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Timothy Weatherall lives in Wasaga Beach, Ontario, with his wife Melissa and his two sons Aidan & Christian. The Incarnations of Joe: The Key is his first novel.
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D.R. Ranshaw has loved reading and writing since childhood, when the printed word’s ability to unlock both historical and fabulous worlds became an immediate, lifelong passion. Introduced to fantasy and science fiction at a young age, he began voraciously reading both genres, and it was not long before he was also writing them.

A public school teacher who has enjoyed a long and fulfilling career — unlike the protagonist of Gryphon’s Heir — D.R. Ranshaw has spent more than three decades in the classroom, transmitting his deep love of literature and writing to his students.

Gryphon’s Heir has its origins in the real-life frustrations all teachers occasionally experience. After one particularly aggravating day, the image of a strange doorway from his classroom into a faraway land lodged in the author’s imagination and refused to leave. The only recourse was exploring where that door led to and what would happen to anyone daring to cross its threshold. The resulting story rapidly gained depth and complexity and developed a life of its own.
Theo Dirks was born in a Mennonite village in the Ukraine. During the Second World War, he and his family were exiled to Siberia, but through disastrous circumstances, managed to escape and come back home. When the Germans arrived, Theo was drafted, first as a translator and then into the SS. In the meantime, his family was evacuated by the German Army, ending up in Poland, then East Germany. Theo found them there after being released from a prisoner of war camp. Fleeing persecution, they ended up in a Mennonite refugee camp and, finally, in Canada. Theo’s spotty education was a handicap he managed to overcome and enter medical school. His life was full of amazing events that led to a remarkable outcome.

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Thea, a young American woman, has a passion — an innate desire to serve as a missionary in West Africa. Her longing takes her to Burkina Faso, West Africa, where her Christian mission of establishing a church can become a reality. But her experiences start to mold her, to shape her into something she doesn’t recognize. Thea’s profound involvement in the everyday lives of the villagers gains trust from the people, and the reality of human suffering makes Thea doubt her Christian roots and deep faith in God. In the village of Kongoussi, Thea also meets a Muslim physician, and she falls in love. Together, they strive to fulfill the desires of the villagers, but the tribes’ needs are great, and it further weighs on Thea. This touching love story around the enlightening of human need and pain brings Thea to a life-altering decision. Will she keep her faith alive or will these realizations pull her away from her Christian faith forever?

Myrna Brown was born and raised in the small town of Cathlamet, Washington. She too, like her main character Thea, had a desire for missions. Myrna, her husband and first child lived in West Africa from 1967-1974. Their second child was born in Ghana. Upon her return, she received her Bachelor of Arts and her Bachelor of Nursing Science degrees. A third daughter was born in Oregon in 1976. She retired as a hospice nurse. Since 1989, she has had a strong commitment to the American Association of University Women, an organization that has led the way, empowering women since 1881. She serves on the board for the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (www.vgif.org) which provides grants globally to fund locally generated projects that advance the rights of women and girls. Myrna currently lives in Wilmington, North Carolina with her second husband. She and her husband sponsor a project in Mali, called Medicine for Mali.
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Since she was a child, Leigh Ann Edwards has always had a vivid imagination and lots of stories to tell. An enthusiastic traveler and author for over twenty years, her adventures in Massachusetts, Ireland, and the UK inspired The Farrier’s Daughter and its sequel novels in the Irish Witch series. Edwards adores animals, history, genealogy, and magical places—and Ireland is filled with many magical places. She lives with her husband and three cats in the lovely city of Edmonton, Alberta. Visit her at www.leighannedwards.com.

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Austin and Jan, would never have believed that their paths would cross again, let alone hope of rekindling their love for each other, and even the possibility of a future together.

Only their past now disrupted their future, when Austin’s parents told him the secret that Jan had tried to tell him. After Austin’s friend Ted, got the true story from Jan, he set Austin straight on that rumour, but the damage was already done. While Austin stressed over his and Jan’s breakup and the possibility of losing his ranch, a man from their past decided he could now claim Jan as his wife. It was Ted not Austin, that went to rescue Jan from her suitor.

Later when a real catastrophe struck, could it be the death of Austin or Jan or possibly both of them?

Risel grew up on a farm in central Alberta. Farming and then trucking was a big part of Risel and her husband’s life.

They moved with their children to Peace River, in Northern Alberta, where one way or another, trucking was still part of their life. Later Risel and her husband moved to Southern Alberta, and that was when Risel’s husband encouraged her to explore her passion to write a book.

