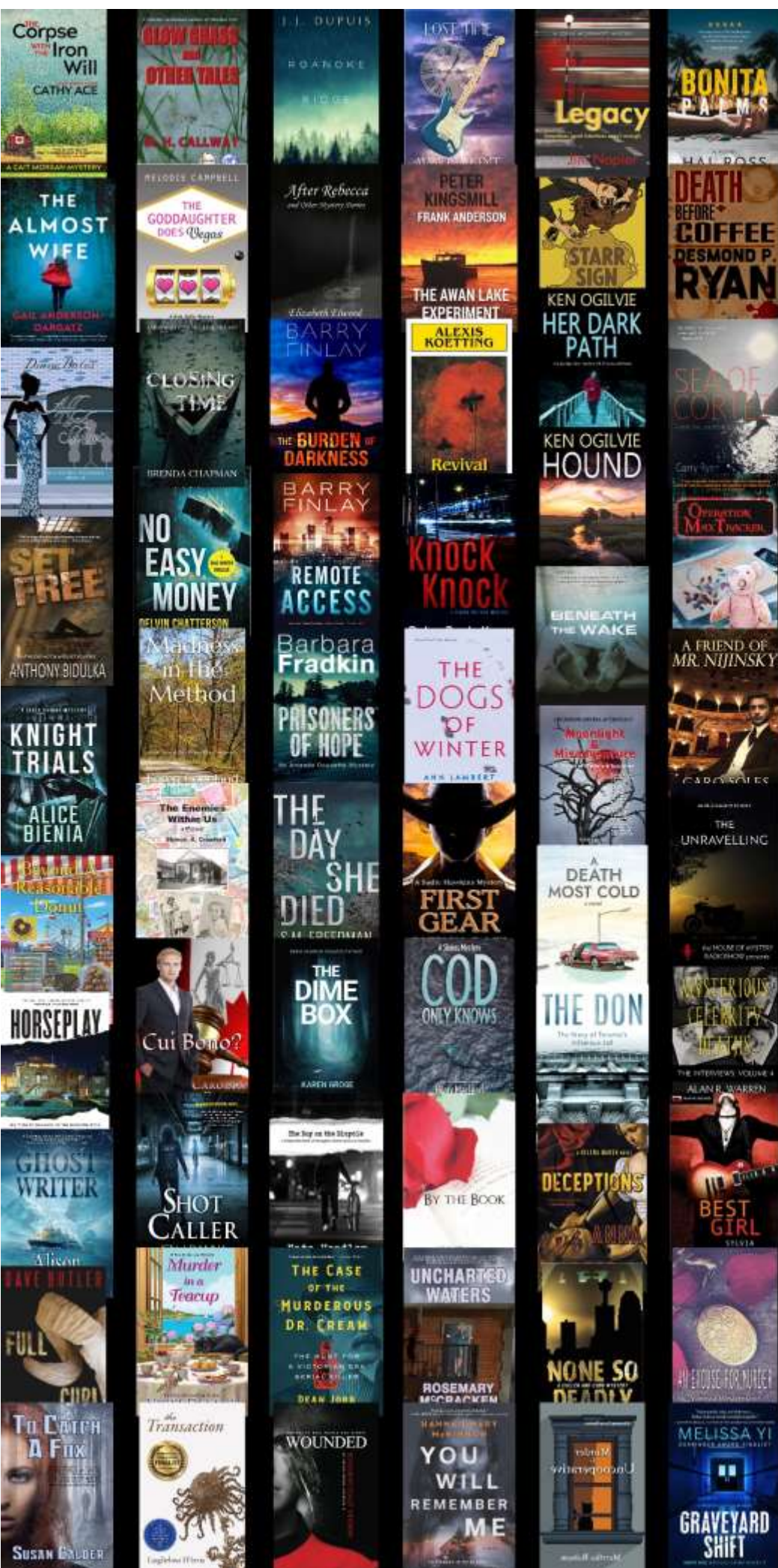




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For more information about CWC, please contact Alison Bruce at info@crimewriterscanada.com

