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Publisher's Note

I write this letter immediately following the 2024 election in the United States. The anxiety and existential crises we're facing are overwhelming. Although the potential paths the future may take are unknown, I am reassured that Dundurn Press's incredible Summer 2025 list considers journeys large and small, real and imagined, emotional and geographical, with restorative and unflinching honesty.

From tracing the routes of the mighty Trans-Canada Highway in Mark Richardson's *The Drive Across Canada* to the continent-spanning odyssey of a young man named Robin in *Amaranthine Chevrolet* by Dennis E. Bolen, follow the road less travelled in your vehicle of choice. You can find the strong-willed Callandra on *The Road to Goderich*, a debut historical novel by Linda McQuaig, or get lost in the unsettled mind of a fragile survivor of the Lusitania sinking in *Bad Juliet* by award-winning and bestselling author Giles Blunt.

Return from the journey to hearth and home as Veena Gokhale invites us to her table for a veritable feast of food and myth in *Annapurna's Bounty*. Then allow yourself to dream through time, space, magic, and wilderness in *A Song for Wildcats* from an exciting emerging author, Caitlin Galway.

In this age of uncertainty, harness the fact that change is the only constant, and find your path in *The Uncertainty Advantage* by Venture for Canada founder Scott Stirrett, who offers a way through the anxiety of our times towards holistic and meaningful self-fulfillment. Benjamin Libman offers a deep dive into intergenerational trauma, memory, and history in his debut memoir *The Third Solitude*, a play on the concept of the two solitudes popularized by Hugh MacLennan.

And after you've found a salve or an escape in the amazing books above, get angry and demand change for the better with *Corporate Control*, the second book in the Canada in Decline series (see our Summer 2024 catalogue for Book One, *The Social Safety Net*) by the indefatigable activist and author Nora Loreto. Don't let up for a minute and fight the good fight, but remember who you are and why doing the right thing is so imperative with *Be a Good One: Words to Lead By* from former Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty.

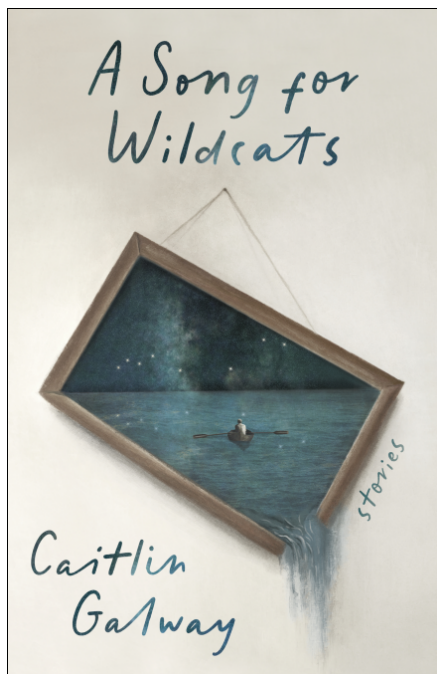
This beautiful and complex season, read with passion, get into good trouble, and be kind to each other and yourselves. Our stories are powerful, so read with us, and gain strength for what's to come.

All my best wishes,

Meghan Macdonald, Chief Publishing Officer (Publisher)
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Fiction

Rare
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An arresting, vividly imaginative collection of stories capturing the complexity of intimacy and the depths of the unravelling mind.

Infatuation and violence grow between two girls in the enchanting wilderness of postwar Australia as they spin disturbing fantasies to escape their families. Two young men in the midst of the 1968 French student revolts navigate – and at times resist – the philosophical and emotional nature of love. An orphaned boy and his estranged aunt are thrown together on a quiet peninsula at the height of the Troubles in Ireland, where their deeply rooted fear attracts the attention of shape-shifting phantoms of war.

The five long-form stories in *A Song for Wildcats* are uncanny portraits of grief and resilience and are imbued with unique beauty, insight, and resonance from one of the country's most exciting authors.

A RARE MACHINES BOOK

Caitlin Galway is the author of the novel *Bonavere Howl*. Her work has been published in journals, anthologies, and media outlets throughout Canada, and she has won or been nominated for numerous prizes. She lives in Toronto.

