

# RAINDANCE

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**Book Festival**

*featuring*  
**Independent Authors**

*“Self-published titles made up roughly  
one-quarter of the top-selling books  
on Amazon last year.”*

NEW YORK TIMES, APRIL 16, 2013

## CATALOGUE

**Saturday 9 November 2013**  
**Lansdowne Centre, Richmond B.C.**

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*www.blackbondbooks.com*

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*www.frontiercollege.ca*

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# Goodnight Angels!

CHILDREN'S



*An illustrated children's picture book designed to clear away fears of the night with the introduction of positive ideas, primarily through the use of gentle angels.*

*Partial proceeds will be donated to Families of SMA Canada to help find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.*

ISBN 978-09868190-0-1  
\$7.99 paperback 40pp  
Published March 2011  
Featherpen Publishing Inc.



## About the author

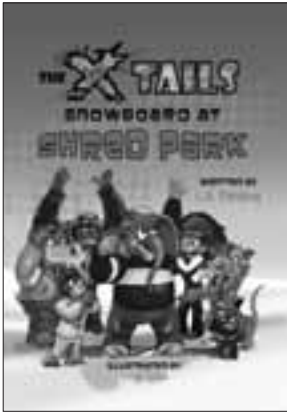
Patricia Factor started reading novels by the age of seven and has been writing for many years.

**"GOODNIGHT ANGELS!** is a wonderful bedtime story. It's a story about the Angels that surround us with love, joy, and comfort. Always smiling, dancing and shining bright, the Angels will bring sweet dreams to your little ones. The fun and big text also present a great book for learning to read. The best part about this book is the lively words and colourful illustrations that will catch the attention of every young child. To top it off, partial proceeds from the sale of each book are donated to help find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Two thumbs up for *Goodnight Angels!* This book is sure to be an instant classic for your home."

L. A. FIELDING

**"THIS BOOK HITS** on a few different levels. It is a feel-good book for small children and is also a read-along book for slightly older children. I was intrigued at the inspiration for the angels. This is a nearly universal concept throughout most mainstream religions, and there is a certain preconception of the role of the angel in those belief systems. Given that, this book has a comforting feel about it, and uses the concept of angels in a comforting way. There is a similarity to the movie *Monsters Inc*, where common childhood fears – the monster in the closet or under the bed – are turned on their heads and shown to be completely innocuous and fun. All in all, a very nice children's book, and a worthwhile cause which I hope will receive substantial benefit from its sale."

MAURO AZZANO



ISBN 978-160131116-5-8  
\$15.00 paperback 48pp  
Published September 2013  
Big Tent Books

*The X-Tails are slashing, spinning and soaring on their snowboards when something unexpected happens. They meet Pride – a mysterious elephant who believes he doesn't fit in as a snowboarder because of his size.*



## About the author

L.A. Fielding is an author of children's literature, and a member of the Canadian Authors Association.

**"I LOVED THIS** book! Fielding uses great character development that is easily relatable for all readers, both boys and girls alike. The artwork and colours are simply splendid! In the story, the characters gently teach you all about snowboarding including the tricks and moves. There are safety tips woven into the story and even the value of being a good person and friend. And as the characters work their way through various scenes and even trials, a real gem is uncovered when they act from a place of kindness that ends up encouraging an elephant named Pride. And if that wasn't cool enough, Fielding added a whole extra section at the back complete with descriptions of the jargon currently used to name all sorts of tricks and moves. This book would suit readers aged 6 to 12 (and definitely all snowboard enthusiasts!). It's totally epic!"

PATRICIA FACTOR

**"IF YOU ARE** into snowboarding, then this is the 'butter' for you! *The X-Tails Snowboard at Shred Park* is a dramatically illustrated story set on the snowy slopes of Shred Park. Six X-Tails rodeo the slopes and, at the same time, strengthen the bond of friendship. Through some of the characters' mishaps, the story brings to light various snowboarding maneuvers and awareness of mountain safety. The colourful artwork by Victor Guiza exemplifies these also. This tale is a great introduction to the terminology of strapping into snowboard bindings and a must-read for young boarders."