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Crofton	Joanna Vander Vlugt	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Paranormal Suspense, Legal Thriller
Garden Bay	Elizabeth Elwood	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth
Kelowna	Alan R Warren	Juvenile/YA: Historical Crime, Paranormal Suspense
Nanaimo	Paulette McCarthy	Crime Fiction: Mystery
Penticton	Anne Barton (aka Carolyn Dale)	Crime Fiction, Juvenile/YA: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
Port Moody	Debra Purdy Kong	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth
Salmon Arm	Gail Anderson-Dargatz	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller
Surrey	Robert W. Mackay	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Spy/Military/Political Thriller
Vancouver	Cathy Ace	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI, Psychological Suspense
Vancouver	S.M. Freedman	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI, Paranormal Suspense, Psychological Suspense
Vancouver	Winona Kent	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth
Vancouver	Merrilee Robson	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Historical Crime

ALBERTA

Calgary	Alice Bienia	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Detective/PI
Calgary	Susan Calder	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Psychological Suspense



ALBERTA

Claresholm	David A. Poulsen	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Detective/PI
Calgary	Garry Ryan	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Detective/PI
County of St. Paul	Eileen Schuh	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Psychological Suspense, Science Fiction Suspense, Spy/Military/Political Thriller

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon	Anthony Bidulka	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
	Peter Kingsmill	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth

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Winnipeg	Barbara Joyce-Hawryluk	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller
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Alliston and Goulais River (Algoma)	Judy Penz Sheluk	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
Alliston	Hal Ross	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller
Ancaster	Ross Pennie	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller
Burlington	Melodie Campbell	Crime Fiction: Caper/Heist, Mystery, Sci-Fi Suspense, YA, Romantic Suspense, Short Fiction
Burlington	Jen J. Danna/Sara Driscoll	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Police Procedural, Forensic Procedural
Courtice	Jaroslav (Jerry) Petryshyn	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Historical Crime
Delhi	Ginger Bolton	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth
Guelph	Alison Bruce	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI, Historical Crime, Romantic Suspense
Guelph	C.S. O'Cinneide	Crime Fiction: Amateur Sleuth
Hastings Prince Edward	Hilary MacLeod	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Noir



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London	Raymond Cushing	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller
Mississauga	Carolyn Topdjian	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Noir, Paranormal Suspense, Psychological Suspense
Oakville	Hannah Mary McKinnon	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Psychological Suspense
Ontario	Patricia C. Lee	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Detective/PI,
Orangeville	Diane Bator	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy
Ottawa	Norm Boucher	Crime Nonfiction: Short Fiction, Suspense/Thriller, Psychological Suspense
Ottawa	Brenda Chapman	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Detective/PI, Police Procedural
Ottawa	Karen Copeland	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI
Ottawa	Barry Finlay	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller
Ottawa	Barbara Fradkin	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth, Police Procedural
Ottawa	Jim Napier	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Police Procedural, Historical Crime
Peterborough County	Vanessa Westermann	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Amateur Sleuth
Picton	Vicki Delany	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Police Procedural, Psychological Suspense
South Glengarry	Melissa Yi	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Cozy, Noir, Amateur Sleuth, Comic Caper, Paranormal Suspense, Psychological Suspense, Romantic Suspense
Southampton	Gabrielle St George	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Cozy, Comic Caper
Toronto	M.H. Callway	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Noir, Amateur Sleuth, Paranormal Suspense
Toronto	Sharon A. Crawford	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI
Toronto	Guglielmo D'Izzia	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Noir, Amateur Sleuth, Psychological Suspense



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Toronto	Karen Grose	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller
Toronto	Nate Hendley	Crime Nonfiction: Police Procedural, Historical Crime
Toronto	Rosemary McCracken	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery
Toronto	Ken Ogilvie	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
Toronto	Lorna Poplak	Crime Nonfiction: Historical Crime
Toronto	Anna Porter	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
Toronto	Bill Prentice	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI, Spy/Military/Political Thriller
Toronto	Desmond P. Ryan	Crime Fiction: Police Procedural
Toronto	Caro Soles	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Police Procedural, Science Fiction Suspense
Toronto	Sylvia Maultash Warsh	Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Amateur Sleuth, Historical Crime

QUEBEC

Montreal	Delvin Chatterson	Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI
Montreal	Ann Lambert	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI
Sherbrooke (near Montreal)	Jim Napier	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Police Procedural, Historical Crime

NOVA SCOTIA

Wolfville	Dean Jobb	Crime Nonfiction: Historical Crime
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NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's	Alexis Koetting	Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth
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ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF AUTHORS

Cathy Ace

Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI, Psychological Suspense

Vancouver, British Columbia

Available for events: online, in person locally

Author of the Cait Morgan Mysteries, the WISE Enquiries Agency Mysteries, and *The Wrong Boy*, Cathy Ace was born and raised in Wales, but now lives in Canada. A Bony Blithe & IPPY Award winner, she's also been shortlisted for an Arthur Ellis Award.

