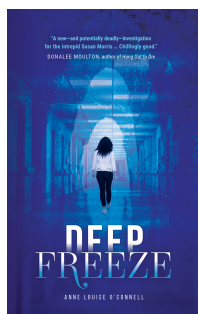
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England, 1541. An ailing Henry VIII reigns from a contested throne. In parallel story lines, *The Tudor Prophecy* follows two young women, Lady Alice Grantmire and Hester Vaughan, cousins who each suffer greatly from the King's unjust decrees. Lady Alice and her mother are evicted from their estate and take residence in a cottage where they earn a subsistence selling herbal remedies—until they are accused of witchcraft. After being molested by the King, Hester is summoned to her estranged father's home in Wales. There she becomes betrothed to a Welsh bard whose mentor has visions foretelling the ascendancy of Henry's second daughter, Elizabeth. When Hester encounters the eight-year-old Lady Elizabeth, the two forge a relationship whereby Hester can persuade the future queen to temper her own rule with mercy. This epic, literary tale—a *Game of Thrones* meets *Little Women*—is also for readers who loved the *Wolf Hall* trilogy by Booker-Prize winner Hilary Mantel.

"An astonishment of riches—impeccably researched, gorgeous detail; wry, earthy humour; nimble, beautiful prose—The Tudor Prophecy recreates a world in which nature and humanity's place in its order outshine the brutal dominion of Henry VIII. Strong's novel is at once playful and wise as it reveals the eternal feminine in an era driven by animus and marked by violent schism. Its players' melodramas are guided by true nobility: the spirit of benevolence and love."

— Carol Bruneau, author of *Brighten the Corner Where You Are*



Deep Freeze by Anne Louise O'Connell (Deep Mysteries book #2) - Crime Fiction - March, 2025

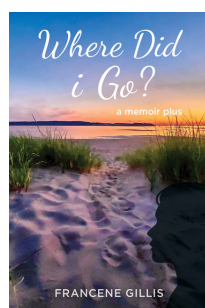
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Susan Morris is relishing the artificial cold of Ski Dubai, an indoor ski hill in the middle of the desert, with fellow expat Pat Thornton when she sees the chairlift carrying Pat's husband detach from its cable and plummet to the ground. After an attempt is made on Barry Thornton's life while he's in hospital, Susan begins to suspect the chairlift crash was no accident. Then the Thorntons' home on the Palm Jumeirah is broken into and their Sri Lankan maid goes missing. Feeling the tell-tale prickling at the back of her neck, Susan is certain all these incidents are connected, but how? In this second book in the Deep Mysteries series, the innate drive to help others puts ex-nurse Susan Morris in precarious positions. Her very life is threatened as she pokes her nose into places it doesn't belong.

"Anne Louise O'Connell's twisting and fast-paced plot and heart-thumping suspense will keep the reader up long after everyone else has gone to sleep. It's a masterpiece in criminal suspense, a who-done-it that will keep you guessing to the very end. If I had to describe it in one word, it would have to be 'riveting'."

— Vernon Oickle, bestselling author of 39 books, including the 'Crow' series



Where Did I Go? a Memoir Plus by Francene Gillis - June, 2025

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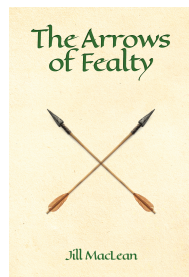
Suggested retail: CAD\$26.99, USD\$19.99

In *Where Did I Go? a Memoir Plus* by Francene Gillis, the author tells her story of the arduous years and months that followed a tragic accident—a slip and fall on her way to that caused a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), the symptoms of which lasted many years. Francene shares her story of the uphill battle that ensued in the hunt for the right treatments and providers at a time when the simplest task was nearly impossible due to the 'hidden' injury she suffered. It's a story related to post concussion, post-traumatic stress disorder, and what can happen when the unexpected crashes in and life takes you on a sliding, downward trajectory. Her symptoms were very

real, from severe balance issues and brain fog, to speech impairment and more. Along with being a teacher, Francene was also a regular columnist for her local paper, both of which came to a halt following her injury. As she slowly regained the ability to focus for short periods of time, she began writing her story in the hope that she could help those with brain trauma and other 'hidden' injuries by sharing her research and others' stories of resilience and perseverance.

"You have done a remarkable job researching this topic! I was extremely impressed! A brain injury (even so-called 'mild' concussions) can be devastating to sufferers. Untreated Post Trauma Vision Syndrome (PTVS) can make life miserable. This book leads you through the symptoms of PTVS and how to find help. If you have a TBI, you owe it to yourself to read!"