GEORGIA HUNTER

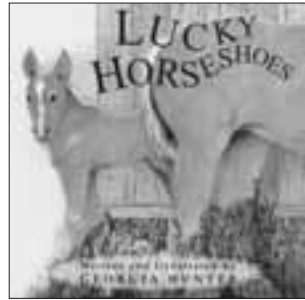
# Lucky Horseshoes

CHILDREN'S

*Lucky Horseshoes is an illustrated book based on a true story about a baby Belgian horse who must adjust to a new home after being sold at auction.*

**"THIS AFFECTIONATELY RENDERED** fable, based on a true story, begins with the birth of Maggie and flows into the pivotal events and transitions in her life. As poetic and tender as the text is, and as charming and accomplished as the appealing illustrations are, the best thing about this rural allegory is the quiet connection, the almost dreamlike weaving of the words and images that informs Maggie's story. Country kid or city kid will enjoy this captivating parable."

BILL ENGLESON



by Georgia Hunter

ISBN 978-14679546-1-7  
\$12.00 paperback 36pp  
Published October 2012  
Blue Crow Books

# The Magic Circle

CHILDREN'S

*This book of ceremonial activities is designed to help children discover their magical, spiritual selves by sharing adventures with a boy named Pete.*

**"THE EXERCISES IN** this book are all fun and based on indigenous wisdom from around the world. The authors understand young children and young teens, and their need for expression. This book would be a wonderful addition to your parenting library. It is a reminder about the wisdom of young children, and how to honour and support them from losing that wisdom as they get older."

MARY TASI



by Ann Dickie,  
Jennifer Engracio &  
Katherine Inksetter

ISBN 978-09918772-0-1  
\$24.00 paperback 122pp  
Published 2012  
Jakout of the Box Publishing

# Out on a Limb

YOUNG ADULT



ISBN 978-09881142-6-5  
\$11.95 paperback 256pp  
Published April 2013  
Vivalogue Publishing

*When Rosie and her family move into a treehouse inherited from a mysterious aunt, she's not sure what to tell her snobby new classmates about where she lives. Lies become tangled and Rosie finds out that faking is hard work...*



## About the author

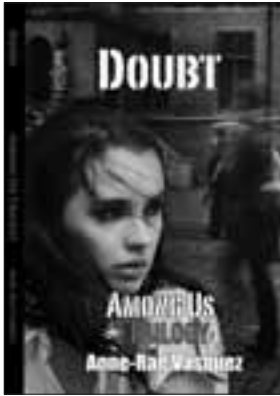
Gail Banning is a Crown Prosecutor. This is her first novel. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**"OUT ON A LIMB** is a quirky story about 12-year-old Rosie McGrady whose family moves into a treehouse after being evicted from their rental apartment. The story details life as a teenager living with very little means and appreciating the small things in life. Bullying at school makes Rosie's life seem even more isolated. Rosie's parents, professors at the nearby university, share their eccentric philosophies with their children which makes the story believable. I enjoyed Ms. Banning's writing style and how she explained the details about how a family of four can physically survive in a treehouse. The story has a smooth pace and well developed characters. Readers of children or young adult fiction will be entertained with the story. Adults who enjoy a good clean story will enjoy it as well."

ANN-RAE VASQUEZ

**"SUCH AN ADVENTURE** this contemporary family embarks upon, when they move into a tree house that was bequeathed to them on the estate of their estranged Great Great Aunt Lydia. Imagine being a teenager attending an elitist school in a wealthy area of Vancouver, and explaining to your new peers that you live in a tree house; not the mansion on the estate. Or do you? The story is filled with intrigue and mystery, inner conflict, fascination with a unique situation, and a meaningful perspective on friendships and relationships. The authentic voice of Rosie relaying her story will hook in Middle Years readers who are anticipating, with some trepidation, their transition to high school."