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Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller

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Gail Anderson-Dargatz's first novel, *The Cure for Death by Lightning*, was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and won the UK's Betty Trask Award, the BC Book Prize for Fiction and the Vancity Book Prize. Her second novel, *A Recipe for Bees*, was nominated for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award and was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. *The Spawning Grounds*, her first novel after the 2007 bestseller *Turtle Valley*, was published in 2016, nominated for the Sunburst Award and the Ontario Library Association Evergreen Award, and short-listed for the Canadian Authors Association Literary Award for fiction. Her most recent novel, *The Almost Wife*, is a thriller.

She taught for nearly a decade within the MFA program in creative writing at the University of British Columbia and now mentors writers online. Gail Anderson-Dargatz lives in the Shuswap region of British Columbia and, until recently, owned a summer home on Manitoulin Island, Ontario.

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Crime Fiction: Juvenile/YA, Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI
Penticton, British Columbia

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Veterinarian, flight instructor, wilderness survivor, author, Anne writes what she knows and places she knows. Two series and several other books. Short stories in anthologies. Male and female sleuths, adults and teenager. Short story prize winner.

CWC Bio & Books

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Diane Bator

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy

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Diane Bator is the author of several mystery novels and a budding playwright. She's a member of many mystery groups and when she's not writing, she works in a small, professional theatre which will one day be subjected to immortality in a whole new series.

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Bidulka's most recent book was described as "...poignant, ingeniously plotted and exquisitely told" (The Ottawa Review of Books). His next, *Going to Beautiful* (May 2022), is a love letter to living on the prairies (oh, and some murders).

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Alice Bienia

Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Detective/PI

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Crime Nonfiction

Short Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Psychological Suspense

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Norm Boucher's book *Horseplay, my time undercover on the Granville Strip* provides a gripping account of the 1983 heroin scene in Vancouver. Norm retired from the RCMP after a rich and successful career and is now fully dedicated to writing.

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Alison Bruce

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth, Detective/PI, Historical Crime, Romantic Suspense
Guelph, Ontario

Available for events: online, in person locally

You can count on mystery, romantic suspense and humour when you pick up a book by Canadian author Alison Bruce. Where and when the story takes place is another story. It may be the old west, the near future, the far north or a nearby city. Four of her books have been finalists for genre awards including the Crime Writers of Canada Award of Excellence. She is the current Executive Director of CWC.

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Dave Butler

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller

Cranbrook, British Columbia

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Dave Butler is a BC-based mystery/thriller/crime writer who's also a professional forester and biologist. His award-winning Jenny Willson mystery series (Dundurn Press) is a leading addition to the relatively new genre of environmental mysteries.

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Susan Calder

Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth, Psychological Suspense

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Susan Calder is a Calgary writer, who grew up in Montreal. She has published three novels and numerous short stories. Winter's Rage, book # 3 of her mystery series featuring insurance adjuster Paula Savard, will be released in August 2021.

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Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Noir, Amateur Sleuth, Paranormal Suspense

TORONTO, Ontario

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Madeleine used her love of the outdoors to create her critically acclaimed Northern Ontario thriller, *Windigo Fire*. She has won numerous awards for her short crime fiction. In 2013, she and friend, Donna Carrick founded the Mesdames of Mayhem.

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Melodie Campbell

Crime Fiction: Caper/Heist, Mystery, SF Suspense, YA, Romantic Suspense, Short Fiction

Burlington, Ontario

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Winner of ten awards, including the 2014 Derringer (US) and Crime Writers of Canada Award for the mob comedy *The Goddaughter's Revenge* (Orca Books,) Melodie has been called “the Canadian literary heir to Donald Westlake” by Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine. She has over 200 publications, including 100 comedy credits, 60 short stories, and sixteen novels. A past Executive Director of Crime Writers of Canada, she teaches fiction writing at Sheridan College. Recent releases: *The Goddaughter Does Vegas* and *Crime Club* (YA, Orca.)