— Dr. Toby Mandelman



The Arrows of Fealty by Jill MacLean - Historical Fiction - September, 2025

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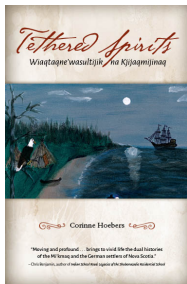
Suggested retail: CAD\$25.99, USD\$19.99

This standalone sequel to *The Arrows of Mercy* tells the story of Edmund of Flintbourne's son. Haukyn is a serf who owes fealty to the lord of the manor and whose life is tied to the soil, yet he craves adventure beyond the boundary stones of his village. In 1373, he leaves for John of Gaunt's campaign in France. During five months of combat and loss, futility and atonement, he learns how armour-clad knights can be brought as low as any serf.

Home again, he is caught between two women, Annabel and Ilotte. Neither marriage nor fatherhood tames his restless spirit. When a knight who was his sworn enemy in France becomes the new lord of the manor, Haukyn leads his neighbours in rebellion against ancient custom and unjust taxation. England's southern counties march in open revolt on London, where Haukyn witnesses the king grant freedom to every serf in the country. Unimaginable freedom. A freedom that will bring consequences.

"Deeply immersive, The Arrows of Fealty pierces the heart. The novel's world, at once strange and familiar—yet ultimately different—coaxes us into what the best historical fiction can do: form deep empathetic connections at once created and strengthened by the very strangeness. Paradoxical? Not in the hands of Jill MacLean. A treat for history fans, The Arrows of Fealty also welcomes every reader with universal themes of longing and love. Quiet and often subtle, written with great care, The Arrows of Fealty shines with the brilliance of fire at night."

— Michelle Butler Hallett, author of *Constant Nobody*, winner of the Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award



***Tethered Spirits* by Corinne Hoebers** - Historical Fiction - October, 2025

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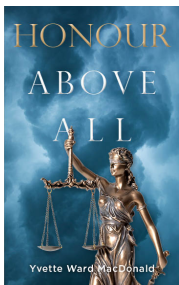
Against the violent backdrop of the French and Indian (Seven Years) War, two German siblings come to learn about and understand the Mi'kmaq. Christian, now named Bear Cub, lives with the ancient People and develops a deep bond with his chosen brother, Eagle Feather, while his new family's way of life is increasingly threatened. On the outskirts of Lunenburg, Hanna, his younger sister, befriends a Mi'kmaq Elder and questions her papa's ownership of the land they are settling. Christian immerses himself in the Mi'kmaq language and the ways of the land, prepared to defend the People alongside Eagle Feather. Christian's father and older sister, Elisabeth, refuse to accept his new way of life; nor will they recognize the humanity of their perceived enemy. Christian is caught between two diverse families and cultures—the one to which he was born and to whom he feels obligated, and the one he has grown to love and respect. Settlers and Mi'kmaq alike struggle on land that is the ancestral home to one and promised to the other, a struggle that resonates to this day.

"In imagining the lives of and connections between German settlers and Mi'kmaq people in eighteenth-century Nova Scotia, Tethered Spirits vividly illuminates this little-known aspect of Atlantic Canadian history and offers a powerful and necessary reminder of whose land we live on. Hoebers's deep knowledge of and care for this history is evident on every page."

— Trudy Morgan Cole, author of *The Cupids Trilogy*

Back Catalogue

Historical Fiction



***Honour Above All* by Yvette Ward MacDonald** – Historical Fiction

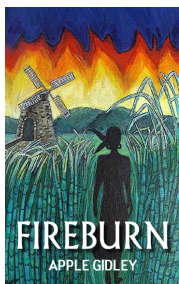
ISBN: 978-1-989833-43-8 (paperback)

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Mary Clark, a promising young lawyer, is asked to handle the estate of a wealthy friend. In the process, she discovers a decades-old letter that will not only test her integrity and her skills as a lawyer, but her loyalty to her client. When her honour is called into question, star lawyer Patrick Coyle comes to her aid. Set in Ottawa and area in 1966, *Honour Above All* explores gender discrimination, childhood trauma, and the will to survive in a suspenseful legal drama that is also a satisfying romance.

"Honour Above All is an amazing debut novel that could be a script for a movie, a courtroom drama. By itself, it is a primer on Estate and Probate law, with all the potential pitfalls that could befall a lawyer, culminating in dramatic courtroom testimony."

— Alexander (Sandy) MacKinnon, LL.B.



***Fireburn* by Apple Gidley** – Historical Fiction

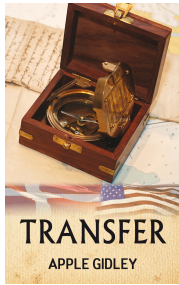
ISBN: 978-0-9952841-1-1 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$20.99, USD\$15.99

The Danish-owned island of 1870s Saint Croix vibrates with passion and tension as Anna Clausen, a young Anglo-Danish woman, returns to her childhood home after her mother's death. Her heart sinks at what she finds on arrival. Her father is ailing and desolate and her beloved plantation, Anna's Fancy, which has been in the Clausen family for three generations, is in shambles. The unwelcome lust of one man and forbidden love for another makes Anna's return to Saint Croix even more turbulent. Despite the decline in the sugar industry, she is determined to retain Anna's Fancy but must first win the trust of her field workers, of Sampson the foreman, and the grudging respect of Emiline the cook and local weed woman. *Fireburn* tells of the horrors of a little-known, bloody period of Caribbean history. Anna weathers personal heartache as she challenges the conventions of the day, and survives the worker rebellion of 1878, 30 years after Emancipation.

