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# Sugar Shack BOOKS





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ownal Street Press's new romance imprint is launching in 2026 with three titles. Set within the Canadian landscape, Sugar Shack Books publishes contemporary romance that's emotionally rich, inclusive, and grounded in a strong sense of place.

Built on Pownal Street Press's commitment to brave storytelling and connection, Sugar Shack Books brings that mission into the romance space through stories that value belonging, care, and everyday joy. Whether set in the wilderness of northern Ontario or the coast of British Columbia, these are love stories shaped by wit, warmth, and hope.

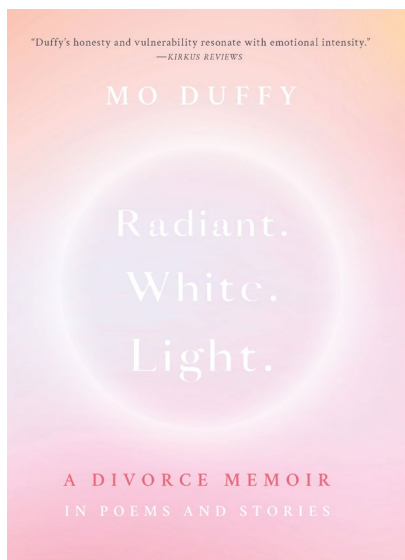
Sugar Shack Books is for readers who enjoy character-driven romance with a strong sense of place. The list prioritizes emotional connection and gentle intimacy, as well as a range of heat levels from sweet to spicy. Sugar Shack titles encourage repeat readership and long-term discoverability.

## SUGAR SHACK HEAT RATING

Sweet Thin Drizzle	Warm Gentle Pour	Steamy Heated Flow	Spicy Full Pour
			



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***Radiant. White. Light.***  
***A Divorce Memoir in Poems and Stories***

ISBN: 978-1-998129-73-7

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD | Paperback

Trim: 5.5 × 7.75 in. | 168 pages

**February 2026**

**“Duffy’s honesty and vulnerability resonate with emotional intensity.”**  
**—Kirkus Reviews**

When the author’s marriage breaks down after 16 years, she embarks on a journey of transformative learning. Sometimes heart-wrenching, sometimes celebratory, but always ethereal, Mo’s testimony bears an examination of the emotional plane that everyone in a marriage should explore. From the shock of discovery of deconstruction through to the easement of rehoming, *Radiant. White. Light.* brings us through divorce to the tenderness of vulnerability and displacement, under the waters of forgiveness, and finally to a place where life will never be the same.

**Mo Duffy** is the Founder and Editorial Director of Pownal Street Press. With an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction, Mo is the author of four books: *Unpacked: from PEI to Palawan* (2017), *The Chemistry of Innovation: Regis Duffy and the Story of DCL* (2021), *Crescent Moon Friends* (2022), and *A is for Anne* (2023). Mo lives in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Find her online at [www.moduffy.com](http://www.moduffy.com)



*Flourish on a Dime:*  
*Miss Lynsay's Guide to Living Smart  
& Saving Money*

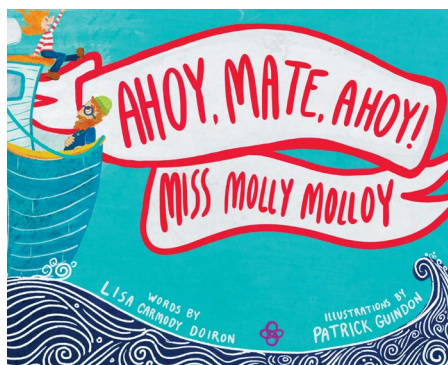
ISBN: 978-1-998129-69-0  
\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD | Paperback  
Trim: 5 × 7.75 in. | 144 pages

**February 2026**

Living within your means isn't about sacrifice—it's about freedom. In *Flourish on a Dime*, Lynsay Lee Betts shares the lessons she's learned from decades of raising a family, keeping a home, and making ends meet. From smart budgeting and zero-waste kitchen habits to canning, organizing, and preparing for the unexpected, this book shows how shifting your mindset can lead you to a new kind of abundance.

