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For the past two years **TOP GRADE** has been sent to elementary schools across the country and the reaction is overwhelmingly positive, much to our delight. Teachers and support staff are eager for information on Canadian materials and the Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP) is pleased to be initiating this sampling program. The idea is to discover the wealth of books written, illustrated, and published here at home, to share them with colleagues, and then, of course, to order them from your preferred school and library wholesale vendor to complete the circle.

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To make your reading easier, subject and curriculum headings top the page and annotated listings provide the rest. Aboriginal Studies, History, Literature, Poetry, and Civics are the main headings for this spring list. To ensure we are sending what you need, an e-survey will be sent to all participants later in the spring. We ask you to take a few minutes to let us know what worked and what you would like to see more of. But you don't have to wait to write – feel free to drop us a line at [top.grade@canbook.org](mailto:top.grade@canbook.org), or visit [www.publishers.ca/topgrade](http://www.publishers.ca/topgrade).

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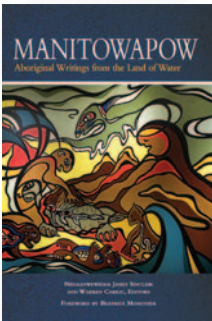
## Sagkeeng Legends (*Sagkeeng Aadizookaanag*)

Stories by John C. Courchene, Compiled by Craig Fontaine

Originally recorded by John's wife, Josephine Courchene, in the early 1980s and reprinted here in both English and Anishanabemowin by Craig Fontaine, the stories in *Sagkeeng Legends* represent two

pebbles where a mountain of knowledge once stood. Nonetheless, this book is an important act of preserving and reintroducing indigenous language and culture to a new generation.

ROSEWAY PUBLISHING | 9781552665176 | \$14.95 | PB | Ages 13+ | Grades 8+  
 Aboriginal Studies | Language Arts | Social Studies



## Manitowapow *Aboriginal Writers from the Land of Water*

Edited by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair and Warren Cariou,  
 Foreword by Beatrice Mosionier

In the middle of the North American continent, where waterways and rivers flow in and out of immense lakes, many different people have come, met, lived, and thrived. In *Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water*, you will find their voices. This rich collection of stories, poetry, nonfiction, and speeches features vibrant literary works from Aboriginal writers, past and present. Chosen for On The Same Page: Manitoba Reads, 2013.

PORTAGE & MAIN PRESS | 9781553793564 | \$35.00 | PB | Ages 16+ | Grades 11+  
 Language Arts | Aboriginal Studies | History



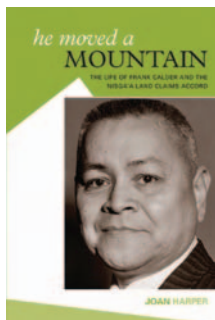
## 7 Generations *A Plains Cree Saga*

David Alexander Robertson, Illustrated by Scott B. Henderson

Edwin is facing an uncertain future. Only by learning about his family's past—as warriors, survivors of a smallpox epidemic, and casualties of a residential school—will he be able to face the present and embrace the future. *7 Generations: A Plains Cree Saga* is an epic four-part graphic novel. Illustrated in vivid colour, the story follows one Aboriginal family over three centuries and seven generations.

PORTAGE & MAIN PRESS | 9781553793557 | \$32.00 | PB | Ages 14-17 | Grades 9-12  
 Language Arts | Aboriginal Studies | History | Teacher guide available

Also available: *Sugar Falls: A Residential School Story* by David Alexander Robertson, Illustrated by Scott B. Henderson



## He Moved a Mountain

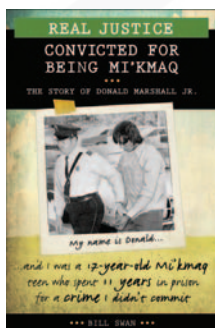
*The Life of Frank Calder and the Nisga'a Land Claims Accord*

Joan Harper

Dr. Frank Calder of BC's Nisga'a First Nation was the first Aboriginal person to be elected to any Canadian governing body. For twenty-six years he served as an MLA in the legislature of B.C. He was the driving force behind Canada's decision to grant Aboriginal land title to the Nisga'a. Thereafter, the "Calder Case" became the paradigm for Aboriginal land claims around the world. Calder received the Order of Canada and the Nisga'a title "Chief of Chiefs."