MARY LAUDIEN



ISBN 978-09864921-5-0  
\$20.00 paperback 249pp  
Published 2013  
AR Publishing

*Doubt, the first installment of the Among Us Trilogy series, is a dystopian, paranormal urban fantasy, sci-fi, new adult fiction thriller featuring 21-year-old 'gamer geeks' Harry Doubt and Cristal Hernandez.*



## About the author

Anne-Rae Vasquez is a freelance journalist for [digitaljournal.com](http://digitaljournal.com), author, filmmaker and web design programmer.

**"DOUBT IS A** fast-spinning tale with an original premise: skilled online gamers leave their virtual world to set about saving the real one. This young adult/early adult novel is the story of Harry Doubt and fellow child-genius Cristal Hernandez, members of an elite IT team at Global Nation. Set in the not-too-distant future, this cross-genre novel combines urban fantasy and romance with elements of the paranormal as Harry, Cristal and other elite IT team members investigate the connection between disappeared family members, GN security breaches, trembling Earth and reddened skies. Written with a gamer-readership in mind, *Doubt* supplies the non-stop action of a video game. A completely unexpected ending sets the stage for further original adventures in the second novel of the intended trilogy.

GAIL BANNING

**"THIS BOOK IS** about time travel and young adults with gifts to channel various powerful supernatural experiences. They find each other through online gaming, and band together to try and solve various mysterious world events. I would recommend it particularly for young teen boys who are 'gamers'. It discusses these types of experiences at an easily understandable and fun level."

MARY TASI

## Other titles by this author:

*Almost a Turkish Soap Opera*, 283pp, \$25.00

*Salha's Secrets to Middle Eastern Cooking Cookbook*, 60pp, \$15.00

## Frenchie Diva

YOUNG ADULT



by Mary L. Laudien

ISBN 978-14095652-9-3

\$8.99 paperback 200pp

Published October 2013

TwoCanDo Books

*Nothing in Ethan's tumultuous teenage world ever unfolds accordingly. His FBF blog followers continue to be entertained (and alarmed) by the humorous Frenchie drama.*

"**YOUNG TEEN ETHAN** Larimour sets out with his eccentric grandmother to train one of his two Frenchie puppies for a career in film, a story which captures well the angst of being a young teen—not to mention all of the work involved in owning *two* mischievous Frenchie puppies! This book would entertain readers in the 9 to 12 age bracket."

COLLEEN RUTTAN

## The Last Falcon

YOUNG ADULT

*After setting out to avenge the murder of her father, a young woman with a mysterious connection to dragons finds herself caught up in a deadly struggle for power.*

**DRAGONS AND ELVES** are occasionally encountered in the Kingdom of Alyria, the setting for *The Last Falcon*, but castle intrigue and inter-kingdom espionage make up the substance of this fantasy. Sixteen-year-old Erynn is on a fugitive quest to avenge her father's murder and to solve the mystery of her own birth. Quick-paced and vivid, with credible and appealing characters, here is an adventure that will capture the imaginations of young adult readers of both sexes.

GAIL BANNING



by Colleen Ruttan

ISBN 978-14775703-9-5

\$11.99 paperback 271pp

Published June 2012

CreateSpace



# The Dead Don't Dream

FICTION



ISBN 978-09854464-6-8  
\$19.95 paperback 304pp  
Published 2012  
Novel Voices Press

*This is the first book in the series featuring Metis police officer Ian McBriar. Set in 1973, it explores the challenges faced by a visible minority police officer, the crimes he investigates, and the hidden pain that drives him.*



## About the author

Richmond resident Mauro Azzano spends his free time writing, running marathons and gardening.

**“IAN MCBRIAR, TOGETHER** with his partner, Sergeant Frank Burghezian, investigate what first appears to be an accident. Two young boys running on the railway tracks are hit by a passing train. After interviewing witnesses it appears that the boys were being chased by a man who was intent on murdering at least one of them. The boy in question lies in a coma in hospital and the detectives discover he is the son of a local Mafia boss. They also discover that his elder brother was killed in Italy a year earlier under unusual circumstances. Who would want to kill young boys and what could be their motive? The police officers work diligently to solve the crime, but at the same time they do not ignore their home life. McBriar, whose girl friend left him six months earlier, strikes up a new relationship with Karen, a single mother living alone with her young son. The characterization within the novel is excellent, including the autistic witness, Gary. Mauro Azzano cleverly manages to intertwine the love interest of McBriar with his gradual peeling of the mystery, layer by layer. I found the book a thoroughly good read. For those who love detective novels in the vein of P.D. James, or J.D. Robb, this is the page-turner for them.”