Filled with practical tips, personal stories, and heartfelt encouragement, *Flourish on a Dime* isn't about perfection—it's about resourcefulness, resilience, and rediscovering what truly matters.

**Lynsay Lee Betts** lives in beautiful Prince Edward Island with her childhood sweetheart and their three amazing kids. A passionate DIY enthusiast and money-saver, she learned much of what she knows from Google, hands-on experience, and the wisdom passed down from her mom. Lynsay believes that anyone can thrive, no matter their situation, and she's made it her mission to teach others how to do just that—through creativity, determination, and a whole lot of heart.



*Ahoy, Mate, Ahoy!*  
Miss Molly Molloy

ISBN: 978-1 998129-64-5  
\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD  
Hardcover  
Trim: 10 × 8 in. | 32 pages

April 2026



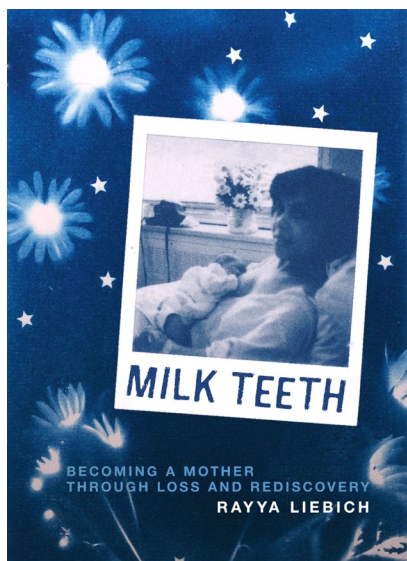
**“A moving love letter to generational family bonds,  
shining through tender prose and complementary visuals.”**

**—Kirkus Reviews**

Set against the salty breeze and red cliffs of Prince Edward Island, *Ahoy Mate Ahoy! Miss Molly Molloy* is a lyrical tale of love, legacy, and the special bond between father and daughter. Each morning, they cast their lines into the sea—but it’s not just fish they’re reeling in. With every tide and tangled net, their connection deepens, tied tight like the Celtic knot that links them. Told in playful rhyme and gentle rhythm, this heartwarming story celebrates family traditions, island life, and the unbreakable threads that hold us together, from one generation to the next.

**Lisa Carmody Doiron** is a PEI author, teacher, and choir enthusiast whose stories blend heart, humour, and playful language. With a master’s degree in Literacy Education, she works as a literacy coach.

**Patrick Guindon** is an illustrator, writer, and recovering elementary school teacher. He now spends his days making art and teaching process art in his studio, while raising four kids with his partner. Find him online at [www.creativerebelstudio.com](http://www.creativerebelstudio.com).



***Milk Teeth: Becoming a Mother  
Through Loss and Rediscovery***

ISBN: 978-1-998129-75-1

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD | Paperback

Trim: 5.5 × 7.75 in. | 192 pages

**April 2026**

**What happens when one motherhood begins just as another is lost?**

In a world that glorifies motherhood and shuns grief, *Milk Teeth* explores the visceral collision of becoming a mother while mourning one. Told through a hybrid form as fragmented and nonlinear as grief itself, this bold collection reclaims story from silence and reshapes the narrative of maternal identity. At once a love letter to mothering and a lamentation of loss, *Milk Teeth* is a raw, necessary contribution to the conversation on grief, memory, and the power of telling our truths.

**Rayya Liebich** is a writer and educator of Lebanese and Polish descent.

An activist from grief to Greenpeace, Rayya is devoted to the tools of poetry and non-linear forms of nonfiction to transform loss and to tell authentic stories. She is the author of three chapbooks: *Tell Me Everything*, *Khalas/Enough*, and *Litany of Words I Cannot Read*; and a poetry collection, *Min Hayati*, published by Inanna Publications. Winner of the International Amy MacRae Award for Memoir, Briarpatch's Writing in the Margins Contest, and The Federation of BC Writers Lit Contest, Rayya's words can be found in *The Rumpus*, *Geist*, *Room*, *Protean Magazine*, *Hippocampus*, and elsewhere. Find her online at [www.rayyaliebich.com](http://www.rayyaliebich.com) and on IG @rayliebich.