RONSDALE PRESS | 9781553802273 | \$21.95 | PB | Ages 15+ | Grades 10-12  
Aboriginal Studies | Canadian History | Political Science | Ebook available

### CIVICS/SOCIAL JUSTICE/SOCIAL STUDIES



## Real Justice

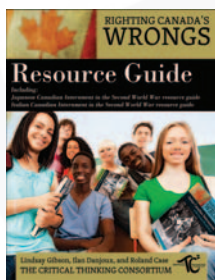
*Convicted for Being Mi'kmaq – The Story of Donald Marshall Jr.*

Bill Swan

The compelling story of Aboriginal youth Donald Marshall Jr., his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, and how he fought back and forced the Canadian justice system to confront its racism.

JAMES LORIMER & COMPANY | 9781459404397 | \$12.95 | PB  
Ages 13+ | Gr 8-12 | Law | Civics | Crime & Justice | Ebook available

Also available: *Real Justice: Sentenced to Life at Seventeen* by Cynthia J. Faryon



## Righting Canada's Wrongs Resource Guide

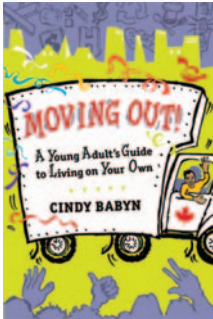
The Critical Thinking Consortium, Contributions by Lindsay Gibson, Ilan Danjoux and Roland Case

The series explores discrimination and justice in Canadian history. The resource guide provides seven lessons to engage students while they learn about important events that shaped our multicultural society, past treatment of minorities, how to approach the topic of racism, and the important roles minorities have played in Canadian society.

JAMES LORIMER & COMPANY | 9781459403642 | \$24.95 | PB | Ages 13+ | Grades 8-12  
Canadian History | Justice & Discrimination | Ebook Available

Also available: *Italian Canadian Internment in the Second World War* by Pamela Hickman and Jean Smith Cavalluzzo

## GUIDANCE/SOCIAL STUDIES



### Moving Out! *A Young Adult's Guide to Living on Your Own*

Cindy Babyn, Illustrated by Magdalene Carson

*Moving Out! A Young Adult's Guide to Living On Your Own* is a practical and philosophical book on how youth can look for apartments, find movers and roommates, budget, stand up for their tenant rights, effectively overcome homesickness, develop good health and social habits, respect the environment, and live with all the cultures of the world in one of our great Canadian cities. Formatted as a quick-read resource.

GENERAL STORE PUBLISHING HOUSE | \$14.95 | PB | 9781897508954 | Ages 16+ | Grades 11-12  
Guidance and Career Education | Social Sciences and Humanities | Ebook available  
Coming soon: *Moving Stories* by Cindy Babyn

## ENGLISH/ESL

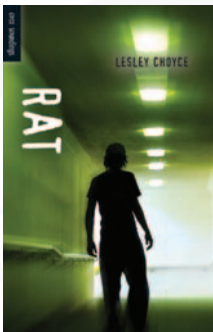


### Maxed Out

Daphne Greer

More than anything, Max wants to play hockey like he used to. But since his dad died, his mom does more crying than mothering, and Max has to take his special-needs brother, Duncan, everywhere he goes. The team needs Max to win the upcoming game against the Red Eagles, but one practice with Duncan makes it evident that it's not safe to leave him unattended on the sidelines.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS | 9781554699810 | \$9.95 | PB  
Ages 12-14 | Grades 7-9 | Language Arts | ESL | Ebook available | Teacher guide available  
Also available: *High Wire (Orca Currents)* by Melanie Jackson



### Rat

Lesley Choyce

Colin is tired of school bullies and other students' refusal to speak up or "rat" on the real troublemakers. When Colin does speak out against a couple of school thugs, they post an embarrassing photo of him on a social networking website. Colin makes some new enemies in the process but also a few new allies.

