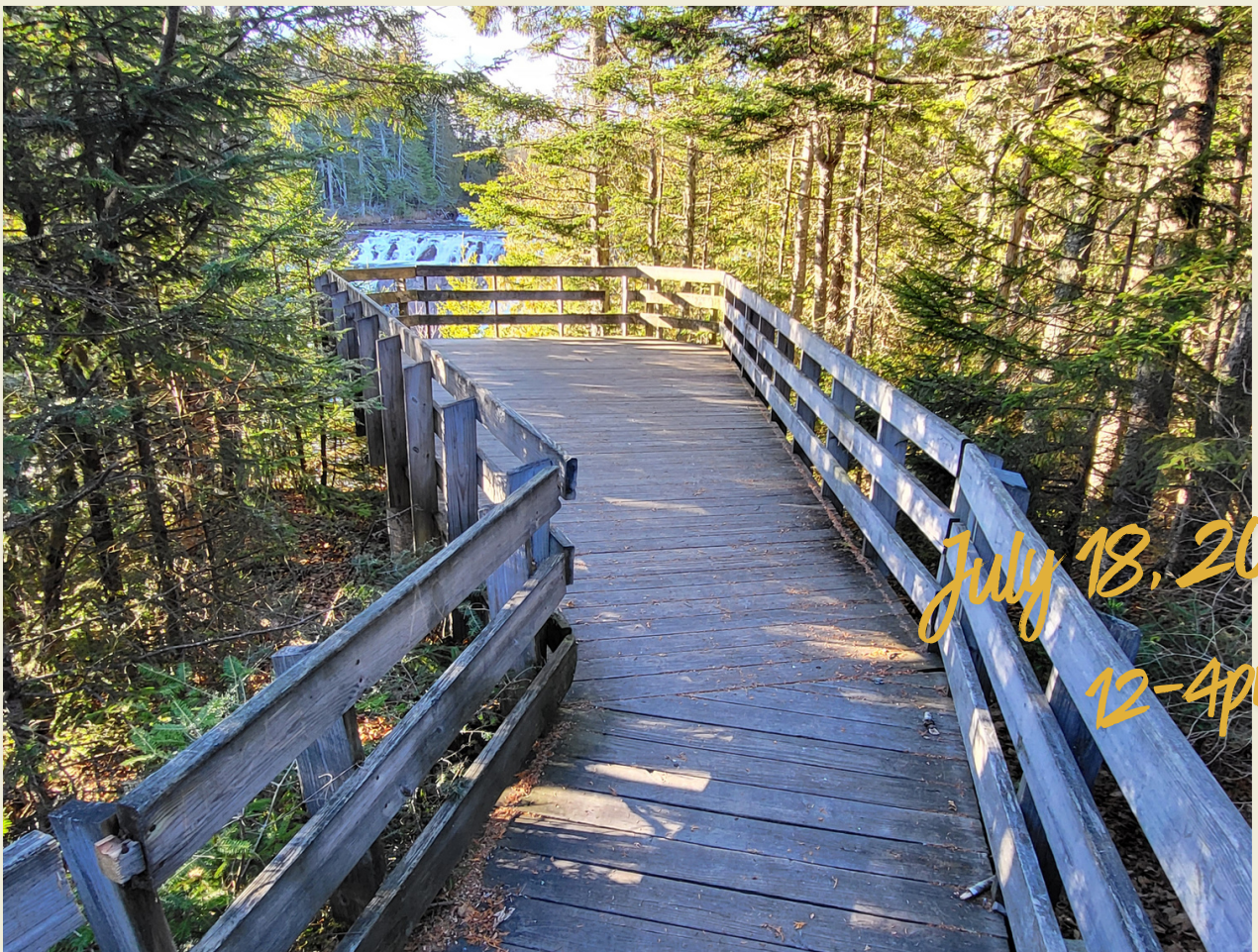


FOREST, FALLS & FICTION

Open Air Literary Event!



*July 18, 2026
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Authors Guide!