"Rich in description, Fireburn is a well-researched novel that shines a light on a historic period in Saint Croix that has received little attention in literature until now."

— Gillian Royes, *The Goat Woman of Largo Bay*



***Transfer* by Apple Gidley – Historical Fiction**

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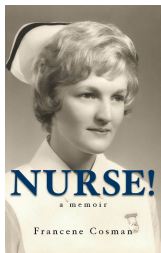
Transfer traces the lives of those on Anna's Fancy, the Clausen estate on Saint Croix in the Danish West Indies, handed down through three generations. An historical novel and the sequel to *Fireburn*, *Transfer* sees Niels Clausen, the illegitimate child of a Danish landowner and his black mistress who both died as a result of the 1878 worker revolt, leave his adoptive mother's sugar plantation and sail to England to continue his education. With the help of Toby, a British aristocrat, Ivy, a lady's maid turned lady and her botanist husband, Timothy, Niels challenges the perceptions on the streets of London of a black man at the turn of the 20th century. His development as a

writer and political protagonist continues as he travels to Denmark and France where he meets up with childhood friends, Javier and Fabiana Gomez, before returning to Saint Croix. The Danish West Indies face an uncertain future as the declining sugar industry lessens Denmark's interest in their colonial outpost. Niels becomes increasingly involved in the future of the islands as war looms and concerns grow that Germany might covet a presence in the Caribbean.

"An evocative, touching story of intertwined lives that draws you in."

— Tony Riches, *The Tudor Trilogy*

Memoir



***Nurse! A Memoir* by Francene Cosman**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-30-8 (paperback)

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The summer of 1959 promises to stretch slowly forward, with one exception. The looming deadline, of entering the Saint John General Hospital school of nursing as a probationer student, interrupts the worry-free days with a nagging doubt. Is nursing the right choice? Self-doubt is mingled with preparation in advance of the date of entry while Francene gets more jittery as the day approaches. She was born to nurse but did not know it yet.

This is a coming-of-age story as a young woman prepares to take on the challenges of a disciplined profession. Written with humour and compassion, the memoir explores what it takes to learn the art and science of nursing. The demands of work, private life, and study are all described as you follow along in her footsteps.

"A compelling read for anyone who would love to take a nostalgic journey into the life and training of a nurse. Francene's passion for her profession shines through this vivid nursing memoir."

— Margie Whitehouse, RN (retired)



***Giving Voice to My Silence* by Montaha Hidefi**

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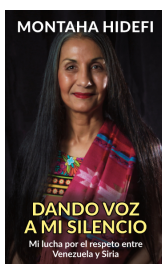
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An inspiring, truthful story of self-determination, resilience, and transformation of a woman who suffered mental manipulation, physical violence, and prejudice as a child in her country of birth, Venezuela, and struggled as a young woman against intimidation, social rejection and restrictions while getting through with cultural shock and even murder attempts in Syria, the country of her parents.

By sharing her journey of coping with mental health and grappling with internal demons that resulted into phobias and rebellion to break long-standing traditions and become an accomplished woman, the author inspires and motivates the reader to overcome their own obstacles and build the life they desire.

"Outstanding story! The inspiration is in believing in yourself and not taking the cruelty inflicted on you like a wounded animal. The author showed resourcefulness at a young age and sets an example for marginalized girls."

— Sandra Leigh, speaker, author, and coach specializing in relationship intelligence, St. Catharines, Canada



***Dando voz a mi silencio* (Spanish) by Montaha Hidefi**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-18-6 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$19.99, USD\$15.99

La desgarradora historia real de autodeterminación, resiliencia y transformación de Montaha Hidefi que de niña sufrió manipulación mental, violencia física e injusticia en su país de nacimiento, Venezuela, y de joven tuvo que luchar contra la intimidación, el rechazo social y las restricciones mientras atravesaba un choque cultural e incluso intentos de asesinato en Siria, el país de sus padres.

Al compartir su lucha para normalizar su salud mental y superar los demonios internos que resultaron en fobias y rebeldías para romper patrones sociales y convertirse en mujer consumada, la autora proporciona inspiración y motivación para ayudar al lector a superar sus propios obstáculos y construir la vida que desea.