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Grades 7-9 | Language Arts | ESL | Ebook available | Teacher Guide Available  
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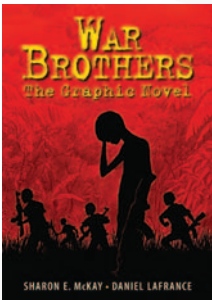
## Reviens

Vicki Grant

Ria is rich, pretty, popular. If you only knew her at school, you'd think she led a charmed life—and until recently you'd have been right. But her situation has taken a sudden, unfortunate change. Her parents' seemingly perfect marriage has broken up, and before she's had a chance to absorb the blow, her beloved father disappears in a plane crash. Then rumours begin to surface that he may have perpetrated a multimillion-dollar investment scam. French edition of *Comeback*.

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 Also available: *En Images (Orca Soundings)* by Norah McClintock

## HISTORY/LANGUAGE ARTS



## War Brothers

Sharon E. McKay, Illustrated by Daniel Lafrance

Based on the novel of the same title, the graphic novel version of *War Brothers* tells the harrowing story of fourteen-year-old Jacob who is brutally abducted and forced to become a child soldier.

ANNICK PRESS | 9781554514885 | \$18.95 | PB | Ages 14+  
 Grades 9+ | World Studies | History



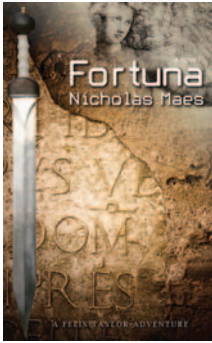
## Kid Soldier

Jennifer Maruno

Fatherless fifteen-year-old Richard is befriended by a former military man in St. Catharines, Ontario. After attending army summer training camp in 1939, he joins the army at the start of the Second World War, lying about his age. He ships out to Britain for training. There he witnesses the Battle of Britain and is wounded during the Blitz.

DUNDURN | 9781459706774 | \$12.99 | PB | Ages 12-15

Grades 7-9 | Language Arts | History | Ebook available | Teacher guide available  
 Also available: *When the Cherry Blossoms Fell* by Jennifer Maruno



## Fortuna

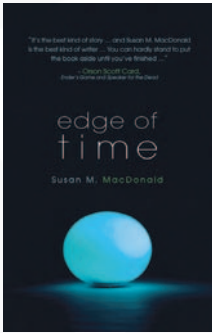
Nicholas Maes

Just when Felix Taylor thought the 23rd century was returning to normal, someone has discovered the time machine and plans to reverse Felix's discovery of lupus ridens, or "laughing wolf." Felix and Caroline must follow this stranger back in time and stop him or her before Felix's world turns to dust.

**DUNDURN** | 9781459705616 | \$12.99 | PB | Ages 12-15 | Grades 7-9

Language Arts | History | Ebook available | Teacher guide available

Also available: *Laughing Wolf* by Nicholas Maes



## Edge of Time

Susan M. MacDonald

Winner of the 2012 Moonbeam Children's Book Award for YA Science Fiction and Fantasy. Someone wants Alec and Riley dead. Someone who can invade the bodies of innocent bystanders, bend their will, and force them to kill. Someone who can travel through multiple dimensions. The Tyons have come to Earth, and they're on the hunt for kids like Riley and Alec: kids who haven't learned to control their special powers yet. Can these teenagers save themselves in time to save the world?

**BREAKWATER BOOKS** | 9781550813579 | \$15.95 | PB | Ages 13-15 | Grades 8-10

Language Arts | Also available: *Tantramar* by Eric Sparling



## The Silent Summer of Kyle McGinley

Jan Andrews

From internationally celebrated author, Jan Andrews. Fed up with being shuffled between foster care homes, Kyle McGinley chooses to go silent and spends a summer not speaking. With the help of an injured crow, a new family, and a blank wall, he learns that what's not said is as powerful as what is. Young male protagonist.

**GREAT PLAINS TEEN FICTION/GREAT PLAINS** | 9781926531687

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Language Arts | Literature | Health | Ebook available

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## The Fall

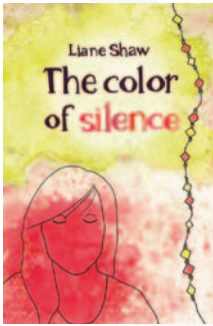
Colleen Nelson

A tragic accident impacts the lives of three boys, who deal with grief and responsibility in three very different ways: one turns to gangs, one turns to substance abuse, and one searches for answers in the face of blame and ostracism. Male protagonist.

