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New for 2025

Daniel Ancil

Monster Friends, Where Are You?

Illustrated by Corentin Hunter

A friendly fellow living in a treehouse in a forest learns about mythical creatures in books. He decides to go look for these creatures since no one seems to have found them. He searches for them and is disappointed that he cannot appear to find any. The creatures are there for the reader to see but escape the view of the seeker. This is a wonderful story of loneliness and friendship in odd places. Creatures in books do not always exist but they do reside in our imagination.

For ages 3 to 7, Grades K–3

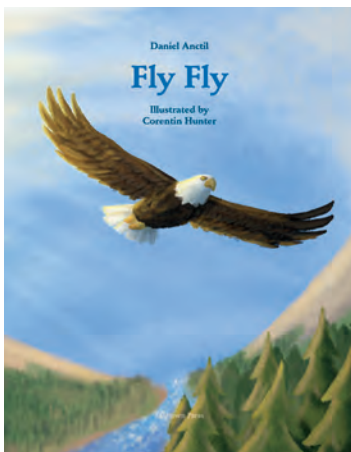
\$21.95 (HARDCOVER, 44 P.)

ISBN 978-1-988242-56-9 (PRINT)



Daniel Ancil has a BA from UVic and has always wanted to write children’s books. He is fascinated with the arts of storytelling and wordsmithing. This is his second book. He lives in Vancouver.

Corentin is an everyday storyteller. Born in a family of artists, he studied animation at the Cégep du Vieux Montréal and is now a freelance artist juggling children’s illustrations and commercial animation. Even a hundred lives would never satisfy his appetite for creation.



Daniel Ancil

Fly Fly

Illustrated by Corentin Hunter

With a dream-like quality, this book allows children to explore wild animals and birds common to the Pacific Northwest and the Rockies. It follows them from sunrise to sunset and presents various aspects of wildlife in a rhyming cadence children will love.

For ages 3 to 7, Grades K–3

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New for 2025

Ed Whitcomb

A Short History of British Columbia

This Short History of British Columbia is designed to provide the average reader with a quick but accurate survey of the broad outline of British Columbia's development. The emphasis in this book is on the political developments that shaped the province as it is today, including subjects such as the meeting between First Nations and Europeans, immigration and settlement, economic activities such as the fur trade, fishing and mining, and the attainment of provincial status. This history explains the reasons for the boom that preceded the First

World War and the depression that followed, including such issues as prohibition and women's suffrage. The Depression, Social Credit, resource development, and more modern developments complete the account.

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Ed Whitcomb

A Short History of Manitoba

This book describes Manitoba's explorations, the fur trade, the settlers, the Métis, the First Nations, the problems they faced and their influence on this region of Canada. There are also explanations of early economic and political developments and such issues as political scandals, prohibition, women's suffrage, the Winnipeg General strike, and the rise to power of the farmers' movement.

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Art and Photography



Vicky Earle

Exploring Vancouver Naturehoods: An Artist's Sketchbook Journal

Seen through the pages of an artist's nature sketchbook, this book reveals the extraordinary biodiversity of Vancouver that waits to delight us around every corner. *Exploring Vancouver Naturehoods* takes a closer look at nature wherever you find it in our city, whether in a beautiful park, a tree-lined street, your backyard, or a plant poking through a crack in the sidewalk.

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Quebec City in the Mid-Sixties



Pierre Ancil

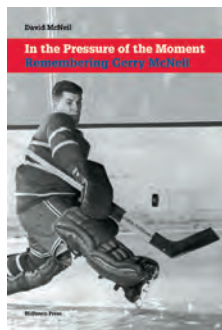
Quebec City in the Mid-Sixties: Photographs by Jean-Louis Ancil

This selection of 101 photos from 1963 to 1968 reveals a time in history where change is inescapable and also what makes Quebec City a travel destination. Sixty years later, this bygone seemingly simple era appeals to our emotions and is close to our hearts.

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David McNeil

In the Pressure of the Moment: Remembering Gerry McNeil

This is the story of Gerry McNeil's short but remarkable NHL career. As readers follow McNeil's journey from understudy to mainstay with the Habs, they also are reminded of how different the game was for fans and players alike.