A SONG FOR WILDCATS

Stories

by Caitlin Galway

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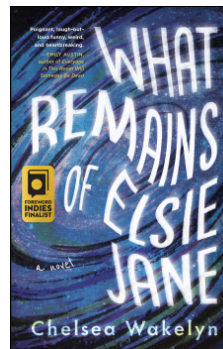
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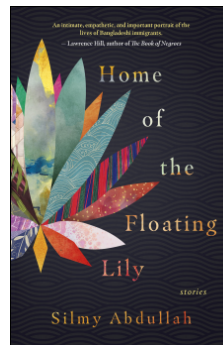
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A teenage boy's curious road trip across a radically changing country.

In the year 1967, fifteen-year-old Robin drives an antique pickup truck west from Saskatchewan, travelling on farmland and on unmapped roads to avoid police. Like Odysseus striving toward home, he encounters trying situations: men on the run, hippies creating utopia, marijuana farmers, mechanical breakdowns, a raging forest fire. Robin passes through a massively changing society – a rural culture that, though eroding, hangs on to values of kindness and endurance, and one in which Robin must be both heroic and vulnerable.

A RARE MACHINES BOOK

More odyssey than road trip, Amaranthine Chevrolet is a vivid inquiry into a young man's emerging sense of self. In spare and evocative language, Dennis Bolen sweeps you into the rhythm of the road, to a place located somewhere between memory and dreams, and there he reinvents the male protagonist in a miracle of a young man with an adamantine purity of purpose. A unique, fresh, and engrossing story. Joan Thomas, author of Wild Hope

Dennis E Bolen is the author of several novels, short story collections, and one volume of poetry. His fiction explores the experience of varied careers: social worker, university instructor, arts journalist, accounts clerk, mill worker, farm hand. He grew up on Vancouver Island and now lives in Victoria, B.C.

AMARANTHINE CHEVROLET

by Dennis E. Bolen

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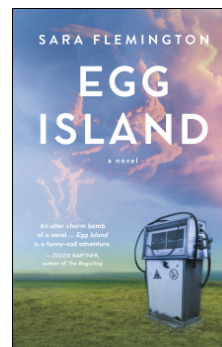
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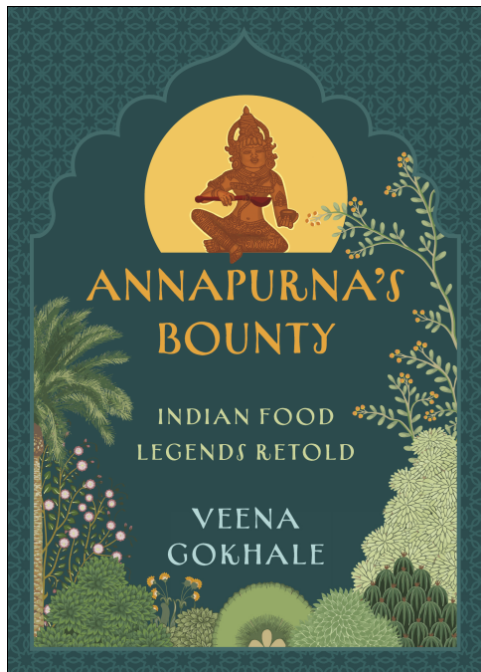
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Fiction

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Mingling sweet, sour, and spicy notes, this inspiring retelling of diverse food legends from India, paired with delicious recipes, will feed mind, body, heart, and soul.

Annapurna, the Indian Goddess of Nourishment, presides over a rich harvest of stories reimagined for the twenty-first-century palate. Here, food manifests as ploy, bargain, symbolic communication, a bone of contention, a lesson, as it weaves through the lives of a cast of characters – kings and commoners, witches and goddesses, gurus and bandits, refugees and travellers.

Each story is followed by a vegetarian recipe offered up by a character. Gathered from the four corners of India, there are well-known dishes like nourishing dal and irresistible mango lassi, novelties like avial and Bengali khichari, as well as a new twist on beloved foods, such as samosas with a peas and coconut filling.

Infused with humane values, expertly blending the timeless and the contemporary, the magical and the everyday, encompassing East, West, and the in-between, this fusion of fiction and food will delight and inspire.

Lovers of Indian culture and cuisine will delight in the panoply of characters in these tales where food is the riddle, the salve, the forger of bonds, the wisdom, the life-and-death clincher. Aromatic and flavourful reading! Excellent recipes a happy bonus! **Alice Zorn, author of Colours in Her Hands**

Veena Gokhale, an immigrant shape shifter, has worked as a journalist, teacher, literary curator, and in the non-profit sector. She has published two works of fiction – *Bombay Wali and Other Stories* and *Land for Fatimah*, a novel. Having lived in ten cities across three countries, she now calls Tiohtià:ke-Montreal home.