“Este libro se lee maravillosamente. Me encanta el tono. La profundidad de los detalles es rica y evocadora. El ritmo avanza, pero se detiene donde es necesario, cuando la autora explora el pasado. La emoción es tan fuerte y palpable que la autora lleva al lector con ella a través de su historia”.

— Levin Chin, diseñador, investigador, Basilea, Suiza

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***By the Light of the Crescent Moon* by Ailsa Keppie**

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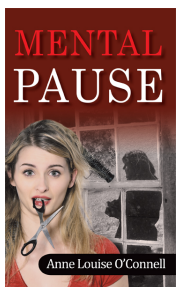
When Ailsa Keppie puts on the hijab for the first time, it solidifies her commitment to her new, chosen religion. She gives up the lights and action of the circus for the position of wife and mother, learns Arabic, and moves to Morocco. A new mother living in a strange country, under foreign rules, Ailsa experiences isolation and racism, as well as romance and sisterhood, in her quest to fit in with her new community. She welcomes another wife into her marriage hoping to experience the peace and joy of a pious life. As the story progresses, cracks appear in her relationships. Things are not as blissful as Ailsa would have others believe. We are drawn into her inner struggle,

often seeing the folly of her choices, but championing her to prevail. Torn between her inner voices of duty, shame, longing, and hope, she is determined to find the light that will get her through darkening times.

“Ailsa has written a deeply moving journey of her life path—from Christianity to Islam; from circus performer to homemaker; from a woman serving her husband to an independent life.”

— Susan Kanor, MA, CBT, IIBA International Trainer

Mystery



***Mental Pause* by Anne Louise O'Connell**

ISBN: 978-0-9849272-2-7 (paperback)

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Abigail Slocum, a forty-something, middle of the road, housewife, and mother of teenage twin boys, tries desperately to keep her outwardly idyllic life together while spiraling into a dark pit of menopausal insanity. Her mind races with suicidal, murderous thoughts so outside of her normal character that it frightens her. The only person she can share the graphic images from her hormonally addled mind with is her best friend, Rachel, recently separated, and the mysterious and titillating Joan, from Rachel's singles support group. Women have survived this female passage of life since the beginning of time! Why was Abbie having so much trouble handling it? As the battle

to maintain her sanity rages on, Abbie, Rachel and Joan stumble into unfortunate, borderline comical, circumstances that lead to a wild night, and a suspicious death. Abbie's cop husband, Conrad, tries to understand what's happening to his sweet wife. While vying for promotion, the entire family gets embroiled in a media frenzy that swirls around a murder trial in which Abbie is the primary suspect.

"Love, attraction, hot flashes, pending empty nest, sizzling nights, surprising twists and missteps galore! O'Connell has written a fun novel about one menopausal woman's desire to let her hair down, and the trouble that can result."

— Linda A. Janssen, *The Emotionally Resilient Expat*



***Deep Deceit* by Anne Louise O'Connell**

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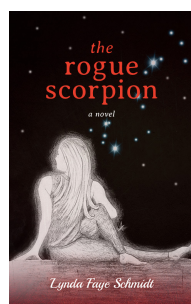
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When Celeste Parker's daughter Tamara goes missing in Dubai the all-out search and rescue mission she anticipates never materializes. She is put off by the police as 18-year-old Tamara is technically an adult, and no foul play is apparent. Celeste faces the gut-wrenching fear every mother dreads... the possibility of losing a child. The longer Tamara is missing the more her feelings of dread escalate. Celeste's maternal instinct tells her something is terribly wrong. New to the city and with her husband away working in Saudi Arabia, Celeste turns to her new friend and fellow expat, Susan Morris, for help. The duo set off on a hunt, which takes them down a dark alley of deep deceit. From exotic nightclubs and high-class call girls to mysterious Saudi palaces hidden behind ominous walls, they follow each lead while uncovering the unthinkable. As they come closer to finding Tamara, the secrets Celeste and Susan uncover threaten not only her daughter's life but everyone in their families' as well.

"Gripping storyline filled with tension and masterfully brought to an edge-of-the-seat crescendo."

— Jae De Wylde, *The Thinking Tank* and *Sleeping People Lie*

Women's Fiction



***The Rogue Scorpion* by Lynda Faye Schmidt**

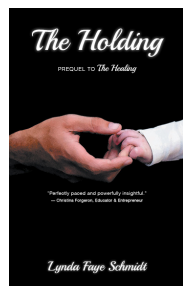
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Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$18.99

The Rogue Scorpion is the story of Isabella Ricci, who, discouraged by the art scene in her birth city of Winnipeg, Canada, sets out for adventure to Bangkok, Thailand. Isabella's self-confidence is shattered after an incident on Ko Samet. An unexpected message from a friend has her return to Canada, where a dysfunctional relationship drives her to pick up and leave once again. In Panama, Isabella learns to trust her intuition and accept her authentic self. Her life begins to shift, from a constant series of battles, into flow. There, she discovers the spiritual depth she yearns for and finds love where she never expected it.