Then in a twist of events, they ended up moving into the same area that Risel had grown up in. Shortly after, her husband passed away. Through troubles and trials Risel’s faith in God carried her through.
Friends William, Robert, and Annie are on the cusp of adulthood while the world is on the brink of war. It is a Canadian summer in 1939 and Robert and Annie’s love has blossomed, even as the inevitability of the boys joining up means separation and the first of many losses. Fearing he might not return, Robert makes William promise to take care of Annie. Every arena of their lives is infiltrated by the war, from the home front, to the underground of queer London, to the bloody battlefields of Italy. Even in the aftermath, in the shadow of The Dreamland, these friends fight their own inner battles: to have faith in their right to love and be loved, to honour their promises, and ultimately find their way “home.”

Laurel Deedrick-Mayne was born and raised in Lacombe, Alberta but has spent her adult life as a city dweller and now makes Edmonton her home. Once an arts administrator (dance publicist, concert promoter and ad copywriter), Laurel has served on multiple arts boards and began novel writing in 2005. This book is a tribute to the generation who took the time to hang on to family letters, clippings, stories, and poetry — all those treasures that inspired this story. A Wake For The Dreamland is Laurel’s first novel.

“Laurel Deedrick-Mayne recreates, with astonishing depth and nuance, a part of our war history that hasn’t been written about nearly enough. For that alone, this book is a must-read: and yet there is so much more, too, to enthral us in A Wake for the Dreamland. Here is a novel which takes us from the big-sky beauty of Alberta to the shimmering hills of Italy, from the energetic buzz of young Edmonton to the swinging step of wartime London to the dark heart of war itself. And it takes, us, as well, deep into a shattered mind, into broken hearts, into the shame and rapture of lust — and the joy of love. Accomplishing all this in one novel is an extraordinary feat; this is an extraordinary book. By turns hilarious, harrowing, and heartbreaking, it will dig deep into your heart and never let you go.”

Melanie Little, author of The Apprentice’s Masterpiece and Confidence
In 1993 an historian wrote:

“... The lynching was especially atrocious: Two young black men were seized, dragged into the woods, and there chained to trees and tortured to death with blowtorches while a howling crowd of whites cursed and taunted them. Photographs were made of the dead bodies....” (K.S. Davis)

*Embers in the Ashes* (Book 1 and 2) - ground-breaking in its emotional and graphic intensity - portrays the impact of that atrocity (1937) on two empathetic boys who didn’t taunt, but secretly snapped pictures of the living, screaming victims (ironically, one given FDR’s surname) – and desperately tried to stop it! It was 2 against 500 (some came by school bus). After failing, they fled in despair – but with their Brownie Eagle Eye. Now on a compelling mission – because they’d been ‘Out There.’

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Robert Bonner: a life-long Keystone and has previously taught government, English, history, mock trial, and journalism! for 35 years in Pennsylvania. Baccalaureate in history and English, Masters in Political Science, and several years (when almost 50) toward JD in law. In WHO’s WHO of American Teachers. Bonner drove truck cross-country for three summers in the Sixties where he saw segregated realities in the South first-hand. Church pianist and organist off and on for much of life.

*Embers in the Ashes* is his first work of historical fiction. Motivated (initially) by the failure to identify by name victims Robert “Bootjack” McDaniel(s) and Roosevelt Townes in the historical writings (often footnotes) that referred to their horrific fates.
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After service in the Canadian Army, Terry Cassidy taught high school in Northern Ontario for thirty years before retiring to British Columbia, and later Calgary, Alberta. Walking Mountain is his second novel to be published, after Fortune’s Fool.

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Learn about the human experience of the loss of a loved one and coming to terms with the grief. A few years after losing his spouse, Bruce Walker spent the summer of 2012 touring Canada from Nova Scotia right across the country up to Dawson City and Whitehorse, Yukon. From there he traversed British Columbia, including his birthplace on Vancouver Island. With only his trusty Rav4, a foam mattress, his rooftop carrier and many memories, Bruce reconnected with places and people and even family he hadn’t seen in decades. And along the way he reconnected with himself and came to a life-altering realization: he was learning to live with the past rather than living in the past.

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Bruce Walker is a retired Ontario lawyer and long-time human rights activist. For much of his legal career he maintained a storefront legal practice in downtown Toronto, Ontario, meeting people from all walks of life. Following years of legal writing, he turned his talents to writing a memoir of his adventure tour travels. He has driven as far north as Whitehorse, Yukon and as far south as Key West, Florida. Touring on the road has helped him meet many friendly strangers and observe people, wildlife and places in a relaxed and informal way.