ANNA PURNA'S BOUNTY

Indian Food Legends Retold

by Veena Gokhale

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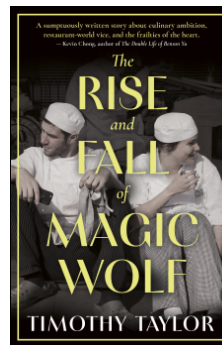
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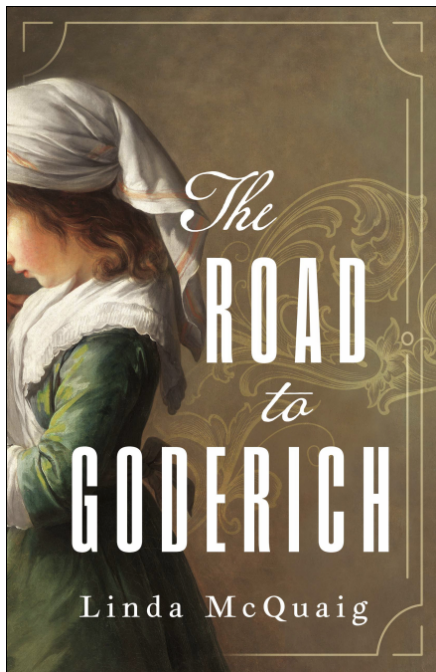


*The Rise and Fall of
Magic Wolf*

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Fiction

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A tale of love, deception, and betrayal unfolds against the backdrop of the 1837 rebellion in Upper Canada.

In rural Scotland in the 1830s, fifteen-year-old Callandra is devastated by her father's unexpected death. To save her family from destitution, she reluctantly agrees to marry Norbert Scott, a clergyman from a wealthy Glasgow family. But when her new husband and family turn out to be cruel and disdainful toward her, Callandra's only solace in their cold, cavernous mansion is her close friendship with a household servant, Lottie.

Callandra faces more personal upheaval when her husband accepts a posting as a clergyman in the remote town of Goderich in Upper Canada. Thankfully, Lottie will accompany them to their new home, but so will her brother Sam, a carpenter whom Callandra mistrusts. After a perilous journey, they are greeted warmly by the townsfolk of Goderich, who are particularly delighted when their new pastor stands up for them in defiance of the hated colonial authorities.

But an unintentional lie spins into a web of deceit. As the sparks of rebellion flare, there are growing suspicions about the town's charismatic new clergyman that threaten to destroy the fragile happiness Callandra has unexpectedly found.

Linda McQuaig is an award-winning investigative journalist, a Toronto Star columnist, and the author of eight non-fiction national bestsellers. *The Road to Goderich* is her first foray into fiction. She lives in Toronto.

THE ROAD TO GODERICH

by Linda McQuaig

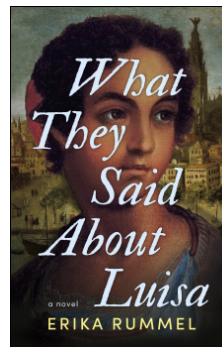
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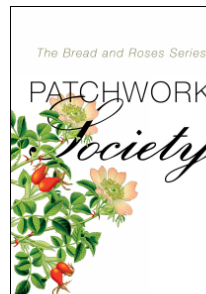
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At a sanatorium in the Adirondacks, a young tutor falls in love with a mysterious woman suffering from tuberculosis who survived the Lusitania disaster.

Recently jilted by his fiancée, Paul Gascoyne takes a job as a tutor to the patients at the Trudeau Sanatorium in upstate New York. There, in the icebound beauty of the Adirondack Mountains, he finds himself drawn to Sarah Ballard, a beautiful but enigmatic young woman, traumatized by her past aboard the ill-fated Lusitania. To rouse her out of her gloom, Paul encourages her to write a memoir.

As Paul reads her words, it gradually becomes clear that Sarah's memories are a tangle of truth and fiction that he can't begin to unravel. And yet he cannot overcome his attraction to her. When a terrible relapse leaves her worried that she has little time left, Sarah begs Paul to be the one person in the world who will truly know her.

Giles Blunt grew up in North Bay, Ontario, before studying English Literature at the University of Toronto. The author of twelve novels, including the award-winning John Cardinal Mystery series, Blunt has more recently turned to literary fiction with *Bad Juliet*. He lives in Toronto.