"The Rogue Scorpion had me captivated from the first page to the last page. Lynda Faye Schmidt weaves so much emotion and adventure in her storytelling that you can't help but wonder what will happen next in the story."

— Karen Dean, author of *We Are Unbreakable*



***The Holding* by Lynda Faye Schmidt**

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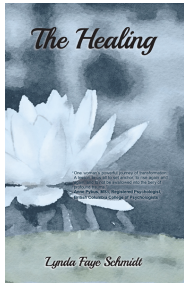
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The Holding, is a prequel to *The Healing*. Based on true events, the story takes us back to the beginning, where Cate Henderson is born in a small prairie town in Saskatchewan, Canada. Six weeks premature, baby Cate is tiny, but feisty and determined. Even as an infant, Cate's radiant smile lights up a room. But the heart of this novel is the relationship that unfolds between Cate and her father, William.

An emotional read, *The Holding* delves into both harsh realities and healing journeys. From childhood abuse and bullying to the power of love to transform, it is a story of resilience, a father's devotion, and an unbreakable bond between father and daughter that will have the reader engaged right up to the last scene.

"Lynda Faye Schmidt invites readers into a close examination of a life filled with troubles and triumphs. Follow the protagonist Cate through her youth, adolescence and early adulthood as she builds resilience during life's stages as a daughter, friend, survivor, spouse, parent and caregiver. While Cate's journey holds surprises, what we ultimately see is how her scars fortify her."

— Alison DeLory, author of *Making it Home*



***The Healing* by Lynda Faye Schmidt**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-06-3 (paperback),
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99 (paperback) USD\$18.99

Based on true events, *The Healing* is the story of Cate Henderson who, after twenty-six years in an abusive relationship, sets out on a quest to find healing. Cate packs up everything she owns and leaves Calgary on an odyssey westward, to Vancouver Island, where her ever-present journal and the abundance of nature become the foundation of her self-recovery. She yearns for something deeper and then, when she isn't looking, she finds love with the solid and virtuous Ethan. Cate thinks his steady love is what she is searching for, but soon realizes she needs to do her own work, that love for herself is the key.

"The Healing is a powerful story that captures the true essence of courage and personal transformation."
— Lynn Lambert M.S.W., R.S.W.



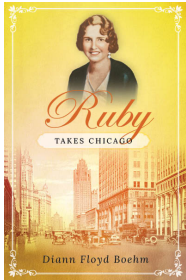
***The Holding & The Healing Companion Journal* by Lynda Faye Schmidt – Guided Journal**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-25-4 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$18.99

The Holding & The Healing Companion Journal integrates the influences of others with the author's own unique twists. Divided into four sections, the first two sections explore messages and inquiry derived from her novels, *The Holding* and *The Healing*. Section three is about uncovering your authentic self and the final section is about living your authentic life by applying what you've learned. It is the author's hope that writing in this journal ignites your

curiosity, gives you a stronger sense of self, and provides you with more tools to live your life with even greater courage than you ever have before.

Young Adult (YA)



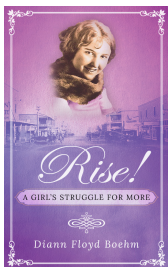
***Ruby Takes Chicago* by Diann Floyd Boehm**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-38-4 (paperback) – dyslexia-friendly font
Suggested retail: CAD\$22.99, USD\$16.99

Ruby Takes Chicago, is the sequel to *Rise! A Girl's Struggle for More*. It's now the 1920s, and a young Ruby Dinsmore leaves her hometown of Oilton, Oklahoma and heads for Chicago to make her dreams come true. In the first book, Ruby, born in 1904, grows up wanting to be a businesswoman and does everything she can to make it happen. Ruby's family realizes her dreams can only come true in a larger town where a young woman with a college education would be accepted in the workforce. Once in Chicago, Ruby is surprised to learn that, even in a big city, society as a whole is still reluctant to accept women working outside the home. Determined to stay true to herself, she takes on the challenges of life in tumultuous times of prohibition, protests, and women's rights marches. Ruby meets like-minded women, and together they break through the barriers until Ruby lands the perfect job; all amidst discovering the joys of life and love, and heartbreak...and love again.

"Step back to the time of 'The Charleston', speakeasies, and the Jazz Age as one fearless young woman navigates the changing social mores, economic opportunities, and mindset of the 1920s in America. A page-turning fictionalized account of a trailblazing independent woman."