**Sugar  
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### *Forever is the Sweetest Con*

ISBN: 978-1-998129-80-5

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US | Paperback

Trim: 5.5 × 8.125 in. | 292 pages

**June 2026**

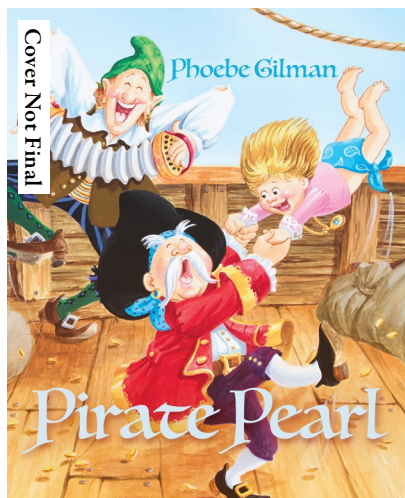
**“Truly a unique plot that Joanna executed with such wit and charm, while keeping romance at the heart of the story!”**

**—Kearston Bergeron, Hopeless Romantic Bookshop, Toronto, Ontario**

Cleo Des Rochelles doesn't believe in love—not after being swindled by her ex and left to repay his debts or risk losing her home and her mother's safety. Desperate for cash, she signs up for Camp Couple-Up, a reality dating show with a \$250k prize. But instead of a glamorous retreat, Cleo finds herself in the wilds of Canada, scrubbing toilets and faking romance with Kei, a charming musician with lofty dreams. Their pact is simple: play pretend, win big, and never catch feelings.

Then the crew vanishes. With no food, no phones, and no refill of Kei's insulin, the stakes skyrocket from love and money to sheer survival. As danger closes in, Cleo discovers a strength she never knew she had—and a love too real to fake.

**Joanna Thurlow** is a writer and editor, yoga teacher, and professionally trained baker. A lover of books, sunsets at the family cottage, and “pie-in-a-bathing-suit” season, Joanna is happiest with her husband, their two children, and the dog she never expected to adore. This is her debut novel. Find her online at [www.joannathurlow.com](http://www.joannathurlow.com).



### ***Pirate Pearl***

ISBN: 978-1-998129-84-3

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US | Hardcover

Trim: 8.25 × 10.25 in. | 32 pages

**June 2026**

***Yo ho! A pirate prizes,  
Watching how the treasure rises!***

Meet Precious Pearl, a bold, big-hearted pirate girl who sails the seven seas—stealing treasure only to give it away just as fast. For Pearl, riches are meant to be shared, not stashed.

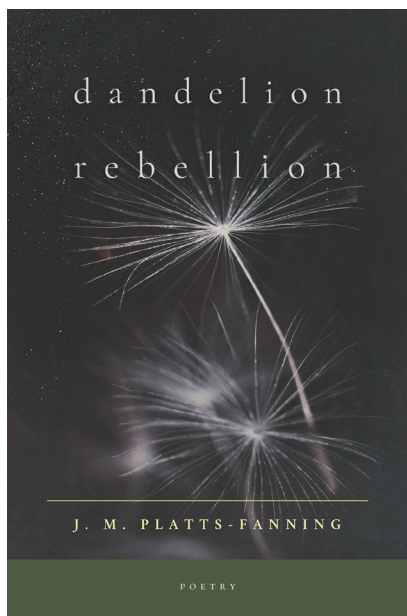
But when she crosses paths with Prince Basil, Pearl's life takes a turn quicker than you can say "shiver me timbers!" What follows is a high-seas adventure filled with mischief, courage, and unexpected friendship.

Along the way, Pearl discovers that the greatest treasure of all isn't gold or jewels—but something far more valuable.

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**Phoebe Gilman** (1940–2002) was one of Canada's best-loved creators of children's books, including such classics as *Something From Nothing*, *The Balloon Tree*, and the *Jillian Jiggs* series. She always loved stories about adventurous girls and pirate treasure. Phoebe lived in New York and Israel, and later made her home in Toronto. Learn more about Phoebe at [www.phoebegilman.com](http://www.phoebegilman.com).





