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Bill Gates, Pay Your Taxes...Just Like the Rest of Us!

How low taxes for the super-rich and corporations has created the world's financial crisis—and what we can do about it

Brigitte Alepin

Where to find the trillions that governments need to end the world's economic crisis

Many experts and financial journalists dismiss the idea that higher taxes for rich people and large corporations would make a difference to government revenues. Even Bill Gates' personal fortune wouldn't make a dent in the huge US government deficit. But Harvard-trained economist and tax expert Brigitte Alepin has a different point of view.

Relying on her in-depth knowledge of tax systems in Canada, the US, France, and elsewhere, Alepin provides a behind-the-scenes explanation of what has happened to create a massive gap in government revenues. Over the last twenty years, large corporations, the super-rich, and private foundations have mastered the art of paying next to nothing in taxes. This black hole in government revenues—found in virtually every country—accounts for trillions of dollars in lost revenue every year. As Alepin demonstrates using data drawn from leading international organizations, these missing trillions would go a long way towards allowing the world's governments to balance their books.

Collecting taxes from big corporations and the super-rich cannot be done by any one country alone. But with governments of all political stripes facing this common problem, there are concrete steps they can take together to address it. Ensuring that wealthy individuals and corporations pay their fair share in taxes would not result in ruinously high rates. Instead, it would mean that the super-rich and corporations would pay taxes at rates that would reflect their true ability to pay.

Brigitte Alepin shows how a fair tax system for Bill Gates and for the world's richest individuals and corporations can be the answer to the financial crisis the world faces today.

BRIGITTE ALEPIN is a Harvard-trained chartered accountant and tax specialist with extensive public and private-sector experience. She has been hired by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance in Ottawa to investigate tax evasion and tax havens and by the Quebec's Health and Welfare Commissioner to quantify the cost of the province's healthcare system. She is a lecturer on taxation and tax policy at the Université du Québec, a frequent media commentator, and a regular contributor to CA Magazine (the journal of Chartered Accountants of Canada).



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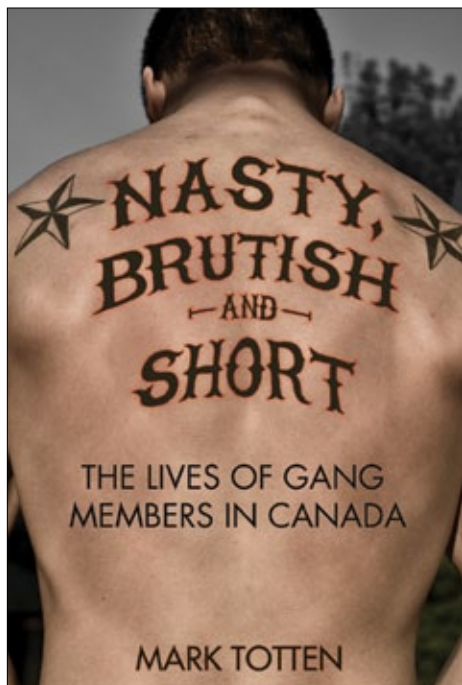
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Nasty, Brutish and Short

The lives of gang members in Canada

Mark Totten with Daniel Totten

An expert takes us inside the dark world of youth gangs in Canada

United Nations, Red Scorpions, Crazy Dragons, Fresh Off the Boat, Indian Posse, Native Syndicate, Mad Cowz, Crips, Bloods, Jamestown Crew, Bo-Gars, Crack Down Posse, Syndicate, Gaston Road Gang, G-Lock, and Murda Squad—these are some of the youth gangs in Canada today.

Mark Totten has spent fifteen years learning about youth gangs. He has interviewed over 500 gang members in cities across the country, tracing their lives from infancy to adulthood, and exploring the roots of their involvement in crime and their reliance on violence.

This book offers a groundbreaking picture of the reality of youth gangs in Canada. Much of what Totten has to say is at odds with popular ideas. His research leads him to believe that breaking through the circumstances that produce young criminals is far more difficult than most people think. For individuals caught in gang life, exiting that world is next to impossible—in fact, the most common way out is an early death from violence or suicide.

This book opens a window on an element of Canadian life that is unknown to most Canadians.

MARK TOTTEN has worked on eight major studies in this area during the past fifteen years, in research funded by public agencies like the Department of Justice Canada and the National Crime Prevention Centre. Many of his projects involve partnerships with Aboriginal and ethno-racial communities. In 2011–2012, he is collaborating with groups in Ontario and Western Canada in the development and evaluation of multi-year gang prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies.

*He is past Director of Research at the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa (1987–2007) and has worked with high-risk children, youth, adults, and families for over thirty years. A well-known expert witness for both Crown and Defence Counsel on gangs and criminal subculture, he has written many books, academic articles, and government reports, including *Guys, Gangs and Girlfriend Abuse* (2000), *When Children Kill: A Social-Psychological Study on Youth Homicide* (2002), and *Promising Practices for Addressing Youth Involvement in Gangs* (2008).*

DANIEL TOTTEN is a graduate student in psychology at Carleton University.