— Aimee Ravichandran, Abundantly Social



***Rise! A Girl's Struggle for More* by Diann Floyd Boehm**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-11-7 (paperback); 978-1-989833-13-1 (paperback – dyslexia friendly version),
Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99 (paperback regular), USD\$18.99
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Rise! is an old-fashioned, historical family drama—a sweet, yet edgy, coming of age story. Set in the 1920s, it is based on the life of the author's grandmother. The main character, Ruby Pearl, is mature beyond her years, born at least a decade too soon. Growing up in a family of nine children in Oilton, Oklahoma, with her nose constantly in a book, she's the girl who would rather read than can tomatoes. Ruby studies hard to make good grades, while her parents

humor her. They encourage the courtship with her beau, Arthur, who they expect will be their son-in-law when the two graduate from

high school. Ruby has loftier goals than that. She admires her momma and big sister, Rilla, the “CEOs of the household,” and hopes to have children and a home of her own to manage someday, but first things first!

“You will fall in love with Ruby and her dream to be educated and have a career in the 1920’s. Boehm beautifully captures the changing times of a horse and buggy town, with the arrival of automobiles, new dress styles, and courtships. I am proud to have a heartwarming story written about our town.”

— Kathy Dupee, Curator and Founder, Oilton Historical Society

Middle Grade & First Chapter Books



***The Last Witch on Skye* by Carolyn J. Nicholson**

ISBN: 978-1-989833-43-8 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$17.99

The Ban the Witches and Fairies (BW&F) Party has chased all the supernatural beings out of the Isle of Skye. Only Magaidh, a young witch, remains, hiding in a castle disguised as a cat. But she and the Queen of the Fairies have a plan to rescue the Fairy Flag, allowing the fairies and Magaidh to return to Skye. As Magaidh resumes her business, Spells, Inc., she thinks about getting revenge on the BW&F Party, but the Fairy Queen suggests that peace would be a better plan. While Magaidh considers which it will be, peace or revenge, her business allows her to help the people of Skye with love potions and spells to reverse the troublesome effects of fairy arrows. She and her two

fairy friends, Sean and Iain, go on many adventures together, including rescuing a baby Welsh dragon; dealing with Big Blue Donald, a ghost; and befriending a baby water horse. In the process, Magaidh gets to know her father and finds out why she is different from her siblings, who force her to choose revenge!

“Nicholson’s mystical novel of witches, fairies and dragons is sure to delight readers of all ages. Don’t be surprised to find yourself cheering Magaidh on as she learns one good turn brings another. Be prepared to lose yourself in this delightful novel of Celtic culture.”

— Deborah Toogood, middle grade author



***Shanti Fights for Her Rights* by Marcia E. Barss**

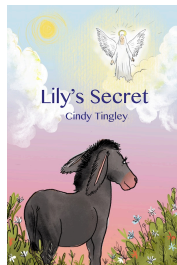
ISBN: 978-1-989833-32-2 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$19.99, USD\$15.99

Fourteen-year-old Shanti’s home is in a village in eastern India, where her parents work in the rice fields. She attends school in a town forty kilometres away and hopes to become a teacher. But while she is home on vacation, her mother gives birth to another girl. Shanti’s father declares she must leave school to care for her baby sister. He also makes plans for Shanti to be married as soon as possible, despite the law against girls under eighteen being forced into marriage.

“A beautifully detailed, suspenseful story about a young girl fighting to free herself from an impossible situation.”

— Jacqueline Halsey, author of *Piper*



***Lily’s Secret* by Cindy Tingley**

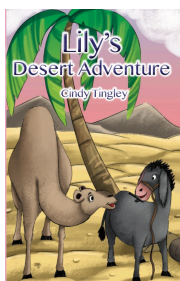
ISBN: 978-0-9952841-6-6 (paperback - book 1 in series)

Suggested retail: CAD\$12.99, USD\$9.99

This is the story of a little donkey named Lily, who has a secret! One day Lily is visited by an angel, who tells her of a child, a Saviour, who will be born and Lily is the one chosen to take his mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, to Bethlehem. Lily is frightened because she’s been told she’s too little to do anything important. She draws strength from her faith and overcomes her fears and self-doubt, to safely carry Mary and Jesus, the unborn child, to their destination.

“Cindy Tingley has taken an historical story and woven a delightfully imaginative tale narrated by Lily, a little donkey.”

— Marea Prowse, retired library assistant



Lily's Desert Adventure by Cindy Tingley

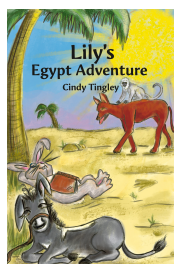
ISBN: 987-1-9990156-1-9 (paperback – book 2 in series)

Suggested retail: CAD\$12.99, USD\$9.99

Lily's Desert Adventure is the second in the Lily's Adventure series that tells the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of a little donkey named Lily. In the first book, *Lily's Secret*, the carrot-munching, care-free Lily overcomes her initial fear and self-doubt of her ability to fulfill a huge responsibility, to safely carry Mary and Jesus, the unborn child, to Bethlehem. Once Lily successfully completes her task and Baby Jesus had been born, she thinks they can all go home. But when the Wisemen visit the Holy Family, she senses that something has changed. In the darkest hour of the night, Joseph wakes her and says they have to hurry to a strange new land to keep Jesus safe. She is off to the desert, her journey still far from over, and another adventure begins.