PAUL

VOLENIK

"The Island of Eternal Youth" is a fantasy novel of ancient Irish Spirits who return to the modern world to rid humanity of Greed, Violence and the pursuit of Power. Under the thin veneer of our reptilian brains and their obsession with an Ego that constantly seeks desires lies the vast and incredibly beautiful Spiritual realm where all is love and gratitude and kindness and compassion that is the Island of Eternal Youth that calls to us all. Was it a real island in the past? Perhaps it still is, lying off the wild western coast of Ireland hidden in the mists of Time and Myopia. This is a novel of ancient Spirits and those searching for true fulfilment in this troubled modern world joining forces to defeat evil in an epic battle of Love for the lost Soul of Humanity. It is a novel of redemption and finding your true home.

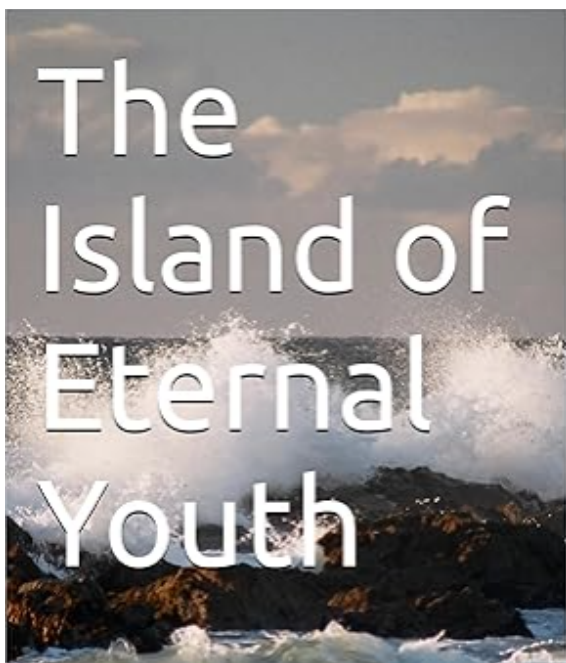


ABOUT

Paul Volenik is a retired Legislator, Historian, Philosopher, Human Service Provider and Bookstore proprietor.

"The Island of Eternal Youth is available on Amazon.

Several sequels will be published in the near future.



ELAYNA R. GALLEA



ABOUT

Elayna R. Gallea is a whimsical weaver of words, creating tales of romantic fantasy. Nestled in the enchanting land of New Brunswick, Canada, of snow and trees, she lives with her husband and two children. When she's not writing stories that will rip out your heart on the way to the happily ever after, she's probably eating copious amounts of chocolate and cheese, reading every day, and playing with her dogs and cats.

Genre: Romantasy

Series Starters:

- Tethered (The Binding Chronicles);
- Given (The Giving Chronicles);
- A Game of Love and Betrayal (The Choosing Chronicles);
- Of Earth and Flame (The Ithenmyr Chronicles)

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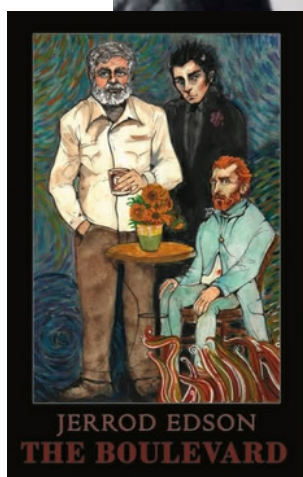


ABOUT

JERROD EDSON

Jerrod Edson was born in Saint John, NB, in 1974. He is the author of eight books. His work has been widely praised by critics, and after the publication of *The Goon* in 2010, *The Telegraph-Journal* claimed he is “one of the best New Brunswick writers, period”. Fellow New Brunswick author David Adams Richards said in 2025 that Edson is “essentially, one of NB’s finest writers”. He is the recipient of the WFNB’s David Adams Richards Prize, and was shortlisted for the Relit Award. His last three books were published by Moncton’s Galleon Books: *The Boulevard* (2023), *Animals* (2025), and his most recent novel, *Riverbend* (2026)—a thriller set in 1975 along the Kennebecasis River. He lives in Mississauga, ON, with his wife Leigh, and daughters Hadley and Harper.

He can be found online at the usual places: Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.



ANNE LAURIE



Book Genre:
Children's Books

Book List:

1. Drew and the Magic Pencil / Drew et le crayon magique
2. Lily and the Magic Notebook / Lily et le cahier magique
3. Sammy and the Magic Stones / Sammy et les pierres magiques
4. TRICOAST Adventures Colouring Book

ABOUT

Anne Laurie, PhD, is a bilingual children's author from Fundy Shores, New Brunswick. Drawing on her background in children's narrative and language development, she is the author of the TRICOAST Adventures series, a collection of stories that raise awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and help children feel seen, understood, and supported. Through her writing, Anne is passionate about creating stories that spark empathy and celebrate every child's voice.