**GREAT PLAINS TEEN FICTION/GREAT PLAINS** | 978926531656  
\$14.95 | PB | Ages 13-17 | Grades 8-12 | Language Arts

Literature | Current Events | Ebook available

Teacher guide available | Also available: *Tori by Design* by Colleen Nelson



## The Color of Silence

Liane Shaw

Forced to do community service after she's involved in a car accident, seventeen-year-old Alex meets Joanie whose genetic condition has left her with minimal control of her body and no speech. Never having known another way of being, Joanie has an extraordinary internal life. An incredibly moving portrait of a girl who is physically limited in every way, but whose curious and empathetic mind knows no bounds.

**SECOND STORY PRESS** | 9781926920931 | \$11.95 | PB

Ages 15-17 | Grades 10-12 | Language Arts | Disability | Ebook available

Also available: *Fostergirls* by Liane Shaw



## Counting Back from Nine

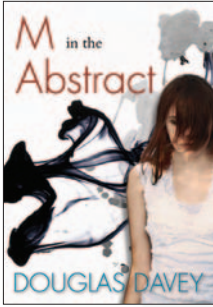
Valerie Sherrard

Laren Olivier knows the rules, but she tells herself that if she and her friend's ex-boyfriend can keep their new romance a secret, no one will get hurt. But Laren is not the only one with something to hide. Somehow, she must find a way to reconcile who she is with what she's done. And when tragedy strikes, she finds herself struggling with a discovery that rocks the foundation of her world. Told in free verse.

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## M in the Abstract

Douglas Davey

M is for Mary whose real name is Mariposa. She is a troubled girl who is haunted by mysterious dark shadows. She knows little about her father, and her mother can't accept her for who she is. Mary's attempts to dare to make connections with other people are doomed to fail as long as the shadows loom within her—until she figures out how she can gain control of them and use their power.

RED DEER PRESS | 9780889954878 | \$12.95 | PB | Ages 13-15 | Grades 8-10  
Literature | Psychology | Writer's Craft | Also available: *Born Ugly* by Beth Goobie

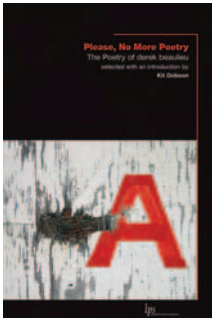


## The Resurrection of Joseph Bourne

Jack Hodgins

In this new edition of Hodgins' Governor General Award-winning novel the reader is taken into the everyday eccentricities of life in Port Annie, a town that keeps slipping into the ocean and whose people have long been in a continuous slumber. Everything changes, however, when a beautiful sea nymph is washed ashore from a stranded freighter. With his energetic style and his comic characterization, Hodgins combines the ordinary with the wondrous.

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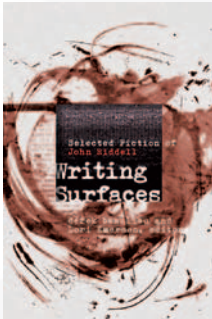
## Please, No More Poetry

*The Poetry of derek beaulieu*

Edited by Kit Dobson

Since the beginning of his poetic career in the 1990s, derek beaulieu has created works that have challenged readers to understand in new ways the possibilities of poetry. This collection offers readers an opportunity to gain access to experimental poetic practice through thirty-five of his selected representative works. This first selected works of derek beaulieu is introduced by Kit Dobson and closes with an interview of derek beaulieu by Lori Emerson.

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY PRESS | 9781554588299 | \$16.99 | PB | Ages 14+ | Grades 9+  
Literature | Poetry | Also available: *Plans Deranged by Time: The Poetry of George Fetherling*, edited by A.F. Moritz



## Writing Surfaces

*Selected Fiction of John Riddell*

Edited by derek beaulieu and Lori Emerson

Riddell's poems and short stories are a remarkable mix of largely typewriter-based concrete poetry mixed with fiction and drawings. This is a love letter to the letter, a whirlwind of photocopiers and typewriters, of fax machines and shredders. Riddell dances though this technology maelstrom with comic books and poetry in hand; the result is a poetic guidebook to the possibilities of visual prose.