***Dandelion Rebellion: Poetry***

ISBN: 978-1-998129-82-9

\$29.95 CAD/US | Paperback

Trim: 5 × 7.75 in. | 208 pages

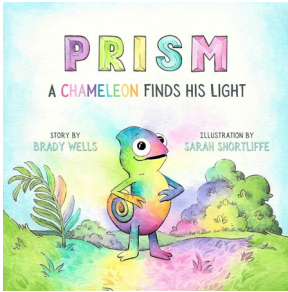
**June 2026**

*Dandelion Rebellion* is a call for radical empathy. A Wild voice underscoring that we are part of the world on which we wander and must redefine how we interface with the environments around us. We are the land. Resistance is now survival against Flower Famine. There is no separation between inner liberation and collective action.

Each poem is a small act of resistance, inviting readers to feel, to witness, and to act alongside the land that sustains us.

**J.M. Platts-Fanning** is an award-winning neurodivergent writer from Prince Edward Island, where the woodlands meet the wave-tousled coast. Winner of multiple PEI Writers' Guild Island Literary Awards, her poetry appears in *The Dalhousie Review*, *White Wall Review*, and other journals. Her restless, empathetic voice explores memory, nature, and belonging. A playwright and forest steward, she volunteers with PEI Ground Search and Rescue, living by the motto: "That Others May Live."

## GIFT BOOKS



### *Prism: A Chameleon Finds His Light*

Brady Wells and Sarah Shortliffe

ISBN: 978-1-998129-46-1

\$21.95 CAD/US | Hardcover

Trim: 8 × 8 in. | 32 pages

### *Yoga Adventures for Little Explorers*

Megan McDougall and Hayley Lowe

ISBN: 978-1-998129-23-2

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US | Hardcover

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### *Ringette Girl*

Sara Visser and Alyse Mercey

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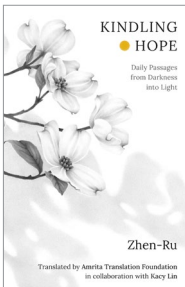
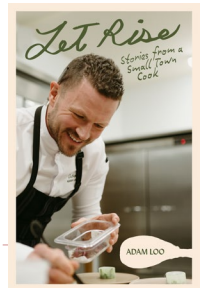
### *Let Rise: Stories from a Small-Town Cook*

Adam Loo

ISBN: 978-1-998129-59-1

\$24.95 CAD / \$19.95 US | Paperback

Trim: 6 × 9 in. | 282 pages



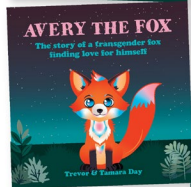
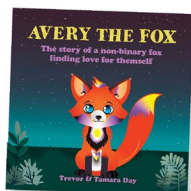
### *Kindling Hope: Daily Passages from Darkness into Light*

Zhen-Ru

ISBN: 978-1-998129-2-94

\$29.95 CAD/US | Hardcover

Trim: 5.5 × 8.5 in. | 288 pages



## AVERY THE FOX GENDER IDENTITY SET



### *Avery the Fox Gender Identity Set*

Bundle ISBN: 978-1-998129-98-0

Bundle Price: \$74.95 CAD / \$65.95 US

Individual Prices: \$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US

Bundle Format: 3 Book Set (Each book also sold individually)

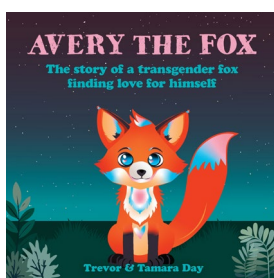
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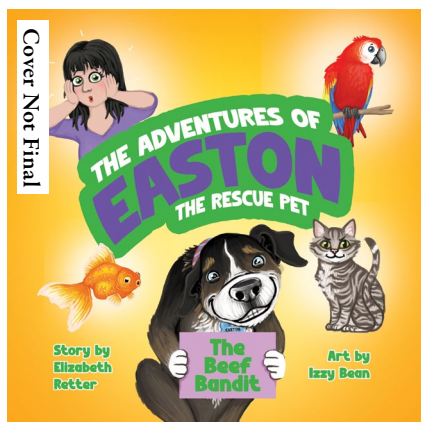


978-1-998129-93-5

A tender, affirming picture book about self-discovery, courage, and love across the spectrum of gender identity. Set in a vibrant forest, it follows Avery, a gentle fox who feels different and struggles to understand why they aren't accepted. A wise owl offers comfort and insight, helping Avery see their feelings as natural and beautiful. Published in three adapted editions, the story reflects **trans masculine, trans feminine, and non-binary journeys**. In each version, Avery learns that gender isn't defined by labels or colours, but by being true to oneself.