"It's a sweetly told tale, based on the biblical journey of Jesus and his parents into Egypt. Cindy has a wonderful ability to engage the reader with her detailed descriptions and delightful writing style. Complete with angels and heart-talking animals, this imaginative story is sure to become a favourite with traditional Christian families."

— Rev. Anne Hoganson, St. Paul's United Church



Lily's Egypt Adventure by Cindy Tingley

ISBN: 978-1-989833-26-1 (paperback)

Suggested retail: CAD\$14.99, USD\$12.99

Lily the Donkey's Adventures with the Holy Family continue as they depart Bethlehem in the dark of night to escape King Herod's clutches. After crossing the desert, they arrive in Egypt and *Lily's Egypt Adventure* unfolds as new and old animal friends join the entourage and learn and share lessons of love, kindness, and forgiveness. Young readers will enjoy this bible 'fan fiction' told from the perspective of Lily, a carrot-munching, feisty donkey, Professor Rakim Rabbit, Red Dog, Yoyo the monkey, lions Kufu and Aziza, camel siblings Daisy and Deca, and more!

"Tingley speaks to the heart of readers of all ages with a message of hope, freedom and how all creatures great and small can be transformed by the power of God's love."

— Darcy Gillis, former Sunday School teacher

Children's Picture Books

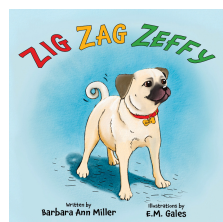


Orange Kitty Colouring Book by E.M. Gales

ISBN: 978-1-989833-40-7

Suggested retail: CAD\$8.99, USD\$6.99

This is the companion colouring book for the playful, colourful, vibrantly illustrated, counting and rhyming children's picture book, *Orange kitty and the Mouse Parade*, about a sleepy cat that snoozes through a lively parade with fifty-five marching, cheering, trumpeting, baton-twirling mice!



Zig Zag Zeffy by Barbara Miller

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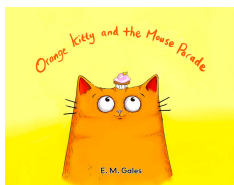
ISBN: 978-1-989833-37-7 (hard cover)

Suggested retail: CAD\$24.99, USD\$17.99

Zig Zag Zeffy is a heart-warming story of a Hu-Mom who adopts an energetic, fun-loving Puggle named Zeffy. It's a rhyming narrative that follows the pair as they develop an unbreakable bond. From Zeffy's adoption as a puppy, through a few growing pains, to obedience training and exploring the wide world outside, Zeffy and his Hu-Mom learn about each other, and about boundaries, and loving and living life. It's the first in a planned series that will teach themes such as inclusion and self-esteem with fun and rhythmic story-telling that ignites a child's passion for reading, while developing knowledge and enhancing social interaction with animals as well as people.

"This wonderful early childhood book keeps the young reader's attention as the love develops between a puppy and his Hu-Mom. The descriptive and fun story flows well, and is accompanied by colourful illustrations, providing many opportunities for teachable moments."

— Marg MacDonald, Recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education (2021)



Orange Kitty and the Mouse Parade by E.M. Gales

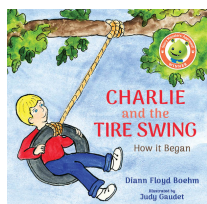
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Orange Kitty and the Mouse Parade is a playful, colourful, vibrantly illustrated, counting and rhyming children's picture book about a sleepy cat that snoozes through a lively parade with fifty-five marching, cheering, trumpeting, baton-twirling mice, who tumble out from a "little blue door just an inch from the floor." Each dramatic page brings increasing numbers of little furry performers, from ONE marching maestro, through the final FIFTY-FIVE mice, spilling onto the page in a joyful splash of fun and frolics. Little readers will be charmed by the costumed revelers and will delight in counting the mice on each page and learning and recognizing the numbers emblazoned on each of their tiny costumes. Adult readers will love the read-aloud rhythm and help spark a love of learning, while counting along with their little ones, and helping spot the numbers.

"Orange you glad to discover this joyful book? Buoyant and whimsical it celebrates the world of small while a plump tabby has a snore in the hall. Full of cheeky mice and rhyming verse, it's a fun introduction to numbers. Kids will want to count every mouse in the vivid, intricate illustrations."