DAVID BURNELL

**“THIS BOOK LOOKS** like it could be the start of a great series. Ian McBride is a good detective, and a man with normal warts. I very much enjoyed his interplay between the characters, and the resolution to the case. Great Job! This book is a great airplane read.”

MIKE HARTNER

# A Nightingale Sang

FICTION



ISBN 978-09881142-7-2  
\$16.95 paperback 286pp  
Published 2013  
Vivalogue Publishing

*David Marshal is a battle-weary Canadian Spitfire pilot. Dianne Schofield aspires to a singing career. A Nightingale Sang tells the story of two people determined to build a future together despite the odds.*



## About the author

David Burnell spent most of his life working in engineering offices. He is married with three grown children.

**“A STORY OF** love, hope, determination, great happiness and great sadness. This tale takes place at a dark time in history: when love, hope and determination were needed just to survive. The story follows the lives of two main characters, a Canadian pilot and an aspiring singer, through the last year of World War II. It contains a lot of interesting details about Spitfire planes, the Royal Air Force and life in England at that time. This book will bring home to all who read it what life was like for our families during this difficult period in history. My parents would have been the same ages as David and Dianne in this book. This book will appeal to the history reader in Canada, Britain and around the world.”

CONNIE SMITH

**“A NIGHTINGALE SANG** is a great story. The characters leap out of the pages at you, and all seem so real. Burnell has gone to a large effort to ensure that everything is historically correct, including researching the various planes, and how they should be used. This is a romance that could easily be enjoyed by everyone. A good read.”

MIKE HARTNER

## Other titles by this author:

*Dad's Christmas Stories*, 235pp, \$14.95

*The Elevator*, 144pp, \$16.00

*The Coven of the Unholy*, 334pp, \$18.95

# Like a Child to Home

FICTION



ISBN 978-4602192-8-7  
\$16.99 paperback 248pp  
Published July 2013  
Friesen Press

*Like a Child to Home is the story of Carla Prentice, an overwhelmed single mother of two at-risk teenagers and Wally Rose, an old-time social worker juggling a convoluted caseload in a system that wears everyone down.*



## About the author

Bill Engleson was active in the B.C. child welfare arena for more than 25 years as a government protection social worker and union activist.

**“A BOOK ABOUT Social Services!** Yes, and what a page turner. When I first starting to read this book, I couldn’t believe I could get so hooked on social services and I kept turning the pages to see what happened next. This book spans a number of years and encompasses many different cases and ways of handling those cases; all so different yet all the same in as much that the subject matter is a family, a child and a social worker. The obvious target audience for this book is people dealing with the well-being of children and the solutions to many different problems. But this would exclude many other audiences with no interest in such matters who would really enjoy such a good read.”

SUSAN LANCASTER

**“ENGLESON HAS CAPTURED** the feel of working within a bureaucracy and trying to do one’s best for the lost souls in his charge. He also captures the sense of futility and powerlessness in some aspects of the job; not being able to do the best for some people, while having to jump through hoops at work in order to keep his job. It’s a common work condition in modern times, and one which resonates for most of us. I have spent quite some time in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver; I recognize some of the characters Bill talks about, in general, and I think he really captures the feel of the area. I also enjoy that chapters are dedicated to individual persons. This helped me focus on the individual rather than hunt around and wonder who he was talking about now.”

MAURO AZZANO

# I, Walter

FICTION



ISBN 978-09733561-5-1  
\$17.95 paperback 254pp  
Published April 2013  
Eternity4Popsicle Publishing

*Walter Crofter was born in Elizabethan England. In a country and a time where favour and politics are both deadly, can an honest boy stay true to himself? Especially given his family background?*



## About the author

Mike Hartner lives in British Columbia with his family. He enjoys skiing, surfing, scuba diving writing, soccer and his son's teams.