**Dr. Trevor R. Day** is a family physician practicing in Edmonton, Alberta. His clinical interests include Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy. When he's not delivering care or writing he's spending time with his wife, Tamara, and children Ila and William.

**Tamara M. Day** is a creative who believes in the power of kindness and compassion. She loves fitness, turning old treasures into something new, and bringing stories to life with a scroll saw or her digital art creations.



## *The Adventures of Easton the Rescue Pet*

### *Beef Bandit: The Case of the Missing Shepherd's Pie*

ISBN: 978-1-997918-07-3

\$21.95 CAD / \$18.95 USD | Hardcover

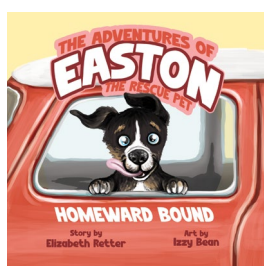
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September 2026

*Beef Bandit: The Case of the Missing Shepherd's Pie* is a laugh-out-loud mystery starring Easton, a lovable rescue dog with a big heart—and an even bigger appetite. A charming tale about curiosity and accountability—with a real shepherd's pie recipe to enjoy together at the end!

An elementary teacher of 25 years, author **Elizabeth Retter** hopes Easton's story shines a light on the need for all rescue animals to find their forever homes. Find her online [www.elizabethretter.com](http://www.elizabethretter.com).

**Izzy Bean** is a children's picture book illustrator from the UK who specializes in paintings that are vibrant, colourful, and full of life and emotion.

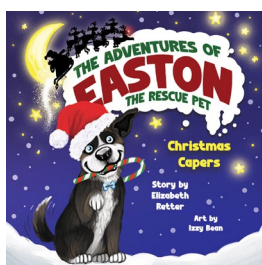
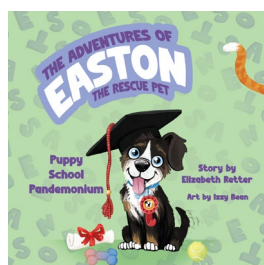


### *Homeward Bound*

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### *The Dog in the Deli*

ISBN: 9-781-998129-27-0



### *Puppy School Pandemonium*

Paperback: 978-1-998129-28-7

Hardcover: 978-1-998129-72-0

### *Christmas Capers*

ISBN: 978-1-998129-48-5



*Everything She Wanted*  
Rosey Kaur Hwang

ISBN: 978-1-997918-14-1

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US | Paperback

Trim: 5.5 × 8.125 in. | 292 pages

**October 2026**

Nisha Dhaliwal is determined to have it all: her dream career in tech, her family's approval, and a Bollywood-style happily ever after. What she's not prepared for is a chance encounter with Nick—a magnetic consultant who offers her something she's never allowed herself: passion, freedom, and a no-strings escape from expectation. On the other hand there's Eshaan, the "perfect" match her family adores, whose charm masks a need for control.

When Nick reappears a year later at her workplace, Nisha finds herself caught between long days, late nights, a looming engagement, and a growing realization that the life she's building may be costing her sense of self.

Binge-worthy and emotionally resonant, *Everything She Wanted* explores modern romance through the lens of ambition, cultural pressure, and female desire, offering a fresh, empowering take on choosing yourself in a world that tells women to choose everything else first.

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**Rosey Kaur Hwang** writes contemporary romance novels that are all heart yet unconventional, taking women deeper into the places within themselves that prevent them from living their own fairy tale. Off the page, she guides writers to bring their stories to life and into the world through her Story Acceleration Coaching and intentional digital marketing. Find her online at [www.roseyhwang.com](http://www.roseyhwang.com).