BAD JULIET

by Giles Blunt

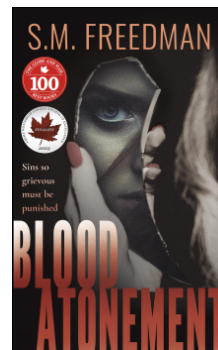
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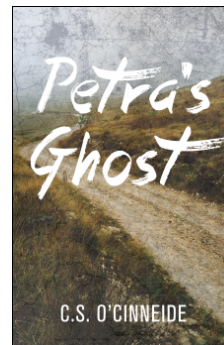
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How deep does corporate dominance go in Canada? The second book in Nora Loreto's landmark series dives into the corporate web spun around Canada's economy, society, and politics.

The joke goes that Canada is three mining companies in a trench coat. Or three oil companies in a trench coat. Or three telecom companies in a trench coat. It's funny because it's almost true: there are only a few corporations that exert a disproportionate amount of power over Canadian democracy.

Corporate profits are at a record high, and the divide between the rich and poor has never been wider. Canadians are struggling with affordability, a housing crisis, and wages that don't cover basic needs. The combination of these forces is a pressure cooker that politicians have promised to tackle, except they can't: they are too restricted by corporate power to confront the roots of the problems that Canadians face.

The first book in the Canada in Decline series examined the rise and fall of Canada's social safety net. In this next volume, *Corporate Control*, activist, author, and journalist Nora Loreto goes further, identifying why Canadian politicians seem impotent in the face of corporate Canada.

"*The Social Safety Net* reveals Canada's sharp turn away from social welfare, and serves as essential reading for those curious about our country's deep infatuation with neoliberalism." **Montreal Review of Books**

Nora Loreto is an activist, author, and journalist. She is the editor at the Canadian Association of Labour Media and co-hosts the popular political podcast *Sandy and Nora Talk Politics*. She lives in Quebec City.

CORPORATE CONTROL

Canada in Decline Book Two

by Nora Loreto

Paperback

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240 pages, 5.5 x 8.5

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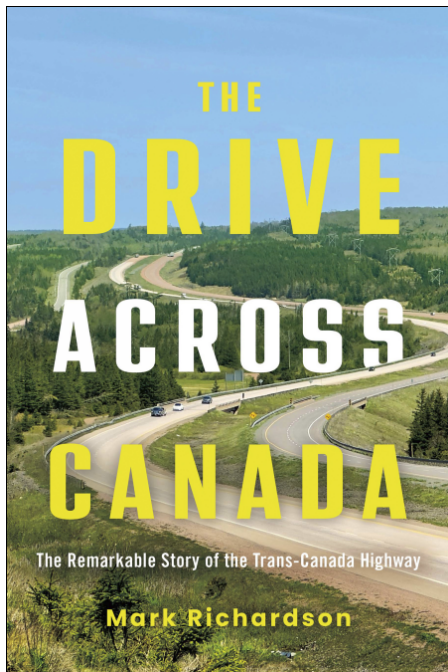
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The Social Safety Net

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Experience driving Canada's longest road and travel with the adventurers who helped make it a reality.

The Trans-Canada Highway is one of the longest highways in the world – 7,700 kilometres from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, British Columbia, with almost the same distance again on secondary routes. It's a Canadian icon, but it didn't come easily. In *The Drive Across Canada*, automotive journalist Mark Richardson tells the stories of the pioneers who first drove across the country in the early days of cars and motorcycles, even before any roads existed, and of the political fight to create a physical link that would connect Canadians to every province of their vast country.

Richardson drove the length of the Trans-Canada Highway in 2023, repeating the drive he first completed in 2012. He encounters a hurricane in Newfoundland, a firestorm in British Columbia, and unspeakable tragedies on the Prairies. He meets people whose lives have been changed by the highway, sometimes in ways they could never have imagined, and along the way, the highway changes his life too.

Mark Richardson is an automotive journalist who contributes regularly to the *Globe and Mail's* GlobeDrive. He is the former editor of the *Toronto Star's* Wheels section, and the author of *Zen and Now* and *Canada's Road*. Mark lives in Cobourg, Ontario.