**"I, WALTER IS** an action-filled story. It begins in the childhood of a man writing his memoir in 1600s Europe. After leaving an impoverished home at an early age, Walter embarks on an adventurous life aboard an English merchant ship. Along the way, he encounters rogues, makes friends with colourful shipmates, rescues a Spanish girl whom he falls for, and makes a wise investment with a virtual stranger. He experiences both grand and horrible moments of reality and heroism. The voice, pacing, cadence, and some lovely descriptions compelled me to continue until I found myself immersed in Walter's exploits. Anyone who has enjoyed the like of *Treasure Island* and *Huckleberry Finn* would find this story entertaining."

KATHRYN JANE

**"THIS BOOK DETAILS** the life of the main character, Walter Crofter, beginning when he was a young boy, through into adulthood. Hartner introduces a number of characters throughout the novel and its central strength lies in its story. One cannot help to be drawn into the life of this Englishman and through the twists and turns of his adventures and close calls. There are ongoing surprises as the layers of his life, and particularly the lives of other main characters, continue to be peeled back to reveal yet more revelations about who they really are. There also is a love story and tension between him and his family. This volume would appeal to those who like suspense novels, historical fiction or books on a nautical vein."

PAUL SERUP

## Sole

FICTION



by Elspeth Grafton

ISBN 978-09918595-0-4

\$15.00 paperback 240pp

Published August 2013

Elspeth Grafton

*Lucinda, Oliver and Julian couldn't come from more different walks of life. From the closet of a drag queen to the closeted life of a shoe fetishist, they discover their passions, their paths and themselves. Life depends on your SOLE.*

"THIS IS A fascinating book in that it has been set up like a piece of art and was not massaged in the traditional way that books are normally edited. It made for an interesting reading experience. Those who enjoy a bit of mystery will be pleased with this read. It keeps you guessing almost to the end – I won't say more – enjoy!"

PATRICIA FACTOR

## Do Not Tell Me No

FICTION

*Cassandra, a mature, kick-ass woman, is determined to find her family, in spite of a crazy horse, a mysterious helicopter, a frustrated hero, and farcical felons.*

"KATHRYN JANE'S *Do Not Tell Me No* is a thriller/romance story, with our heroine, Cassandra, on a quest to find her father and brother. When the Minnows gang guns for her hoping she'll lead them to her missing family, Special Ops Agent Gage comes on board to get her to safety. This book will appeal to readers who want a quick read that will engage their imaginations."

ELSPETH GRAFTON



by Kathryn Jane

ISBN 978-09920195-0-1

\$14.00 paperback 306pp

Published November 2012

Intrepid Mystery Horse

# Constable for Life

NON-FICTION



ISBN 978-09876808-0-8  
\$14.95 paperback 160pp  
Published December 2011  
Hugo Publishing

*Constable for Life: Chronicles of a Canadian Mountie is a unique series of true anecdotes spanning a 28-year career. Entwined with the many humorous tales are some that tell of the darker realities of life.*



## About the author

Chuck Bertrand is the recipient of the Police Commissioner's Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal.

**"CONSTABLE BERTRAND TAKES** us first to Ottawa, and then on to Fort McMurray, and finally to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. The stories are written mainly in a humorous vein, though they also cover serious situations, such as sexual abuse on women and children, spousal abuse and even a gun battle and resulting stand-off after a break and enter in the north of Alberta. During his career he has been involved in many situations where different and varied people get themselves into all sorts of trouble. He has also met important people during his working life, including calling uninvited on Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his family at their home at 24 Sussex Drive. Mr. Bertrand obviously loved his work and it shows in his writing. His stories are varied and interesting and will delight anyone, particularly those with an interest in social behaviour, both good and bad."