\$24.95 (PAPERBACK, ILLUSTRATED)

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\$1 from every sale of *In the Pressure of the Moment* will be donated to Jumpstart/Fondation Bon départ.

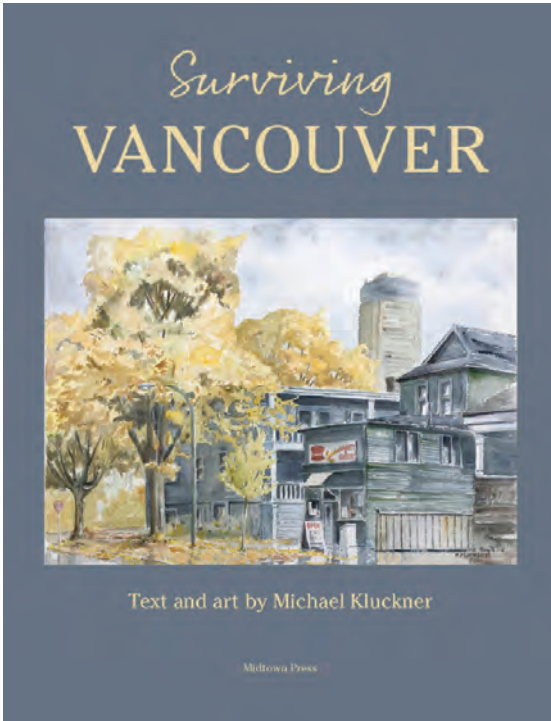


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Michael Kluckner

Michael Kluckner is a Canadian writer and artist. His books have won numerous awards, including the Duthie Prize, the Vancouver Book Prize, the Toronto Book Prize (short list), the Hallmark Society (Victoria) Award of Merit, and the Heritage Canada Medal of Achievement.



Surviving Vancouver

This book asks and answers two questions: What has survived in Vancouver? How do you survive in Vancouver?

From historic neighbourhoods under threat from land speculation to the debates about densifying and making room, Michael Kluckner explores the contested space of Metro Vancouver, using his classic watercolour images from the past 25 years. Forty years after his *Vancouver The Way It Was* book, *Surviving Vancouver* concludes his study of the city.

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Here & Gone: Artwork of Vancouver and Beyond

In his first set of paintings published in nine years, Michael Kluckner explores surviving relics of old Vancouver and rural British Columbia, creating scenes like those in his award-winning, best-selling books from the 1990s and 2000s. Accompanying the paintings are images of people and places that capture his trademark kind of “Vancouver poetry,” and artwork from his travel sketchbooks of journeys around the world.

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Graphic Novels

The Rooming House



In the 1960s and early '70s, thousands of youths were on the road hitchhiking across Canada and the USA and travelling through Europe, living in rooming houses in cities like Vancouver.

The Rooming House follows several of these young men and women sharing an old house in Vancouver's Kitsilano District, tracking their loves, losses, and wanderings through the diary entries of two of them. It is both a coming-of-age novel about disaffected and aimless young people and an exploration of the events of those years, complete with a soundtrack of rock classics and notes for readers who weren't around then.

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Toshiko

During World War II, Japanese-Canadians are exiled from their homes on the BC Coast. Such is the fate of Toshiko who is sent with her family to a farm near a small, hostile town. One farm boy is curious about her and a friendship develops that soon blossoms into a kind of Romeo and Juliet romance. When their relationship becomes a scandal, he is thrown out of his house and sets off with her for Vancouver, where they attempt to establish a life together before the harsh reality of wartime Canada closes in on them.

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E. Pauline Johnson

Legends of Vancouver

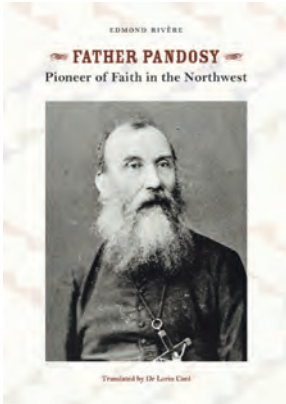
Photographs by Anne-Marie Comte

This is a collection of stories from Squamish Chief Joe Capilano, written by E. Pauline Johnson Tekahionwake (1861-1913). This book is also a portrait of a early Vancouver and is a classic of British Columbia literature.