Visionaries, Crusaders, and Firebrands

The Idealistic Canadians Who Built the NDP

Lynn Gidluck

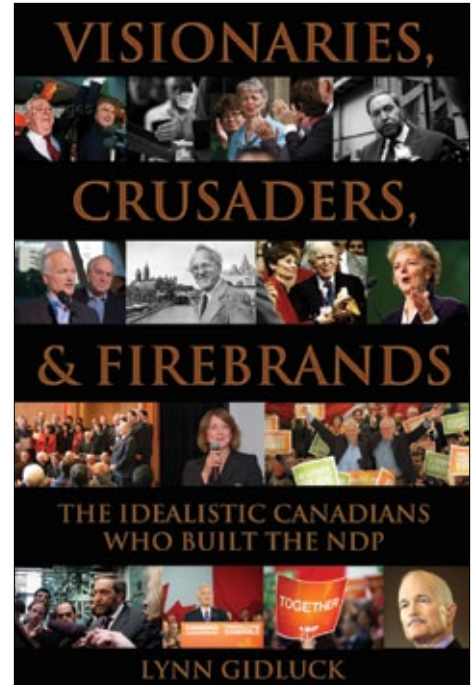
It's visionary, principled leaders—not just policies and programs—that are key to the NDP's importance in Canadian public life

As an idealist and a visionary, Jack Layton connected with millions of Canadians who saw that he was a different kind of political leader. So did Tommy Douglas, chosen as the greatest Canadian ever by CBC's television audience.

The New Democratic Party and its predecessor, the CCF, have often chosen leaders who resonated with the Canadian public. In fact, the vision and the ideals of the leaders of the NDP and the CCF have been key to its strength and appeal. Their commitment to these values in their personal as well as their political lives has earned them admiration and support far beyond the votes they have attracted at election time. Even though these politicians have never succeeded in forming a government in Ottawa, they are seen to stand for values the whole country cherishes.

As a historian, Lynn Gidluck noted that the story of the CCF/NDP has often focused on events, policies, programs, and electoral campaigns. In this book, her emphasis is on the leaders who have defined the party, its vision, and its policies. This tradition of selecting distinguished leaders who share and refine a vision of a better Canada is as important as the policies they have promoted. By focusing on leaders, this book offers fresh insight into the NDP and its appeal to Canadians.

LYNN GIDLUCK lives in Regina with her husband and three children. She is currently working on a PhD in public policy and history through the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Regina. She is a former director of the Saskatchewan office of the Centre for Policy Alternatives.



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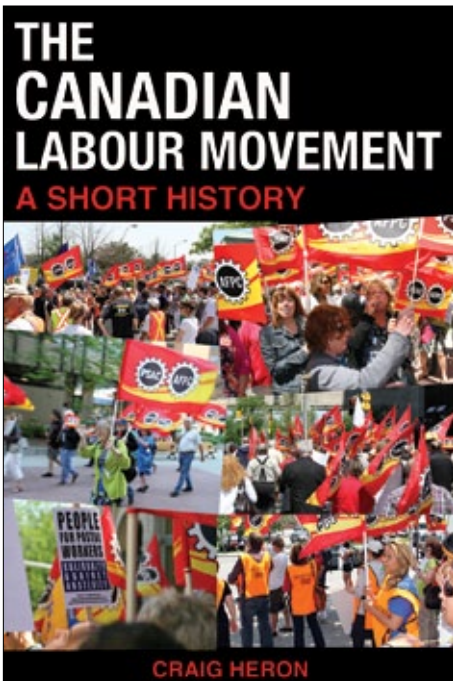
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The Canadian Labour Movement, Third Edition A Short History

Craig Heron

The triumphs and setbacks of workers and the union movement in Canada

In *The Canadian Labour Movement*, historian Craig Heron tells the story of Canada's workers from the mid-nineteenth century through to today, painting a vivid picture of key developments such as the birth of craft unionism, the breakthroughs of the fifties and sixties, and the setbacks of the early twenty-first century.

This new edition has been completely updated, including a substantial new chapter that covers the period from 1995 to 2011. In this chapter, Heron describes the rise of globalization and the restructuring of the private sector that began in the nineties and continues today. The results have been catastrophic for Canadian working people as plants closed and union activities were curtailed. As the political right succeeded in dominating public debate during this period, workers suffered ever greater losses: fewer and more precarious jobs, rising unemployment, stagnating wages, and increases in poverty. Only with the crash of 2008 and the Occupy Wall Street movement has space for the political left and labour begun to open up once again.

The Canadian Labour Movement is the definitive book for anyone who is interested in understanding the origins, achievements, and challenges of the labour and social justice movements in Canada.

CRAIG HERON is a professor in the Department of History at York University. He is the author of *Booze in Canada: A History*, which was shortlisted for the Sir John A. Macdonald Prize, and the author of *Working in Steel: The Early Years in Canada, 1883–1935*.