ABOUT

HANNAH D. STATE



Hannah D. State is an award-winning Atlantic Canadian author. She graduated from McGill University with a BA and earned her MPL from Queen's University. Hannah is bothered by inequality, violence, greed, complacency, snakes, entering a dark room, and not getting enough sleep.

She enjoys writing about strong-willed characters who don't fit the norm and who overcome great obstacles with perseverance, self-discovery, and help from others.

Sometimes Hannah can't keep up with her characters' ideas and plans, so she takes breaks, drinks coffee, does yoga, and takes nature walks to calm her mind and really listen.

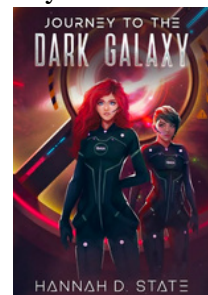
Her second novel, *Journey to the Dark Galaxy*, was nominated for the 2025 Ann Connor Brimer Award for Atlantic Canadian Children's Literature.

Genres: Science fiction, Fantasy, YA

Booklist:

Journey to the Hopewell Star

Journey to the Dark Galaxy



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A B O U T

JORDAN STEWART



Jordan's works have been published in various journals both in the print and digital media all across North America. His new poetry collection "Sweatshirt" is his third book of poetry and fourth published work of writing. Jordan lives in Grand Bay-Westfield with his beautiful wife and two energetic daughters.

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A B O U T

FAITH NASON



Faith Nason a 22 year old recent graduate from UNB! Her debut novel originated from a speech entitled, “Faith” Within the System which was wrote to be the voice of a child and inspire others to be their voice. The purpose of sharing this story is to allow readers to understand traumatic experiences through a child’s perspective. Memories are altered each time one remembers them let alone a child experiencing traumatic events scattering their memories even more. It is important to understand how young people perceive trauma and what is truly happening in young minds. Memories shared from ages five to fifteen showing how thoughts and perspectives change. Only in care for nine months and each decision made, affects not only me now, but also the life of a 10-year-old girl.

A B O U T

ANDI ELLIS



Peter Hicks is a writer and singer-songwriter whose creative life has spanned stages, studios, and the page. As the founder of New Brunswick's Sleepy Driver, he's built a celebrated catalog of roots-infused Americana across six albums. Writing has always been his constant—songs, poetry, and stories of every length.

Under the pen name Andi Ellis, he now crafts contemporary romance with humor, heart, and a sharp eye for modern relationships. He has two novels, *Roughing It* and *Unicorn Blues*, out now. Hicks is currently working on a country noir novel under his own name and a new Sleepy Driver album.



A B O U T

JAKE SWAN

Jake Swan is a writer, musician, and physician from Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He has authored two novels, and a book for children and/or childlike adults. Several more books are in the works.

Grantpreneurs,

Galleon Books

Nick, a young physician disillusioned with clinical work, moves from small province New Brunswick to big city Vancouver to take a research position with a medical startup, A.I. Plus Womxn's Health Solutions. Nick quickly finds himself working in the company of "Grantpreneurs" – rogues of the business world who have created a financing model based entirely on the exploitation of public grant and subsidy programs.

When they seek to secure Fisheries and Oceans financing for a koi fountain in their lobby, Nick and his new friends rub elbows with Chinese-Canadian gangsters, famous Canadian authors, and even the prime minister himself (in the midst of a cough-syrup-induced existential crisis). It's a lot of fun until someone shows up dead in a decorative water feature.



With scalpel-sharp wit, hilarious schemes and generous injections of heart, Jake Swan has written a page-turning, laugh-out-loud, idol-skewering misadventure.

For More Information:

<https://jakeswan.ca/jakes-books-and-other-writings/>



A B O U T

ALYSON HASSON

Alyson Hasson grew up in New Brunswick, Canada, where she obtained her biology degree and a love for nature-based horror. Her interest in horror movies, combined with her background in biology, spurred a curiosity that led to the drafting of her own stories. She currently spends her days analyzing data and her nights conjuring new monsters.