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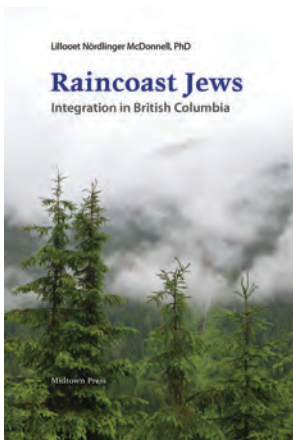
Father Pandosy: Pioneer of Faith in the Northwest

Jean-Charles Pandosy (1824–1891) was sent to the Pacific Northwest as a missionary from Marseilles, France. He is the pioneer founder of L'Anse au Sable and the Okanagan Mission, later to be encompassed in the thriving city of Kelowna.

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Lillooet Nördlinger McDonnell

Raincoast Jews: Integration in British Columbia

People coming from the Old World brought with them their culture which many were determined to respect and maintain while adapting to a new society. This book explores the lives and contributions of five leading Jewish families living in British Columbia between 1860 and 1970.

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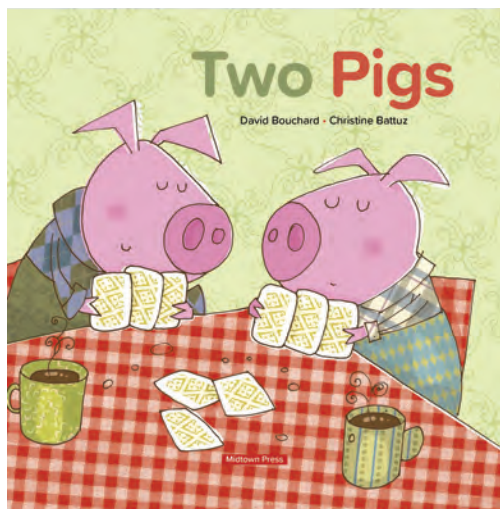
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Midtown Stories for Kids

New for 2025



David Bouchard

Two Pigs

Illustrations by Christine Battuz

David Bouchard is well known for his First Nations and Métis stories. Before that period Bouchard wrote amusing stories on childhood like his bestseller: *That's Hockey*, where we find that one of the players is a girl. This is now a common situation, but it wasn't back then.

This book is a play on the *Three Little Pigs* and their relationship with the

wolf. What if we replaced the third pig with a bear? The story then changes completely as the wolf cannot compete with a bear in the third house. The narrative turns to inclusion where the wolf is accepted as a friend who plays games with the pigs and the bear. The wolf was just looking for friendship and the bear is there to help.

For ages 3 to 7, Grades K—3

\$21.95 (HARDCOVER, 32 P.)

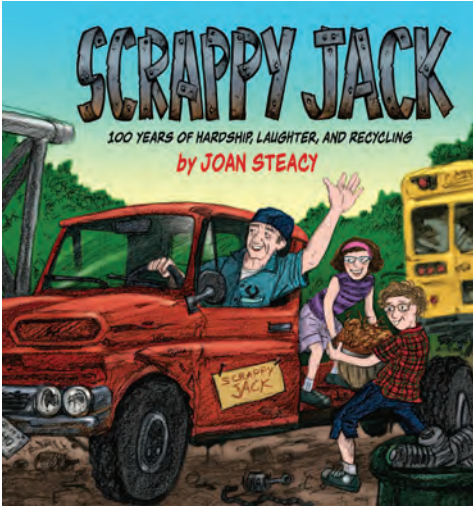
ISBN 978-1-988242-60-6 (PRINT)

David Bouchard, speaker, author and educator is an award-winning writer who has penned over 70 books in both English and French. David is a most sought-after public speakers for his gift of storytelling. In 2009, he was named to the Order of Canada for his contribution.

Christine Battuz was born in France where she started drawing at age 3. Growing up, Christine was inspired by her mother's collection of paintings. She studied in Italy and received her Masters from the Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia. She has illustrated over sixty children's books in North America, Korea and Europe. She teaches art to adults and children of all ages. She loves trail running and skiing with her husband and son.