Our Lives: Canada after 1945, Second Edition

Alvin Finkel

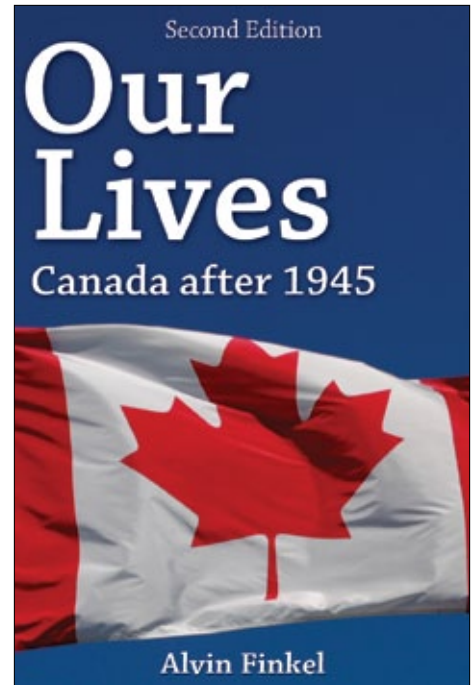
The people, forces, and events that have shaped post-war Canada

This book offers a short, comprehensive history of post-war Canada. All the major events and developments in Canadian history are discussed: the evolution of the welfare state; the growth of economic domination by the United States; the halcyon days as a Middle Power; the Quiet Revolution; the First Nations' quest for autonomy; the flowering of English-Canadian nationalism; Quebec nationalism; the women's movement; neo-conservatism; and globalization. Finkel covers political, economic, social, and cultural history in this volume.

This second edition includes a substantial new chapter that discusses the people, events, and developments that have dominated the period from 1995 to 2012. This chapter looks at the growing social inequality within Canadian society; the effects of globalization on Canada's industries, economy, and workers; and the increasing environmental challenges that we face.

Extensively illustrated, *Our Lives: Canada after 1945* is a uniquely accessible and comprehensive overview of a period only beginning to attract the attention of historians.

ALVIN FINKEL is a professor of history at Athabasca University. He is also the author of *Business and Social Reform in the Thirties*, *The Social Credit Phenomenon in Alberta*, and *A History of Canadian Peoples*.



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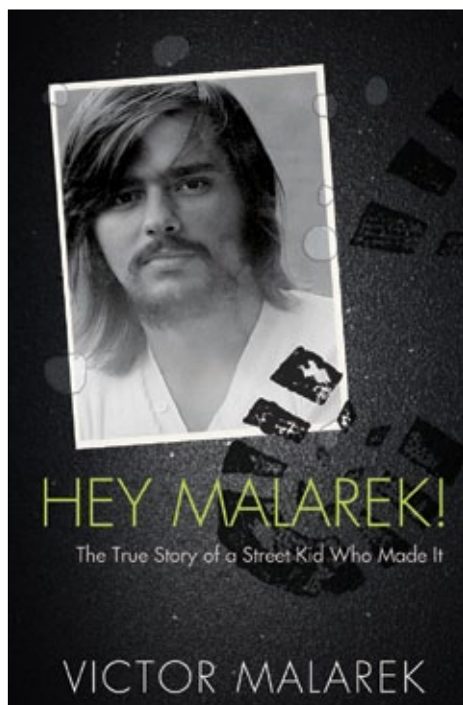
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Hey Malarek!

The True Story of a Street Kid Who Made It

Victor Malarek

Foreword by Michele Landsberg

A big-city street kid remembers hit-and-run violence and hit-and-run sex

Victor Malarek is known to most Canadians as a tough investigative journalist who is willing to delve into stories revealing the worst side of human nature. His previous books investigate the clients of prostitutes, and the women who break the hearts of Canadians whom they marry only to gain citizenship.

In this classic book, Malarek turns his investigative talent on his own past. He has written the story of how he grew up as a street kid in Montreal, caught up in the world of boys' homes, social workers, probation officers, and petty crime.

Malarek was only ten when Children's Aid took him and his two brothers away from his family to an institution for boys. He was seventeen when an unusual judge chose to give him a second chance. Through that lucky break—and a lot of hard work—Victor Malarek was able to give his life a different direction. But for a long time it was touch and go, as this compelling book makes very clear.

Hey Malarek! is as fresh and relevant today as it was when it was first written. In the epilogue to this new edition, Victor Malarek muses on how he managed to find a different path for his life, despite having all the cards stacked against him, and reflects on what his story means for other kids—and for the world of social workers, police officers, and others who deal with Canada's most disadvantaged youth.

VICTOR MALAREK has been a journalist for four decades. He began his career as a copy boy at Weekend Magazine in 1968. From 1990 to 2000, Malarek was one of the hosts for CBC Television's The Fifth Estate. In 2000, he became the investigations editor for The Globe and Mail. Today, he is a senior investigative reporter on CTV's current affairs show, W5. Often described as a champion for the underdog, Malarek has worked on many stories for W5, including "Forgotten Children," a look at children left languishing in orphanages overseas, and "Let Me Go," a thoughtful investigation of the debate around euthanasia.

In 1997, he won a Gemini Award as Canada's top broadcast journalist. Malarek has also received four Michener Awards—three during his tenure with The Globe and Mail and the other at The Fifth Estate. Malarek is the author of six books.

MICHELE LANDSBERG is an award-winning journalist who is often described as "a fearless advocate for women and children." She has published four best-selling books, including Writing the Revolution and Women and Children First.