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*Afternoon Delight*  
Dani Collins

ISBN: 978-1-997918-10-3

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 US | Paperback

Trim: 5.5 × 8.125 | 292 pages

**October 2026**

Freshly divorced and nearing forty, Meg regrets making all the safe choices. When her best friend needs surgery, Meg puts her accounting career in Toronto on hold to run her friend's racy adult toy shop out west—but her vanilla life has never prepared her for this.

At thirty-two, Zak leaves the tech world to help run his dad's antique store, wanting time with him before dementia erases his memories. He's Meg's landlord, but she soon becomes his confidante, distracting him from his worries with suggestive puns and increasingly amusing misadventures.

Flirty banter leads to test-driving toys together, but Meg knows they can't be anything more. Their age gap puts them in different life stages, and she lives across the country. A few afternoons of delight can't change her life... can they?

*Afternoon Delight* is a stand-alone, slow-burn-to-steamy, neighbors-to-lovers, older woman/younger man romance. No cliffhangers, no cheating—just laughs, chemistry, and heart.

Award-winning and USA Today bestselling author **Dani Collins** thrives on giving readers emotional, compelling, heart-soaring romance with some laughter and heat thrown in, just like real life. Dani writes contemporary romance for Harlequin and Tule Publishing and recently branched into Historical Western Romcom. When she's not writing—just kidding, she's always writing. She lives in Canada where she shares an empty nest with her high school sweetheart.





## ***Corn & Tortillas: Love Shared***

ISBN: 978-1-997918-12-7

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD | Hardcover

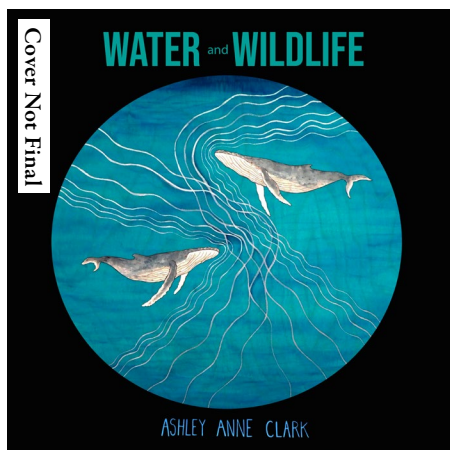
Trim: 10 × 8 in. | 32 pages

**October 2026**

In this heartwarming picture book, *Corn and Tortillas: Love Shared*, Ana Lucia and her little brother Manuel delight in their love of family and tortillas while their Chiichi (grandmother) takes joy in sharing the richness of her Maya culture and traditions. Together they embrace the importance of heritage, generational connection, and the love that is shared through the process of making tortillas. This story celebrates the love that binds us all through the joy of cooking and moments spent together. It invites all families to reflect and explore their own cultural roots and the beauty that comes from sharing traditions.

**Cynthia Jolly Stobbe** has over 30 years of experience as an early educator and mentor. As a person of colour, she is dedicated to promoting diversity in classrooms and children's books, believing that every child should see themselves represented in the stories they read and the spaces they inhabit. Cynthia loves reading and teaching family yoga, and she is a proud mom. She divides her time between Mérida, Mexico, and Edmonton, Canada, with her husband and their rescue dog, Canela.

**Job Martínez** is an artist and illustrator from Progreso, Mexico, whose work is deeply inspired by the rhythm of everyday life. Family, nature, and faith shape his perspective and guide his creative voice. Through his art, Job seeks to tell meaningful stories rooted in the colours, traditions, and landscapes of Yucatán. His work reflects not only his artistic passion but also a deep connection to his cultural heritage.