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Joan Steacy

***Scrappy Jack: 100 years of
Hardship, Laughter, and
Recycling***

Illustrated by Joan Steacy

This biography of my father “Scrappy Jack” Thornborrow is based on real-life experiences Jack told me about while I was growing up. He was hard-working and playful, a salt-of-the earth fellow. For a hundred years, from his childhood, through the decades into adulthood, he kept his playfulness and

never acted his age! This is a good view of the twentieth century in Canada through the eyes of an English immigrant who arrived in 1912.

For ages 3 to 7, Grades K–3

\$24.95 (HARDCOVER, 52 P.)

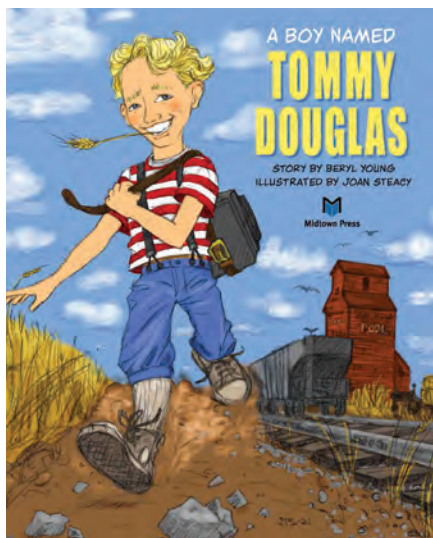
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Joan Steacy grew up in southern Ontario, and is a graduate of Sheridan College, The Ontario College of Art & Design University, and The University of Victoria. With her husband Ken Steacy, she co-created the Comics and Graphic Novels program at Camosun College in Victoria, BC, where she taught from 2012 to 2020.

Her first graphic novel *AURORA BOREALICE: a Graphic Memoir* was published by Conundrum Press in 2019, and was listed as one of “Ten Canadian Comics to Read Right Now” by the CBC, winning the sequential magazine award for best graphic novel of 2019. Joan also produced the illustrations for a biography of our greatest Canadian, titled *A Boy Named Tommy Douglas* which is published by Midtown press as well.



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Beryl Young

A Boy Named Tommy Douglas

Illustrated by Joan Steacy

A childhood illness inspired the boy who was not big for his age and not from a wealthy family to grow up to make an important difference in the lives of every child and adult in Canada. Here is the little-known story of Tommy Douglas and his dream.

When Tommy was a boy in Winnipeg a knee injury led to osteomyelitis, and doctors made the frightening decision to amputate his leg. His leg was saved by a specialist who

performed surgery at no cost so that Tommy could run and play games again. Growing up, Tommy never forgot that other children whose parents did not have money to pay surgeons were not so fortunate. He became a fiery politician and his dream to have good medical care for all Canadians came true. Tommy Douglas is known as the Father of Medicare.

\$19.95 (HARDCOVER, 32 P.)

ISBN 978-1-988242-41-5 (PRINT)

Beryl Young is the author of eight critically acclaimed books for children, including picture books, novels and biographies. Among many award nominations, her books have won the Silver Moonbeam Award (U.S.), the Chocolate Lily Award (B.C.) and the Reader's Choice Award at the Rainforest of Reading.

Beryl is an admirer of Tommy Douglas and is honoured to tell the story of the childhood experience that inspired him to work toward establishing Medicare in Canada. Beryl has three children and four grandchildren and lives in Vancouver, B.C. See www.berlyoung.com.



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Pineshish The Blue Jay

Michel Noël
Camille Lavoie



Michel Noël

Pineshish The Blue Jay

Illustrations by Camille Lavoie

There once was a little blue jay called Pineshish and because it was hurt and needed refuge. It asked the birch and the maple trees for help but they refused. Pineshish had to find shelter. The fir tree did help. Protected from the winds and the storms, the blue jay recovered, fed by the generous fir tree.

Soon, the trees that had neglected to

help Pineshish when it was in need started to lose their leaves for the first time. By taking away their ornaments, Mother Nature punished deciduous trees for being so selfish and heartless, so the story goes. Every year since then, deciduous trees lose their leaves, and the fir trees keep their needles and their evergreen beauty always.