Lorimer Field Guide to 225 Ontario Birds

Written and illustrated by Jeffrey C. Domm

A concise, full-colour guide to Ontario's most common wild birds, with listings of the best birding hotspots from Point Pelee to Ottawa

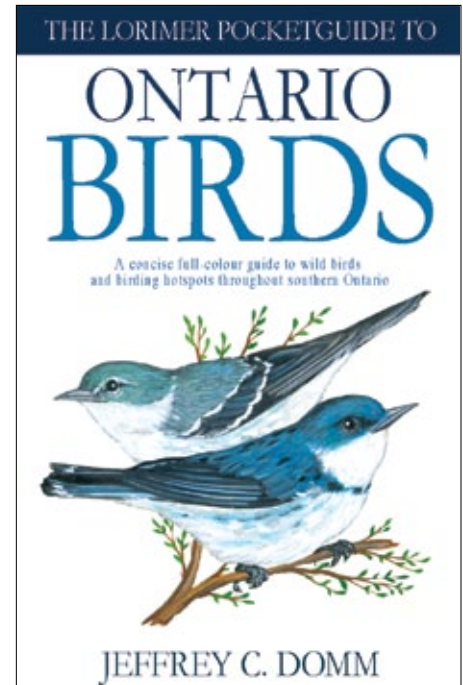
Birding is one of Canada's most popular outdoor activities. Identifying species at backyard feeders, in parks, fields, and forests is popular with young and old alike. And in parks, on shorelines, and in rural areas throughout Ontario, there are internationally recognized spots for seeing migrant and breeding birds, such as the tundra swan and the peregrine falcon.

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The Lorimer Field Guide to 225 Ontario Birds is a handy reference for beginners and a useful local guide for experienced birders.

JEFFREY C. DOMM has had a lifelong interest in nature and wildlife. Over the past two decades, he has illustrated more than 20 wildlife books, including the best-selling Formac Pocketguide to Nova Scotia Birds series. He lives and works close to the shores of Halifax Harbour, in the village of Cow Bay, Nova Scotia.



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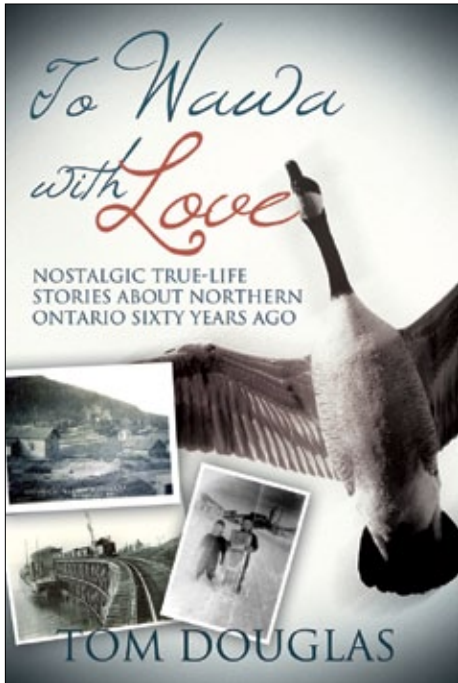
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To Wawa with Love

Tom Douglas

Nostalgic true-life stories about northern Ontario sixty years ago

When Tom Douglas's father returned home after the Second World War, he was forced to move his family from Sault Ste. Marie north to Wawa, where he was the timekeeper at the Helen Mine. Although his parents were upset by the move, Tom was thrilled. In the forties, Wawa was still a wooden-sidewalked mud wallow of a mining town, and for a city kid, nothing could have been more exciting.

To Wawa with Love is a nostalgic collection of true stories about a time in northern Ontario that still exists only in the author's imagination. These are light-hearted stories about a town teeming with colourful characters, like Doc MacTavish, Wawa's veterinarian and part-time dentist; magical places, like the Lions Club Hall, where a quarter could buy a kid an afternoon at the movies; and comical adventures, like the rescue of Rocky Mitchell from the bottom of the school outhouse on a sub-zero January day.

These warm and humorous vignettes about the way life used to be will delight readers of all ages.

TOM DOUGLAS is the author of four best-selling books of military history—Canadian Spies, D-Day, Great Canadian War Heroes, and Valour at Vimy Ridge. Tom started out as a teacher before becoming a reporter with his hometown newspaper, the Sault Daily Star. He has also worked with The Canadian Press and served as the publisher/owner of a weekly newspaper in Australia.

Casa Loma

Canada's Fairy-Tale Castle and Its Owner, Sir Henry Pellatt

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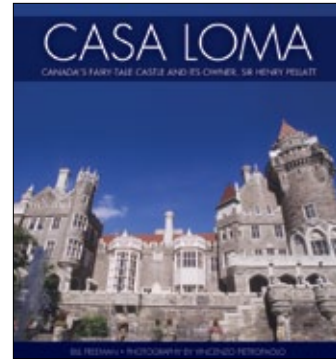
Photography by Vincent Pietropaolo

The fascinating story of industrialist Sir Henry Pellatt and his lavish Toronto home

Casa Loma took 300 men three years to build at a cost of \$3.5 million. Completed in 1914, the castle was enjoyed by Pellatt for only ten years before bankruptcy took it from his hands. Today, Casa Loma is owned and operated by the City of Toronto.

Historian Bill Freeman tells the colourful story of Pellatt's life and takes readers on a tour that covers every significant room in this dramatic hillside castle. The text is accompanied by a rich variety of contemporary photographs and archival images.

BILL FREEMAN is a historian, novelist, and freelance writer. He is also the author of Hamilton: A People's History, published by Lorimer.