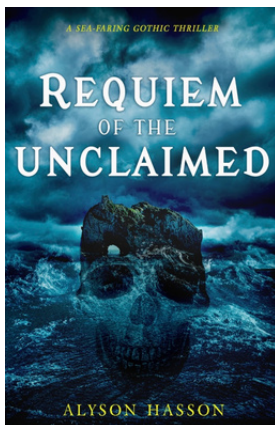
Readers can visit her website at alysonhasson.com and find her on Instagram.

Genre: gothic horror

Booklist: Requiem of the Unclaimed

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TRISTIS WARD



ABOUT

Tristis Ward was born in Saint John and now resides in Fredericton, NB. Besides novels, she has written many short stories, several plays, essays, and poetry. She holds a BA in English and a Graphic Design diploma. Her first love is science fiction, but she is also very attracted to writing fantasy and finds steampunk yummy. She loves hats and cats. She doesn't require them to be together, but adores it when they are.

Genres:

Science Fiction, Mystery, Fantasy

Books:

The Storm Fairy (children's chapter book about finding ways to be inclusive)

Bones Of the Magus (graphicless novel/comic book formatted science fiction that reads a bit like a horror)

Desire & The Law: Assassin at Allgate (science fiction, murder mystery, comedy - book one of the series will be available in May)





GRAMMY T

ABOUT

Teena M. Brown, affectionately known as “Grammy T,” is a proud grandmother of seven living in New Brunswick, Canada. Inspired by her deep love for her grandchildren, she began creating stories, rhymes, and songs just for them—turning everyday moments into magical adventures filled with wonder and delight.

What started as a heartfelt gift for her family has blossomed into a passion for publishing children’s books that charm young readers with rhythm, imagination, and joy. Through her whimsical style and love of language, Teena brings stories to life in a way that empowers children, and invites them to giggle, dream, and read along.

With every rhyme and tale, Grammy T hopes to spark creativity, nurture connection, and sprinkle a little magic into the hearts of children and families everywhere.

LINKS:

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<https://www.instagram.com/hellogrammyt>

BOOK LIST:

1. New Things by Grammy T
2. The Wiggle Niggles by Grammy T



A B O U T

LMG WILSON

LMG Wilson is a speculative fiction author with a love for genre-bending fiction. She enjoys transporting readers to strange worlds and through time while introducing them to memorable characters. Using her skills as a narrator and voice actor, she brings her short stories to life on Youtube and the radio. When not writing, she loves a good cup of tea, making maps, and talking about writing with anyone who will listen.

Genres: Fantasy, Horror, Historical, Children's Fiction

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KATHERINE BOGLE

Katherine Bogle is the USA Today bestselling author of Queen of Thieves, Her Wolf, and the international bestselling Dominion Rising series.

She first found success with her debut novel, Haven, which came second in the World's Best Story contest 2015. Since then, she has gone on to release 20+ books with one core theme: kick-butt heroines. Though her series may span genres—from fantasy to steampunk to science fiction—she will always write about strong women overcoming the odds.

My genre is a bit harder to nail down haha Fantasy and paranormal romance would be my main two at the moment.

Website: <https://linktr.ee/katherinebogle>

Book List Includes:

Shifter's Promise
 Rise of the Beast Queen Series
 Devourer of Magic
 Soul Collectors Series
 Silver Shifter Series
 Clockwork Thief Series
 Dominion Rising Series
 Chronicles of Warshard Series



ABOUT

KATE SOMERS

Kate Somers has loved historical fiction for as long as she can remember. An avid reader and writer of fiction, she took a novel-writing course in 2020 and soon after wrote *The Bristol Scholar*. Kate aims to incorporate real, raw, and relatable characters into her writing, drawing on her own experiences to connect with her readers.

Genre: Historical Fiction

Book list: *The Bristol Scholar*

Website: katesomers.com



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SCHOLAR





VANESSA HAWKINS

Vanessa wrote her first story when she was in grade five. It was entitled Mutilated and warranted a trip to the school guidance counsellor. Now she delights in genres from horror, humour, fantasy, crime fiction, and erotica. With over fifteen publications under her belt, Vanessa has won numerous awards for her books,

including receiving second place for her novel Dante's Inferno in the NB Writing Competition and being shortlisted for the New Brunswick Book Awards for A Child to Cry Over. She has conducted workshops all over New Brunswick, was the Writer in Residence for the KIRA arts program last year, and dabbles in painting and the occasional thrift score when her daughter and husband aren't looking.



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