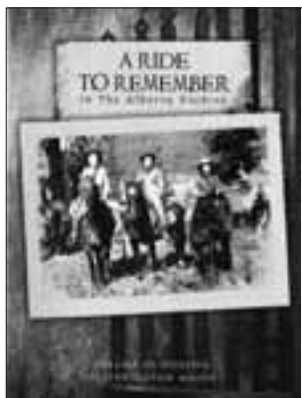
DAVID BURNELL

**"THIS IS A** heartwarming account of Chuck Bertrand and his adventures with the RCMP. What I liked most about this book is it provides insights into the personalities to the officers of the RCMP. So often we only see them as the person who caught you speeding or the guy who helped you in an emergency. This book will appeal to all readers who love everything Canadian and would make a great gift."

CONNIE SMITH

# A Ride to Remember

NON-FICTION



ISBN 978-14269707-5-7  
\$15.95 paperback 104pp  
Published May 2011  
Trafford Publishing

*In 1947 three best friends were asked to join a trail ride from Jasper to Nordegg. Over 60 years later, Lillian and Jo co-wrote *A Ride to Remember*. Jo did the writing using Lillian's photos and journal.*



## About the author

Co-authors Thelma Jo Dobson and Lillian Caton Major have been best friends for more than 65 years.

**"TAKE A STEP** back in time, to a much different world – a time when life was simple and the Canadian wilderness was pristine and unknown. *A Ride to Remember: In the Alberta Rockies* is a beautifully detailed and heartwarming narrative that leaves the reader with a sense of adventure and appreciation for the world around us! Spruce bough beds, homemade sleeping bags, jackets for pillows, and sardine and mustard sandwiches were a staple. The words flow like poetry, which describe the haunting cries of the loons, the eagles soaring like king and queen of the valley, and the high mountains where there were no trees, no grass, only iron horseshoes clanking on the bare rock. It's a great book for someone looking for a relaxing and easy read, and for those who wish to learn about trekking through the magnificent Canadian Rockies."

L. A. FIELDING

**"THIS BOOK IS** written in an easy-going narrative style, with insights taken directly from personal diaries of the trip. It's more than just a trip account; the day to day itinerary is covered, but there are also more intimate insights into the guides and their wrangler. There are notes on the abundant wildlife encountered on the trail, and details about how the logistics of planning each leg, saddling and loading all the horses, and producing wonderful meals along the trail – complete with fresh wild strawberries."

BRUCE WHITTINGTON



# Who Killed Abraham Lincoln? NON-FICTION



ISBN 978-09811685-0-0  
\$29.95 paperback 424pp  
Published 2010  
Salmova Press

*In 1885, Charles Chiniquy, the celebrated, world famous, one-time Roman Catholic priest, made the stunning claim that officials of his former Church were responsible for the murder of his close friend, Abraham Lincoln.*



## About the author

Paul Serup is an independent historical researcher and author, based in central British Columbia, Canada.

**“WHO KILLED ABRAHAM LINCOLN?** is a thoroughly researched and exhaustively documented examination of the role of Catholicism in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The author, Paul Serup, uses the contemporaneous autobiography of Charles Chiniquy as a starting point for his discussion of both the plot and the conspirators. The book provides a fascinating account of the life of Charles Chiniquy and an overview of prevailing scholarship regarding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. It will appeal to both serious students of history and to those who enjoy conspiracy theories and true crime stories, both past and present.”

LYNN DUNCAN

**“SERUP HAS EMBARKED** on a colossal mission of research for his book. One cannot fail to be impressed by the extent of his documentation. This reviewer, not particularly predisposed to religious discussions and exploration, was especially engaged by the skulduggery Serup documents leading up to and following the actual killing of Lincoln. In 2013, as we remember and reflect on the assassination of JFK 50 years earlier, Serup’s comprehensive study might well serve that legion of scholars and historians who are drawn to the exhaustive post-mortem of the terrible and tragic murders of American Presidents.”