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Voyage of the Iceberg

The Story of the Iceberg that Sank the *Titanic*

Richard Brown

A classic work of natural history, in a new edition to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic

This is the story of the most famous iceberg of all time — the iceberg that has gripped the imagination of the world, that humbled human technology and dramatized the wonders and dangers of the North Atlantic Ocean.

Author Richard Brown uses the iceberg's story to present the natural history of the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic at the turn of the twentieth century. With an expert's understanding of natural history and an authentic storyteller's voice, Brown weaves these storylines together as the iceberg slowly drifts down the coast of Labrador to its fateful encounter with the world's most famous ship.

First published in 1983 and championed by publishers worldwide, this extensively illustrated new edition is a beautiful and compelling read.

RICHARD BROWN was one of Canada's foremost experts on seagoing birds and worked for many years as a marine biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Halifax.



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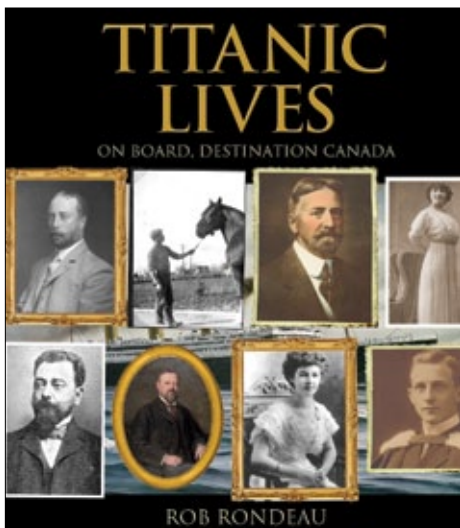
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Titanic Lives

On board, destination Canada

Rob Rondeau

The stories of survivors and victims, rich and poor alike

The *Titanic*'s disastrous maiden voyage in 1912 captured the world's attention a hundred years ago and still holds it today.

Bound for New York, more than 300 of those aboard were heading for Canada. Rob Rondeau tells the stories of ten individuals who took that fateful voyage. Some were rich — like the president of Canadian National Railways and a scion of Montreal's Molson family. Others were not, and would have been lost to history had they not been part of this unforgettable story. Some were heroes. Many never got the chance to be. Railroad tycoon, cabaret dancer, nursemaid and ex-soldier, Rob Rondeau weaves together the unique and compelling stories of ten people sharing one common thread — they were all on board the *Titanic*, destination Canada.

With extensive illustrations, many in colour, this book adds a new chapter to the *Titanic* story.

ROB RONDEAU is a senior marine archaeologist who has been studying shipwrecks for almost twenty years. His love for the Titanic is the root of his passion for marine study. Rob lives in Nova Scotia, where he is the president of Procom Marine Survey & Archaeology. In his spare time, he teaches archaeological seminars at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and is heavily involved in protecting Nova Scotia's marine heritage.

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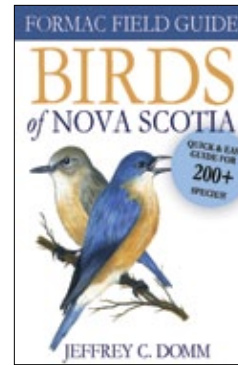
Written and illustrated by Jeffrey C. Domm

A comprehensive guide for the beginner and the experienced birder

Birdwatching is popular among residents and visitors in Nova Scotia, and the province is an internationally recognized destination for birding.

This book offers detailed listings on 200 of the top species found across the province. Whether observing spectacular seabirds over the ocean or spotting the first spring birds at the feeder, this guide is designed to allow for quick and easy identification. Original full-colour illustrations are accompanied by text and graphic keys that give helpful tips for observing, including habitat preferences, egg identification, and preferred feeder types. The guide also includes a handy visual index, grouped by bird size and distinctive coloration; and a birding hotspot section (with map) showing 46 locations across the province where good birdwatching is assured.

JEFFREY C. DOMM has illustrated more than 20 wildlife books, including the best-selling Formac Pocketguide to Nova Scotia Birds series. He lives and works close to the shores of Halifax Harbour, in the village of Cow Bay, Nova Scotia.



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Halifax: Discovering its Heritage

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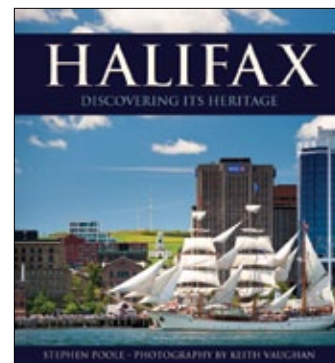
Photography by: Keith Vaughan

Halifax offers 250 years of history to discover. This book introduces the city's rich past with extensive and attractive colour photography and a brief but informative accompanying text.

A vibrant waterfront, handsome eighteenth-century public buildings, a unique Citadel fortress overlooking the harbour, an eclectic array of churches and tree-lined Victorian neighbourhoods all contribute to Halifax's appeal. Combining photographs of Halifax today with informative text, this volume covers the area from Point Pleasant Park to the historic sites of Dartmouth and Bedford.

Halifax: Discovering its Heritage is a great souvenir for visitors who enjoy the city and its colourful past.

STEPHEN POOLE is the also the co-author of Nova Scotia: A Colour Guidebook.



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JEFFREY C. DOMM has illustrated more than 20 wildlife books. He lives and works close to the shores of Halifax Harbour, in the village of Cow Bay, Nova Scotia.