THE DRIVE ACROSS CANADA

**The Remarkable Story of the
Trans-Canada Highway**
by Mark Richardson

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44 b&w illustrations, 6 maps

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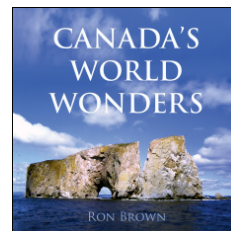
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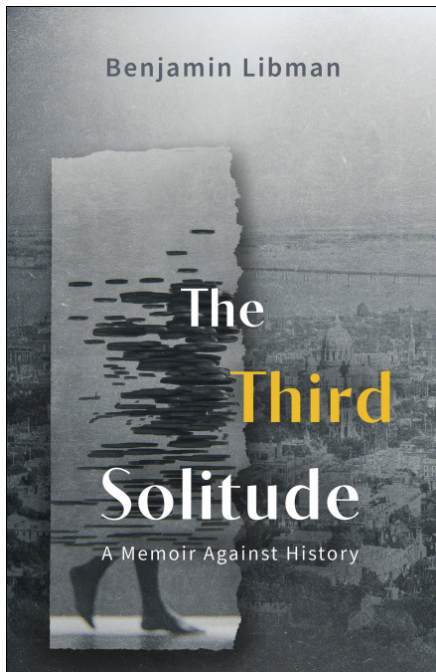
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An intimate memoir in essays seeking familial history and personal memory against the backdrop of the lost world of North American Jewry.

What is the past? How can we let it speak on its own terms, without forcing it into the categories of history? In *The Third Solitude*, Benjamin Libman gathers and weaves the threads of multiple pasts – of his community, of his family, and of himself – in search of an answer to these questions. Across a series of interconnected memories, Libman leads us through the many fragments that make a life: the kaleidoscopic recollections of childhood, the search for meaning and resolution in the face of unspeakable tragedy, the attempt to reconstruct the past from the rubble of its blasted forms that scatter across the present.

The Third Solitude is a paean to the art of losing, and to the visions of the past that persist in the present and give shape to the future.

Benjamin Libman is a writer and translator from Montreal whose work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Yale Review*, the *London Magazine*, the *Guardian*, and elsewhere. He holds degrees in literature from Columbia University and Stanford University. He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including a Mellon Foundation fellowship. He splits his time between Paris and Montreal.

THE THIRD SOLITUDE

A Memoir Against History

by Benjamin Libman

Paperback

978-1-4597-5366-2

216 pages, 5.5 x 8.5

18 b&w illustrations

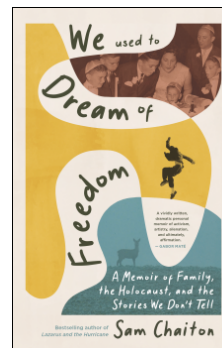
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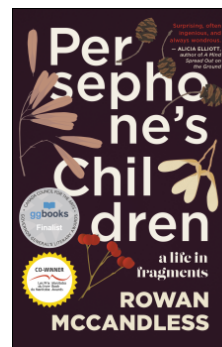
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McGuinty holds up a torch, lighting the way for politicians struggling to be a “good one.”

Politics can seem like a rough, seagoing voyage. Storm-tossed politicians may lose sight of their guiding stars. They can lose their way. They can lose themselves. They can end up doing and saying things that betray their fundamental responsibility to give their very best to those they represent.

In *Be a Good One*, McGuinty aims to help leaders in a challenging environment stay true to themselves and those they are privileged to serve. An experienced political leader with over two decades spent in the political arena, McGuinty has masterfully assembled a collection of quotations dating back centuries and has accompanied these with his own measured advice. This compendium is a compass for all politicians and any others seeking to lead with integrity.

Dalton McGuinty, Ontario premier (2003–2013) and Ontario Liberal Party leader (1996–2013), grew up in a political family, his father and brother also holding public office. He remains an unabashed fan of politicians and the political process which, he believes, are the foundation for enduring progress. He lives in Ottawa.