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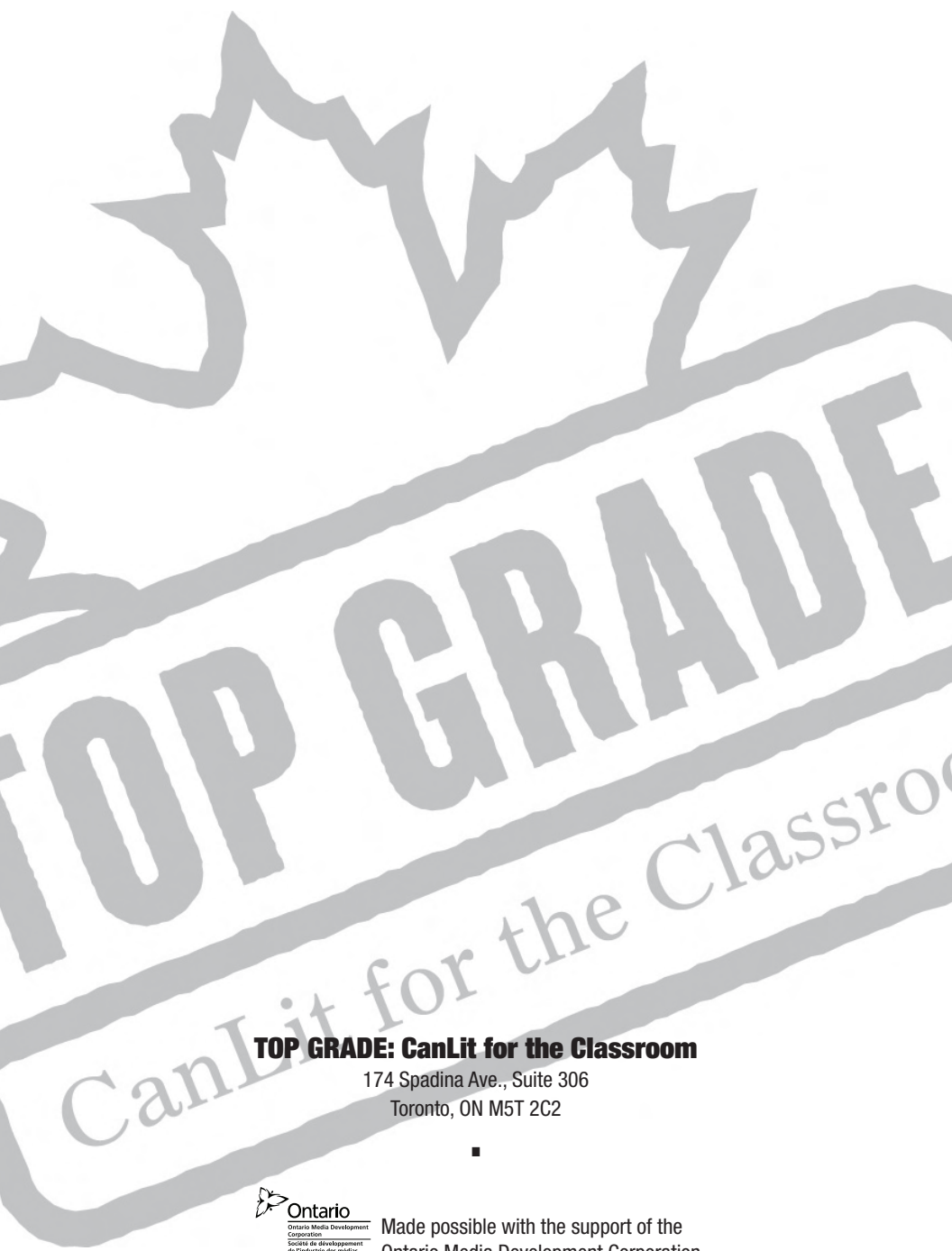
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