For ages 3 to 6, Grades K–3

\$19.95 (HARDCOVER 32 P.)

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Michel Noël was of Algonquin origins. He was also an ethnologist and held a PhD in the discipline. He shared his time between writing and promoting indigenous cultures. He has over fifty titles in print including novels, youth theatre, poetry, art books, tourist guides, and reference, most of them dedicated to indigenous culture. He edited several book series and was a narrator for documentaries. In collaboration with the Ministère de la Culture du Québec, he contributed to the development of several programs and agencies for the promotion of First Nations heritage. He received among other accolades the Prix Saint Exupéry—Valeurs Jeunesse and the Governor General's Award. In 2013, he won the Prix TD de littérature canadienne pour la jeunesse.

The multidisciplinary artist, *Camille Lavoie* explores boundaries between reality and fiction. Her approach can either be realistic or closer to the world of fairy tales. She lives in Montreal and works at the Studio Blanc, where all dreams can come true.



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Nancy Hundal
The Best Christmas Ever
Illustrations by Bibiana Vidal Curell



This is the first book for illustrator *Bibiana Vidal Curell*. She is an accomplished artist and painter with many shows and galleries carrying her work. She lives in Manitoba.

Nancy Hundal

The Best Christmas Ever

Illustrations by Bibiana Vidal Curell

Twins Toby and Ella are sick of their mother being over busy at Christmas: their mom is doing so much baking, decorating, shopping and preparing that there is no time for fun! What about building a snowman? What about reading Christmas stories around the fire? But when Mom's careful holiday plans start to unravel, the twins see a wonderful new side to Mom ... and to Christmas!

For ages 3 to 7, Grades K-3

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For ages 3 to 7, Grades K-3

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Nancy Hundal

Saturday at the Garage

Illustrations by Angela Pan

A young girl spends the day at her father's garage. There are chores to be done, help to provide and customers to look after. In this gentle story, Nancy Hundal recollects from her own experience a day spent with her father, cars and friendly customers. The relationship between the daughter and her father is patient and sweet.





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Marie-Laure Chevrier

Johnny of Maillardville

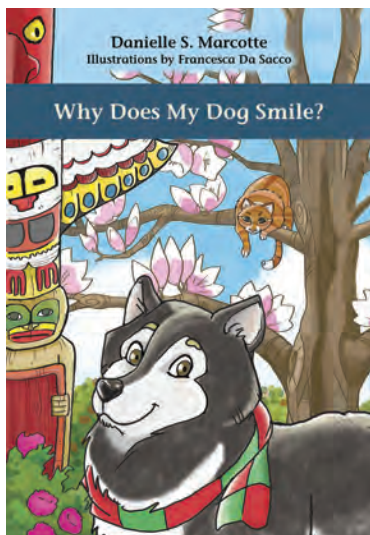
Illustrated by Michael Kluckner

Johnny of Maillardville chronicles the arrival of a group of French-Canadian lumber workers from the Ottawa region in 1909. They were recruited by the Western Lumber Company's mill in Coquitlam and settled above the Mill in an area they called Maillardville.

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Danielle S. Marcotte

Why Does My Dog Smile?

Illustrations by Francesca Da Sacco

Spring is here in Greater Vancouver. Trees and bushes are in bloom. Why is my dog Boris smiling?

For ages 7 to 9, Grades 2–3

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Keep the Blue Side Up! **No. 1**

Danielle S. Marcotte

Scamper and the Airplane Thief

Illustrations by Paul Roux

Our small seaplane will introduce readers to flight's dos and don'ts through the pilot's actions.

For ages 7 to 9, Grades 2–3

\$14.95 (HARDCOVER, 48 P., 8 COLOUR ILL.)

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Keep the Blue Side Up! **No. 2**

Danielle S. Marcotte

This Airplane Can Dance!

Illustrations by Francesca Da Sacco

Piper Super Cub is a cargo plane who wants adventure. Max, the pilot's son, has twin friends who just may be in for it!

For ages 7 to 9, Grades 2–3

\$6.95 (PAPERBACK, 48 P., 8 COLOUR ILL.)

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Coming Soon...



Two new entries in the short history series:

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