— Nicola Davison, author



Charlie and the Tire Swing by Diann Floyd Boehm

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Charlie and the Tire Swing is a beautiful intergenerational story told from the perspective of Charlie and his Grandpa Jack. Over a cup of hot chocolate, Charlie's grandfather tells the story of how he planted an acorn with his own grandfather, Charlie's Great-Great Grandpa George, and how he tenderly cared for it and watched it grow, from one season to the next. He shares that over the years, as the acorn grew into a might oak tree, how each generation enjoyed the shade of the tree, climbing it, reading under it, and gathering together as a family around it. It's a story of growing strong family ties, of sharing stories from generation to generation, and of appreciating nature, and the simple things in life, like swinging on a tire swing.

"Thank you, Diann Floyd Boehm and Charlie's tire swing, for giving me the opportunity to relive my childhood wonder at the miracle of nurturing growth and my childhood memories of carefree summer days spent on my own tire swing. A sweet intergenerational story."

— Lana Shupe, author, *The Lonely Little Lighthouse*



Timothy Titus Terrance O'Toole & the Dragon by Jackie Arnason

ISBN: 978-1-989833-14-8 (paperback)
Suggested retail: CAD\$13.99, USD\$10.99

978-1-989833-15-5 (hard cover)
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Timothy Titus Terrance O'Toole is a kind-hearted little boy. . .who befriends a big, scary dragon! Well, not so scary really, and actually a little bit shy, being new to the neighbourhood. Timothy is able to convince his mother to let him keep the dragon as long as his father approves. Timothy's dragon wins over not just Timothy's parents, but the entire community, with his love of children, helpful attitude, and skillful kitten rescuing. He becomes an important part of the neighbourhood, and is so well-loved that he is forgiven for eating Mrs. McGillicuddy's flowered hat! It's just what dragons do. He uses his fire-breathing for good, like lighting barbeques and warming up bowls of chili, like no one else can. He fits in perfectly! What a helpful dragon.

"A warm and welcoming short story that reminds us of the magic of imagination and the power of kindness."

— Caylee Ortiz, ECE teacher and children's librarian



The Purple Frog by Angela Jeffreys

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Hubert the frog is a smart, purple frog who is constantly teased by the kids at school and harassed by his brother and his sister. They are all green and they make fun of Hubert because he is different. One morning, Hubert wakes up with a green spot on the middle of his forehead. Each morning after, another green spot appears. He covers them up because he knows the teasing will only get worse. Imagine being a purple frog with green spots! How will Hubert ever survive the humiliation? Maybe he would be happier if he was all green, just like everyone else. Or would he?

"In a day and age where society still puts so much focus on conforming, this book is a subtle way to teach children that it's ok to be yourself."

— Carolyn A. Laurie, BooksBecause



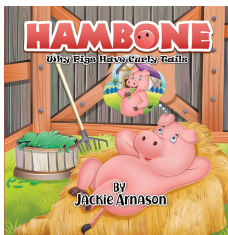
Nisqnanamuksit Sqolj, Mi'kmaw translation by Dr. Bernie Francis

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*Mi'kmaw language narration by Dr. Francis can be heard on the OC Publishing YouTube channel.



Hambone-Why Pigs Have Curly Tails by Jackie Arnason

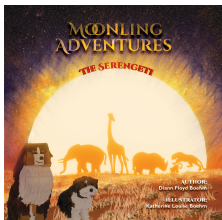
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Hambone is a normal, little pig who loves to wallow in mud, gobble corn cobs and play with his brother and sister on Farmer Brown's acreage. But Hambone has a dream – he wants a dill pickle – a big, green, drippy, sour dill pickle. His dream is so compelling that Hambone leaves home to chase it. He meets with many colourful characters on his adventure, including a parrot, a chef and a really big elephant until at last – his dream comes true – but something unexpected happens to his tail as his dream becomes reality! Hambone's little tale teaches us that you really can believe in your dreams!

"A delightful tale to read aloud. Hambone will leave you drooling for pickles!"

— Kaiti Webb – Children's Library Programmer



Moonling Adventures-The Serengeti by Diann Floyd Boehm, Illustrations by Katherine Louise Boehm (book 4, Little Girl in the Moon series)

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Moonling Adventures-The Serengeti, is the continuation of *The Little Girl in the Moon* series. In this adventure, exciting things are happening in Tycho Town! The Little Girl in the Moon and her best friend, the Little Boy in the Moon, team up with their smart Moonling dogs, Shadow and Lola, to have a fun day. The adventure begins in the observatory on the Moon, where Shadow and Lola

maneuver the large telescope in the 'virtual reality' simulator that takes off and heads to Earth. The Moonlings land their simulated spaceship in the Serengeti where the adventurers explore the exotic world of East Africa, learning about lots of wild animals in their natural habitats—giraffes, hippos, hyenas, and more! Climb aboard and see what the Moonlings have in store for you.

"The continued creativity of the Boehm mother-daughter duo in the Moonling Adventures shines through with the story-telling and ingenious artwork that is sure to capture the imagination of children."

— Cindi Flow, Ed.D., Educational Consultant

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