Isaac Brock

Canada's Hero in the War of 1812

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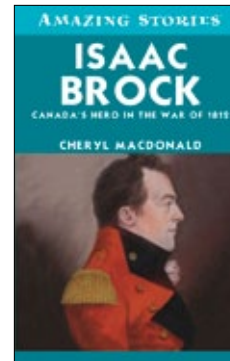
The life of Upper Canada's governor and defender, Sir Isaac Brock

Isaac Brock is the best-known figure of the War of 1812, the military leader who frustrated the United States in its ambition to invade and take over Canada.

Brock was born in England, and he survived family financial disaster and faced desertions and near-mutinies before his successful years commanding his regiment in Upper Canada. As military governor of the colony, he called up the militia to oppose the invading Americans and led his troops into the key Battle of Queenston Heights. He died in the Queenston battle, but his courage inspired his troops to victory — and even brought tribute from his American foes.

In this short biography reflecting recent research and writing by academic historians, Cheryl MacDonald tells the story of Brock and the War of 1812 in a way that will appeal to any reader, young or old.

CHERYL MACDONALD has been writing on historical topics for nearly thirty years. Cheryl holds history degrees from the University of Waterloo and McMaster University. She lives west of Niagara Falls, Ontario.



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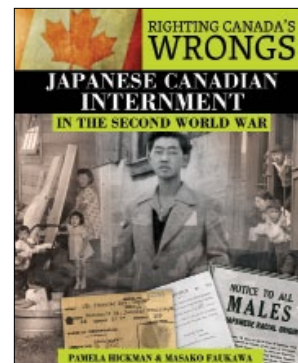
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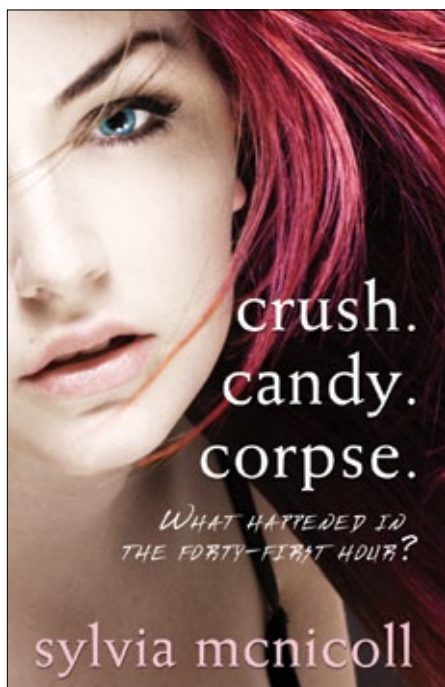
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Crush. Candy. Corpse.

Sylvia McNicoll

Sunny's forced into doing 40 volunteer hours at a home for Alzheimer's patients to get her high school diploma. Now one of the residents is dead, and Sunny's future is distinctly cloudy.

Paradise Manor is depressing — the smells are bad and the residents are old. Sunny would much rather be doing her volunteer hours at Salon Teo, but her teacher won't let her. Who says volunteering at a hair salon doesn't benefit the community?

But working with the Alzheimer's patients has a surprising effect on Sunny. Along with Cole, the grandson of one of the residents, she begins to see that the residents don't have much more choice about their lives than she does: what they eat, how they are treated by staff, even what they watch on television. So Sunny does what she can to make the residents happy — even if she has to sometimes break the rules to do it.

But when tragedy strikes at Paradise, Sunny's left to make the decision about whether or not to honour a promise that Cole made to his grandmother about her life...and her death.

Sunny's character is flawed but moral — both brat and saint — and representative of a teen well on her way to becoming a grounded adult, until fate interferes. In Sunny, author Sylvia McNicoll creates a character whose irreverent outlook will appeal to a wide range of teenage readers.

SYLVIA MCNICOLL has written twenty-three books for children. Her novels have won the Silver Birch and the Manitoba Young Reader's Choice Award. In 2011 she won a City of Hamilton Book Award for YA fiction. She is currently the features editor for Today's Parent Toronto. She lives in Burlington, Ontario.

Wicket Season

Gabrielle Prendergast

In Winnipeg, Harry was a cricket star. But when he moves to Toronto, Harry is suddenly just another West Indian kid who loves cricket. There are even *girls* who are more talented than him. To make the cricket team at his new school, he'll really have to step up his game.

To prove his commitment, he volunteers to coach Kanga cricket (cricket for young beginners). At first, all he wants to do is impress the coach. But soon, Harry realizes that being a part of a bigger community can be more rewarding than standing out on your own.

GABRIELLE PRENDERGAST teaches screenwriting and creative writing, and has written work for television, print, and online. She lives in Vancouver, BC.



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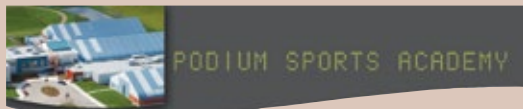
Hockey rules in Branko Stimac's new and small home town, where its star players get the royal treatment. Any other sport — like soccer, which Branko excels at — is considered second-rate. This means the sacrifices Branko's Croatian immigrant father made so he can play here in Canada go unnoticed, as does Branko's stellar goalkeeping.

But then a video of one of his spectacular saves gets posted on a sports blog and goes viral. Suddenly Branko has more attention than he dreamed of.