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Crime Fiction: Mystery, Detective/PI, Police Procedural

Ottawa, Ontario

Available for events: online, in person locally, in person regionally

Brenda Chapman is a Canadian crime fiction author with over twenty published novels, including the middle grade Jennifer Bannon series, standalones, the lauded Stonechild and Rouleau police procedural series, and the Anna Sweet mystery novellas.

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Delvin Chatterson

Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI

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Former entrepreneur & advisor for entrepreneurs, Del Chatterson is now writing the Dale Hunter Series of novels about an entrepreneur fighting crime and corruption in the 1980s international computer business. Montreal Mafia mayhem & more

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Karen Copeland

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI

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The novels in Karen Copeland's Ottawa Valley Mysteries series are set in contrast to a background of academia and scientific research. The murder investigations connect with professors and students at the local university and research institute.

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Available for events: online, in person locally

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Raymond Cushing

Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller

London, Ontario

Available for events: online

Raymond Cushing was raised in the Ottawa Valley. Having lived across the country, he chose to set his books in the Halifax Region of Nova Scotia. Although he writes about nefarious criminals, the protagonist good guys always come out on top.

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Guglielmo D'Izzia hails from Sicily. His debut novel, *The Transaction*, a Kafkaesque Italian noir, won the 2016 Marina Nemat Award, was a finalist at the 2020 International Book Awards, and is currently shortlisted for the Foreword INDIES awards.

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Burlington, Ontario

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Jen J. Danna is the author of three crime fiction series featuring law enforcement ensembles. She writes the NYPD Negotiators and, with Ann Vanderlaan, the FBI K-9s (as Sara Driscoll) and the Abbott and Lowell Forensic Mysteries.

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Vicki Delany

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Police Procedural, Psychological Suspense
Picton, Ontario

Available for events: in person regionally

Vicki Delany is the recipient of the 2019 Derrick Murdoch Award for contributions to Canadian crime writing. She is one of Canada's most prolific and varied crime writers and a national bestseller in the U.S, and the author of more than forty books.

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J.J. Dupuis is the founding editor of *The Quarantine Review* and the author of the Creature X Mysteries from Dundurn Press. When not in front of his computer, J.J. can be found on the hiking trails and in the river valleys of his native Toronto.

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Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth
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Elizabeth Elwood spent many years performing with Lower Mainland music and theatre groups and singing in the Vancouver Opera chorus. Having turned her talents to writing and design, she created 20 marionette musicals for Elwoodettes Marionettes and has written four plays that have entertained audiences in both Canada and the United States. Her latest play, *Body and Soul*, was the recipient of four CTC nominations and won in two of the categories. She is also the author of six books, in the Beary Mystery Series, the most recent of which is *After Rebecca and Other Mystery Stories*. Her short stories have been featured in mystery anthologies and EQMM. Born in England, Elizabeth lives on British Columbia's beautiful Sunshine Coast. Visit her website at www.elihuentertainment.com.

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Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller

Ottawa, Ontario

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Barry Finlay is the award-winning author of five Amazon bestselling thrillers comprising The Marcie Kane Thriller Collection. The first in the series, *The Vanishing Wife*, is now available as an audiobook. He was featured in the 2012-13 Authors Show's edition of *50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading*.

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Barbara Fradkin

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth, Police Procedural

Ottawa, Ontario

Available for events: online, in person locally, in person regionally

Barbara Fradkin is a retired child psychologist and multiple award-winning author of three mystery series and numerous short stories. Her exploration of the dark side of ordinary people has won her two Best Novel Awards from Crime Writers of Canada.

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S.M. Freedman

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI, Paranormal Suspense, Psychological Suspense

Vancouver, British Columbia

Available for events: online, in person locally

S.M. Freedman studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and spent years as a private investigator on the not-so-mean streets of Vancouver, before returning to her first love: writing. Her debut novel is *The Faithful*.