BE A GOOD ONE

Words to Lead By

by Dalton McGuinty

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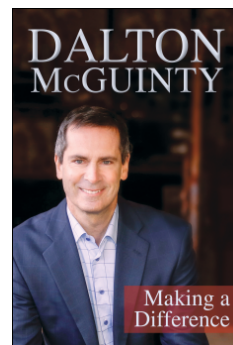
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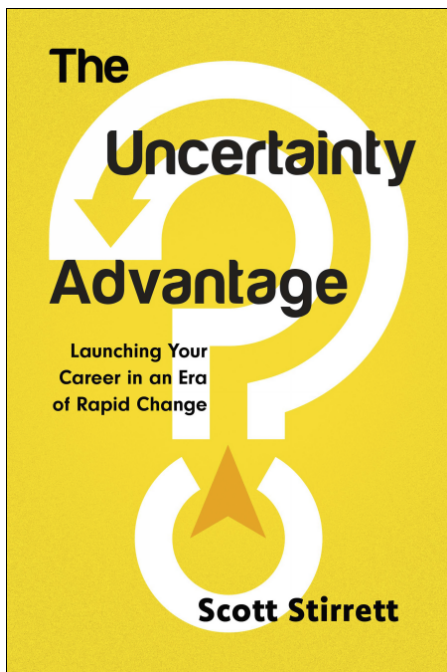
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Dalton McGuinty

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Embrace the chaos and transform career challenges into opportunities.

In a world where the only certainty is change, *The Uncertainty Advantage* offers young professionals the tools to turn chaos into a career superpower. This indispensable guide illuminates the path to thriving in unpredictable times, equipping readers with the skills to cultivate antifragility, adaptability, and an entrepreneurial mindset. Discover how to embrace challenges, foster broad and deep professional relationships, and nurture self-compassion in an era of rapid technological advances and global upheaval.

Whether launching a new venture or navigating your first job, this book provides practical strategies and insights to help you harness uncertainty and build a resilient, dynamic career. Prepare to transform fear into freedom and insecurity into inspiration, setting the foundation for lifelong success and fulfillment in our thrilling yet daunting modern world.

Scott Stirrett is the founder and CEO of Venture for Canada (VFC), a national charity that fosters the entrepreneurial skills and mindsets of young Canadians. Over its first decade, VFC has helped over 10,000 Canadians launch their careers. He lives in Toronto.

THE UNCERTAINTY ADVANTAGE

Launching Your Career in an Era of
Rapid Change

by Scott Stirrett

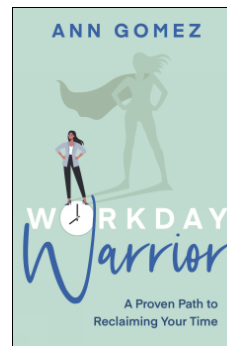
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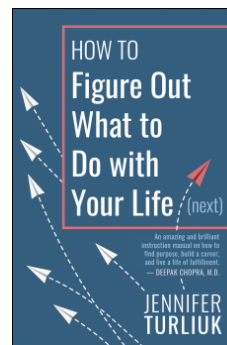
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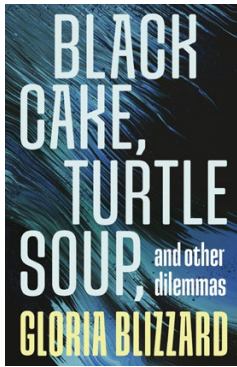


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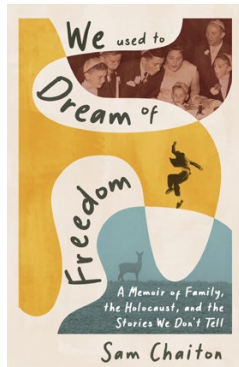