STEVEN SANDOR is a former soccer columnist for the Sun Media chain, and has published sports articles in Soccer 360, Inside Soccer, Soccer Canada, and the Budapest Sun. He also runs the online soccer magazine The 11. He lives in Edmonton, AB.



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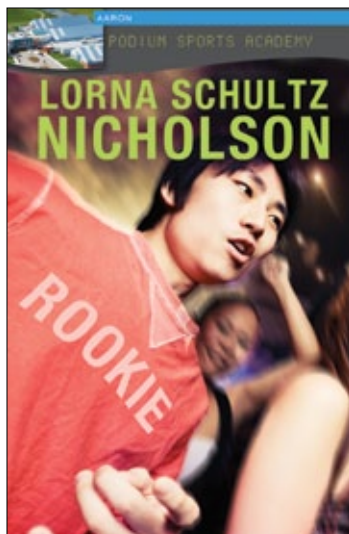


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Rookie

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Aaron Wong: the hockey player who won't take hazing lying down

Fresh off the plane from Vancouver, sixteen-year-old hockey player Aaron Wong is excited to be starting his first year at Podium, the Calgary school for top teen athletes. Aaron has to make friends and fit in at a new high school, while also adjusting to a new home and a family with a different culture than his own. Luckily, he finds a tight-knit group of friends who are elite athletes in their own sports to help show him the ropes.

Things seem to be going well for the rookie — but the hockey team captain has it in for him. Aaron's world is turned upside down when the captain makes him the target of a brutal hazing at the team's first party. To turn his year around, Aaron has to overcome his embarrassment about the incident and confide in friends and coaching staff.

LORNA SCHULTZ NICHOLSON has published more than a dozen sports novels for tweens as well as hockey non-fiction for adults. Her books have been chosen as Canadian Children's Book Centre Our Choice/Best Bets selections and shortlisted for the Saskatchewan Young Reader's Choice Diamond Willow Award and the Golden Eagle Children's Choice Book Award.

Vegas Tryout

Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Carrie Munroe: the synchro swimmer who won't let her body shape weigh her down

Toronto synchro swimmer Carrie Munroe is Podium Sports Academy's team flyer and the school's best prospect for making it at the upcoming Vegas tryouts — fulfilling her dreams of being in a glitz-and-glamour professional show. Carrie feels there's only one thing holding her back — the weekly poolside weigh-ins. Her coach agrees, and Carrie is put on a special diet to control her weight. But the pressure to succeed while also dealing with troublesome family members back home lead Carrie to make some very risky decisions about her health and eating habits.

To come out on top, Carrie will have to accept that although she may not have the typical swimmer's body, she has the strength to be the best — but only if she takes care of herself.

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REAL JUSTICE

A new series on the wrongfully convicted

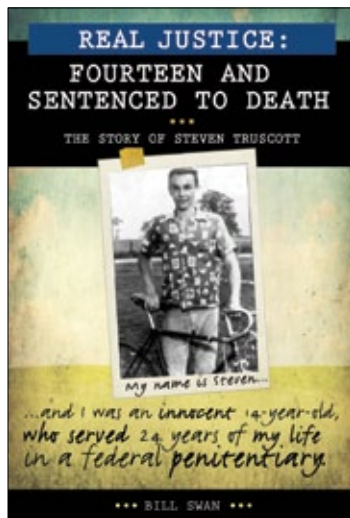
Aimed at ages 12–17, these short narrative biographies tell the stories of teens and young Canadians who fell afoul of the justice system and were wrongfully convicted of murder. Throughout their ordeals, they maintained their innocence and fought back, eventually proving that they were not guilty.

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**Real Justice:
Fourteen and
Sentenced to Death**
The story of Steven
Truscott

Bill Swan

How fourteen-year-old Steven Truscott was sentenced to hang, and spent ten years in prison and 48 years trying to clear his name

At fourteen, Steve Truscott was a typical kid of the sixties in rural Ontario. He was easygoing and carefree, mainly concerned with going fishing, playing football, and racing bikes. One summer evening, his twelve-year-old classmate, Lynne Harper, asked for a lift to the nearby highway on his bicycle and Steve agreed. Unfortunately, that made Steve the last person known to see Lynne alive.

His world collapsed around him when he was arrested and convicted of killing Lynne Harper. The penalty was death by hanging. Although the sentence was changed to life in prison, Steve suffered for years behind bars for a murder he didn’t commit. It took over forty years for him to finally clear his name. He has since received an apology and compensation for his ordeal.

In this book, young readers will discover how an innocent boy was presumed guilty by the justice system, and how in the end, prodded by Truscott and his lawyers, the justice system was able to acknowledge the terrible wrong done to him.

BILL SWAN has worked as a journalism teacher, editor, and newspaper columnist. His first three novels, Fast Finish, Mud Run, and Off Track are highly recommended by CM Magazine: Canadian Review of Materials. He lives in Courville, ON, with his wife and daughter.