BILL ENGLESON

**Other books by this author:**

*Who Killed Abraham Lincoln?* audio-book (7 CDs), \$29.95



# Spirit Memory

NON-FICTION



ISBN 978-17714100-0-7  
\$21.95 paperback 171pp  
Published July 2012  
Influence Publishing

*Spirit Memory is a journey through spiritual archeology, hidden histories and DNA memory. Suitable for anyone interested in exploring their family history through a combination of fact-based and spiritual research methods.*



## About the author

Mary Tasi was educated at the University of Waterloo and spent over 20 years in city planning in Ontario, Quebec and B.C.

**"SPIRIT MEMORY IS** written as a memoir detailing the author's experience as a Hungarian immigrating to Canada and marrying into an aboriginal family. The cultural differences and similarities are detailed openly and honestly in each chapter. Ms. Tasi reveals her personal growth which touched me as a reader. Tasi doesn't hold back when she describes the tensions between those around her, which is very refreshing. I particularly enjoyed the local references to the West Coast of British Columbia as I was able to relate to it having grown up in the same area. A very good read for readers who are interested in learning more about history, First Nations and Hungarian culture and about life as a Canadian immigrant in general."

ANNE-RAE VASQUEZ

**"THIS BOOK IS** a fascinating account of Mary Tasi's healing journey from family and cultural patterns of behaviour. Husband Wade, a First Nations hereditary chief, is also on a healing journey from his past history of his people's treatment by Europeans and the 'code of silence' about residential schools. The reader's attention is grabbed in the first pages where Tasi describes trying to hide herself from others, to which many people can relate. In exploring past lives, Mary comes far in her healing journey. She is convinced that we are affected in our present lifetime by events from past life times. *Spirit Memory* is a book that many can enjoy. Anyone interested in Hungarian history, alternative healing methods, past life experiences, and a darn good story would all enjoy Mary Tasi's book."

ANN DICKIE

## Stay Young

NON-FICTION



by Susan Lancaster

ISBN 978-09730350-4-9

\$12.00 paperback 120pp

Published December 2012

Snosrap Publishing

*Stay Young: The Golden Years Are the Pits is a quirky collection of the jottings and musings of an old biddy who, along with some personal essays, discusses the challenge of getting older along with laughing at it all.*

“**STAY YOUNG IS** a delightful book about the perils of getting older. I enjoyed the short stories, some of which are humorous, while others make you sit back and think. I found myself relating to many of her anecdotes and reflecting on similar situations that I had experienced. This book would appeal to the Baby Boomer generation and older.”

CHUCK BERTRAND

## Alaska Cruise Wildlife Watch

NON-FICTION

*What are those flowers? Why is the ice so blue? What do those birds eat? Here is a beautiful and handy guide with information about Alaska's glaciers, whales, birds and more, as seen on a cruise.*

“**THIS IS ONE** of the most informative guides for Alaska cruisers that I have ever read. It touches on everything from the geology of Southeast Alaska to glaciers, animals, sea life, birds and flowers. The photos throughout the guide are impressive and are of excellent quality. Ideal for anyone who is cruising to Alaska, including those making a repeat cruise.

CHUCK BERTRAND



by Bruce Whittington

ISBN 978-09782913-2-7

\$14.95 paperback 96pp

Published April 2013

Stray Feathers Press

# Grace, Grit and Gusto

NON-FICTION



*These are stories of remarkable women who live or lived in New Westminster and made significant contributions to their city, province and country.*

Edited by June Harrison  
& Margaret Fairweather

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Vivalogue Publishing

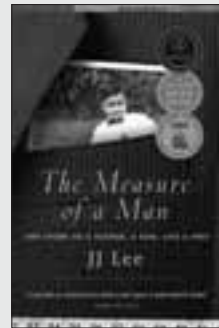
“**THOUGH SOME OF** these accounts may appeal mainly to those who have lived or now live in New Westminster, others transcend geographical location and are truly inspiring. This book would appeal those who enjoy history concerning New Westminster and British Columbia in general. The book’s proceeds support WINGS which provides transitional services for women fleeing domestic violence.”

PAUL SERUP

## J.J. Lee @ Frontier College Reception

4.00 – 6.00pm  
Earls Restaurant  
Lansdowne Centre

*Author and columnist  
J.J. LEE is the host at the  
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