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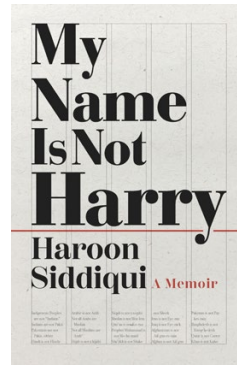
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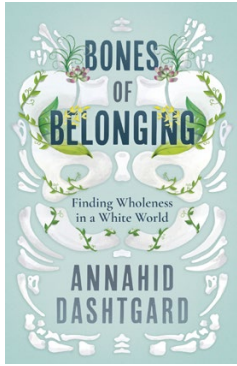
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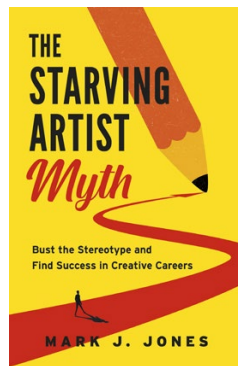
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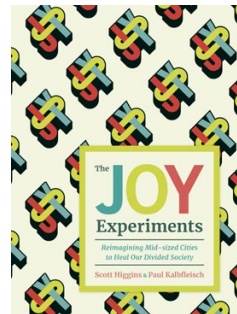
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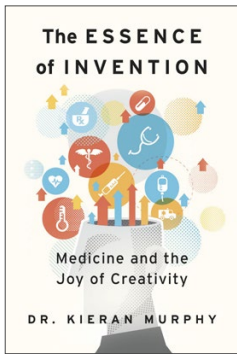
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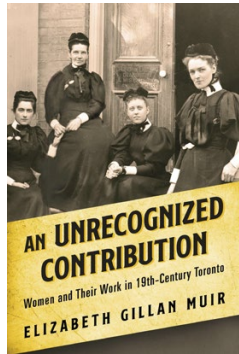
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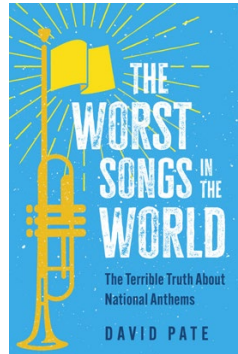
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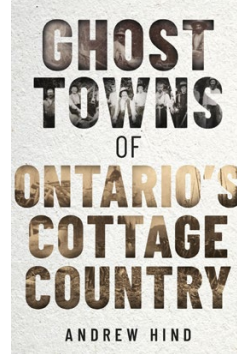
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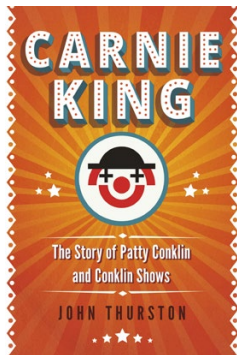
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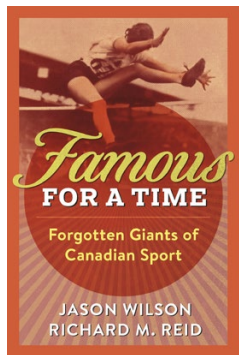
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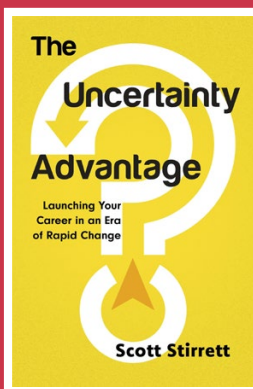
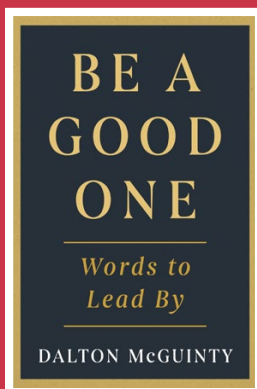
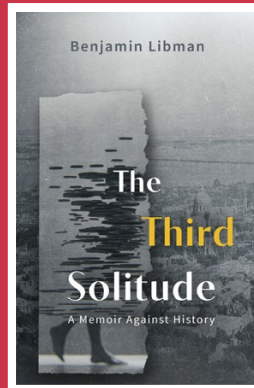
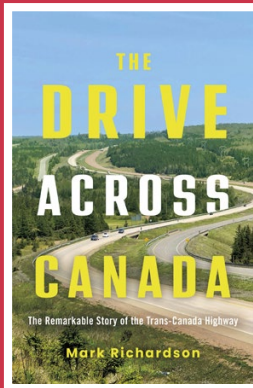
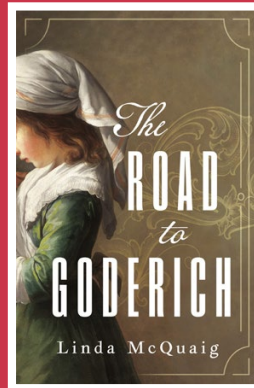
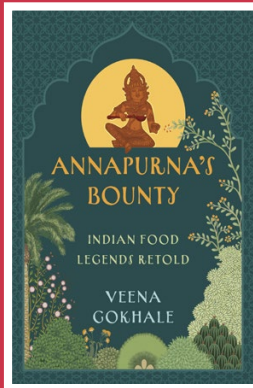
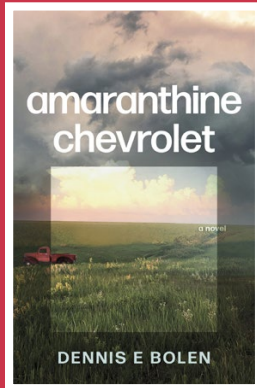
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