Real Justice: Young, Innocent and in Prison

The story of Robert Baltovich

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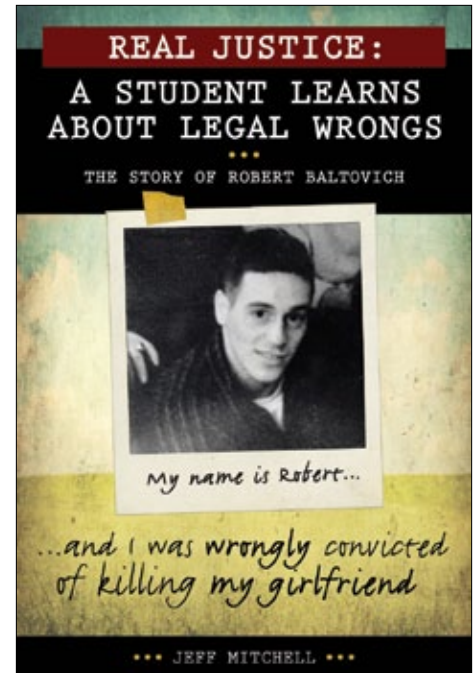
A compelling look at a miscarriage of justice that led university student Rob Baltovich to spend ten years behind bars for a murder he didn't commit

At twenty-five, Rob Baltovich lost the love of his life, Elizabeth Bain. That was bad enough. Then he was arrested, jailed, sent to trial for murder, convicted, and sent to prison — for life.

Throughout his years in prison, Rob maintained that he was innocent, refusing to admit to a crime he didn't commit. The result was he was never granted parole. Finally, his luck began to turn when he hired new lawyers who believed in him. Not only did they get Rob acquitted, they also made a strong case that the real murderer was the infamous serial killer Paul Bernardo.

Author Jeff Mitchell tells much of the story in Baltovich's own words. In this book, young readers will discover how tunnel vision, poor legal representation, and outright lying and coercion caused this tragic miscarriage of justice. They will also see how the legal system can right its own wrongs when lawyers and judges are willing to re-examine a case with fresh eyes.

JEFF MITCHELL is an award-winning journalist with more than twenty-five years experience covering crime and justice issues. His honours include being named Reporter of the Year for 2005 by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association and runner-up for Journalist of the Year in 2010 by the Suburban Newspapers Association of America. He lives in the village of Bethany, Ontario with his family.



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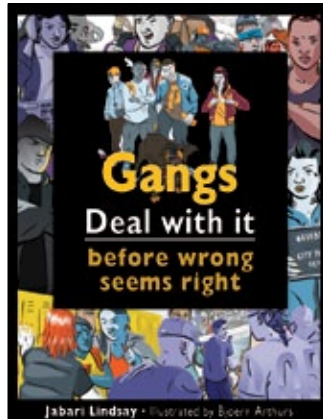
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Gangs

Deal with it before wrong seems right

Jabari Lindsay
 Illustrated by Bjoern Arthurs

An accessible guide to a tough problem, written by a youth social worker with gang-exit-strategy experience

One of the best approaches to keeping kids away from gangs is to inform them about the realities of gang involvement before they are offered the choice.

This book in the Deal With It series is designed to connect with any reader, whether they're already involved with a gang, considering joining a gang, or have witnessed gang activity in their neighbourhood. Quizzes, comics, and graphic novel-style illustration help make this an engaging and accessible way to approach a difficult-to-address problem.

Gangs: Deal with it before wrong seems right uses real-life situations based on the author's experience as an at-risk youth counsellor to show tweens:

- common myths about gangs
- how to avoid being pushed or pulled into gang life
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- where to go for help

JABARI LINDSAY is former Project Director for Breaking the Cycle, a Toronto youth-gang exit program. He is now Project Manager for the Youth Gang Activity Project for the City of Toronto.

BJOERN ARTHURS is an award-winning illustrator and graphic designer and a former Youth Leader in the Creative Arts Department of The Remix Project.

Hook Up

Kim Firmston

An unflinching look at teen pregnancy — from the guy’s perspective

Life has been going pretty smoothly for Cody Manywounds — his grades are good, his girlfriend is hot, and the escape to university is just around the corner. Then it all comes crashing down with a single text message: “I’m pregnant. Call me. :)” When Cody’s girlfriend decides to get an abortion, he finds himself dealing with conflicting emotions — and discovers how little a say he is given in the matter.

KIM FIRMSTON is a writer and creative writing instructor in Calgary, AB. Her short story “Life Before War” was shortlisted for the 2008 CBC Literary Awards. She is also the author of the SideStreets novel Schizo.



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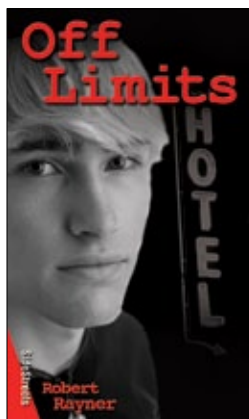
Off Limits

Robert Rayner

A boy who wants more out of a relationship than just sex — and finds it in the wrong place

Birmingham has a hot girlfriend who wants to “do it” anytime, anywhere. But it just leaves him feeling hollow. Then his school hires a substitute music teacher, and Birm feels an instant connection with her. They begin meeting outside of school hours until, one day, his girlfriend catches him a lie — then tells anyone who will listen that he is having an affair with the teacher. Birmingham is forced to defend himself in a formal inquiry, while he wonders whether he’s the one who has done something wrong.

ROBERT RAYNER’s previous novel, Scab, was named a Best Books for Kids and Teens by the Canadian Children’s Book Centre.



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