## *Water and Wildlife*

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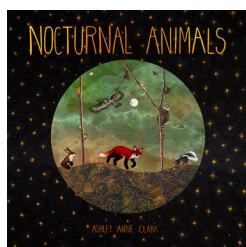
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Trim: 10 × 10 in. | 32 pages

**November 2026**

*Water and Wildlife* is a lyrical yet fact-filled picture book that explores how animals around the world depend on water to survive, play, travel, and thrive. From wood ducks preening their feathers and whales singing through the sea, to otters holding hands, salmon swimming upstream, and elephants sensing distant rain, each spread reveals a fascinating way water supports life. Written in playful rhyme with the whimsical art stylings of artist Ashley Anne Clark, this book introduces young readers to diverse ecosystems while building early understanding of biology, adaptation, and environmental stewardship.

**Ashley Anne Clark**, a visual artist from Prince Edward Island, Canada, holds a BFA from Concordia University. She creates art that highlights animal intelligence and biodiversity, using branches and seaweed sourced from local forests and shorelines. Her work has appeared in international galleries, on award winning album covers, and as large-scale murals. By providing a closer look into the lives of animals, she fosters empathy and inspires conservation, making complex ideas accessible for all ages. Find her online at [www.ashleyanneclark.com](http://www.ashleyanneclark.com).



## **Also by Ashley Anne Clark:**

### *Nocturnal Animals*

ISBN: 9-781-998129-65-2

\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD

Hardback | 10 × 10 in. | 32 pages



***Nina and the Missing Night***  
Story by Natalia Paruzel-Gibson  
Art by Andie Lafrentz

ISBN: 978-1-998129-99-7  
\$24.95 CAD / \$21.95 USD  
Hardcover | Trim: 10 x 8 | 32 pages

**November 2026**

***When Night doesn't arrive, the world forgets how to rest.***

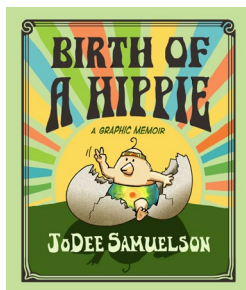
As endless daylight stretches on, streets grow weary, flowers bow their heads, and even the moon seems dim. Missing her beloved starlight rituals, Nina sets out on a brave and tender journey to find Night and bring her home. *Nina and the Missing Night* is a poetic, atmospheric picture book about slowing down, listening, and remembering the quiet magic of rest. With luminous illustrations and a soothing read-aloud rhythm, this story invites young readers to honour nighttime as a place of comfort, connection, and calm. Perfect for bedtime—and for anyone who has ever missed the stars.

Originally from Poland, **Natalia Paruzel-Gibson** has been crafting stories for children for over a decade, drawing inspiration from her own experiences as a mother and her ongoing journey to see the world through a child's eyes. With a degree in Drama and Photography from the Etobicoke School for the Arts and a Master of Arts from the University of Toronto, she is the author of *Something Lost, Something Found* and *A Picture Day to Remember*. *Nina and the Missing Night* is her third book for children.

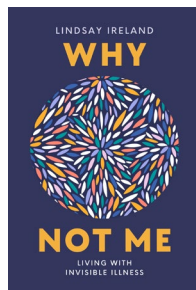
**Andie Lafrentz** is a self-taught artist living in Calgary. Through watercolour and ink, she loves to design energetic watercolour pieces with bright, lively colours to create pieces of art that express the way she sees the world. She is the author of *For the Love of London Pubs*, and *Nina and the Missing Night* is her first book for children. Follow her on her socials at Andie Laf Designs.

## BELOVED & BESTSELLING: ACTS OF ATTENTION

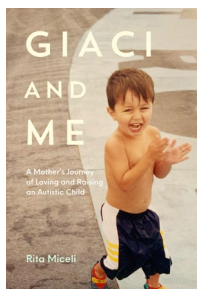
*These backlist titles are united by a close attention to self and world, offering memoir and poetry that continue to resonate over time.*



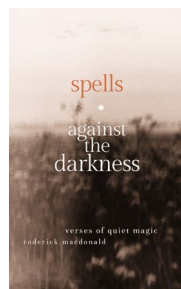
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JoDee Samuelson  
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Lindsay Ireland  
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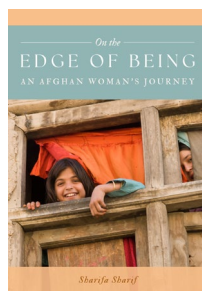
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***We build your book; you build your legacy.***

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