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Karen Grose

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller

Toronto, Ontario

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Greta Giffen barely escaped being murdered by the man she grew up with. When she bolts from their secluded cabin in Ontario, her new life comes at a price. Ian dies under suspicious circumstances and a detective believes Greta has the perfect motive.

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Nate Hendley

Crime Nonfiction: Police Procedural, Historical Crime

Toronto, Ontario

Available for events: online, in person locally.

My name is Nate Hendley and I am a Toronto-based true-crime author who has written books about Toronto bank robbers, cons and hoaxes, gangsters, and a pair of wrongful Canadian murder convictions among other topics. I love doing presentations.

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Dean Jobb

Crime Nonfiction: Historical Crime

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Dean Jobb, author of *The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream and Empire of Deception* (HarperCollins Canada), writes a true crime column for Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine and teaches in the University of King's College MFA in Creative Nonfiction program

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Barbara Joyce-Hawryluk

Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Available for events: online

Award winning crime fiction novel *Wounded* is soon to be followed by *Bad Elf* in the Scarlet Force series. Characters and events are drawn from Barbara Joyce-Hawryluk's social work background and relationship with members of the RCMP.

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Winona Kent

Crime Fiction: Short Fiction, Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth

Lower Mainland (Greater Vancouver), British Columbia

Available for events: online, in person locally

Winona was born in England and grew up in Regina. She has an MFA in Creative Writing from UBC and is the author of eight novels, including *Lost Time* (the most recent in her Jason Davey Mystery series). She lives in New Westminster, BC.

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Peter Kingsmill

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Amateur Sleuth, Saskatchewan

Available for events: online

Peter Kingsmill writes the Awan Lake mystery series. Nowadays, when he is not writing novels, he volunteers as a regional development consultant. He is passionate about Canada's rural spaces and villages; he writes about lake country, Ontario.

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Alexis Koetting

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Amateur Sleuth

St. John's, Newfoundland

Available for events: online, in person locally, in person regionally

A professional actor for more than 25 years, Alexis is also the author of the Bella James Mystery Series. She lives in St. John's with her Bernedoodle, Sebastian, loves scary movies, dirty gin martinis, and has a terrible weakness for potato chips.

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Debra Purdy Kong

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Amateur Sleuth

Port Moody, British Columbia

Available for events: online, in person locally

Debra's volunteer experiences & work as a campus security patrol and communications officer provided plenty of background research for her Vancouver-based, Casey Holland transit security novels. The first in this 6-book series is *The Opposite of Dark*.

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Ann Lambert

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Suspense/Thriller, Detective/PI

Montreal, Quebec

Available for events: online, in person locally, in person regionally

Ann Lambert is the award-winning author of the Russell and Leduc murder mysteries *The Birds That Stay* and *The Dogs of Winter*, widely acclaimed as elegantly written, fully engaged with real life, and "a rollicking good read." --Ann Cleeves

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Patricia C. Lee

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Detective/PI, Ontario

Available for events: online

Pat shares her life with her husband and multiple cats, all of which claim rule over the house at one point another. Besides dreaming up the next novel, she enjoys traveling, baking, camping, wine and dark chocolate but not necessarily in that order.

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Robert W. Mackay

Crime Fiction: Suspense/Thriller, Spy/Military/Political Thriller

Surrey, British Columbia

Available for events: online, in person locally, in person regionally

Mackay's father was in the Canadian cavalry in WW I, and that's where his first novel is set.

He was a submariner in the Canadian navy and used this background to allow him to tell an authentic story in his second novel, set in the Cold War.

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Hilary MacLeod

Crime Fiction: Mystery, Cozy, Noir

Hastings Prince Edward, Ontario

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The Shores series of 6 mysteries are character-driven and both humorous and dark. The first, *Revenge of the Lobster Lover*, won the CBC Bookie Award 2011. The latest is *Cod Only Knows*. MacLeod's a former CBC host and Professor of Media Studies.

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Paulette McCarthy

Crime Fiction: Mystery

Nanaimo, British Columbia

Available for events: in person regionally

If you like it dark and gritty Paulette's work is just what you need. Paulette has produced her own radio show Writers Block, taught creative writing and started the Starbucks Writers in Residence. She is also writer in residence at Askew Creek Books

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Rosemary McCracken

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