“[Bruce Walker’s] inward journey toward accepting loss and things past is subtle and easily missed if the reader is in a hurried mood. Like Walker’s trip across Canada, the text should be enjoyed slowly.” — Kirkus Reviews
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Born in Winnipeg, Canada, Orde Morton was educated at the universities of Manitoba and Toronto before attending Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. In 1965 he was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Rio. Subsequent to that, he earned an Oxford Doctorate for his thesis on Brazilian history at the time of Independence. Orde Morton has taught in the Graduate School of History at Rio’s Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niteroi. He has served as president of the Brazil- Canada Chamber of Commerce and is an Honorary Citizen of the State of Rio de Janeiro. *Marvelous City* is his first book.

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Pat believes the key to creating our most perfect life is effective communication skills. She is a speaker, trainer, and mediator. Through workshops, retreats and keynotes she shares strategies and tools to coach people to create the life they chose. She lives in Winnipeg, Canada.

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Adams holds a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, served as a captain in the United States Air Force, and speaks nationwide on economic and industrial development, competitiveness, risk management, and cyber security trends.

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Who is likely to make suitable provisions for the public defense, as that body to which the guardianship of the public safety is confided . . . which, by the extension of its authority throughout the States, can alone establish uniformity and concert in the plan and measures by which the common safety is to be secured?

— Alexander Hamilton: Federalist Papers No. 23
December 18, 1787
On the 19th of September, 2015 it will be 60 years since the last streetcar made its final run through Winnipeg’s well known Portage and Main. Even our oldest daughter in her mid fifties never had a chance to see a Winnipeg streetcar operating, and naturally her children and grandchildren haven’t either. What an experience they have missed! I operated the streetcars for their final 17 months of existence here, from April 1954 to September 1955. I was the third youngest streetcar operator at that time. I turned 86 years old in November 2014 so the remaining half dozen operators will be in their mid nineties now. I have tried to capture the experience that the 73 years of streetcar service provided to Winnipeg and the surrounding towns. From the start of the horse cars in 1882 when the drivers were paid 12 cents an hour, to the beginning of electric streetcars in January 1891, this book describes with the aid of numerous pictures the essence of the transportation experience of those times. The streetcars ran for approximately 35 years before the first four buses came in 1918. In that time the streetcars supported the growth of the city — to 150,000 people by 1912 — becoming the third largest city in Canada. Writing this book has brought back many fond memories of those days. The last Winnipeg streetcar book was written by the late John Baker 32 years ago. It’s about time for another.

Justice is truth. When a neighbor, Tim Bartin, is killed and another neighbor, Joe Miller, is charged with the shooting, Adair McGee is advised to let the judicial process work. The lack of official information about the case leads to the use of social media as the main resource for information and polarizes the community. Adair is advised that the truth will come out in the end. When it doesn’t, she looks for answers. How could a man who was not hunting be charged by the Pennsylvania Game Commission with three violations of the hunting code? Why did the District Attorney bring this incident, classified as a misdemeanor, to the court? Why, when the state’s evidence seemed to absolve the accused, was the case prosecuted? Was the District Attorney seeking the truth or a conviction? Who shot Tim Bartin and why? This story proves once again that fact is stranger than fiction.
A quiet six-year-old girl, brought to America in 1955, was welcomed into the loving home of family members who adopted her as their own cherished daughter. Raised by a gentle, strong father and beautiful, elegant mother, Rose learned through discipline, guidance, and unconditional love what it meant to seek God, strive for excellence in all things, and respect others without compromising oneself.

As a young woman, Rose was no stranger to grief: at the age of nine, she lost her beloved father to illness. And so it was that when she met and married her soul mate, Gabriel, she rejoiced in the profound and abundant blessing that was marriage and family, only to face devastating loss once again a few years later when the love of her life was diagnosed with leukemia.

Upon becoming a widow before she was thirty years old, the young mother was charged with raising her three children alone. Though she was stricken with grief, she set her mind and spirit upon the task she had promised her husband to see through: to raise and equip their children with the love, integrity, and education that he himself so valued and had dreamed of imparting.

Born on Long Island, Bahamas, Rose Hunt is the loving mother of two sons and one daughter, and the devoted grandmother of three grandchildren. Her passion is and always has been for family; her greatest joy comes from making a difference in the lives of children whenever and however the opportunity presents itself. Through the strength of her upbringing and by virtue of her challenges as a widowed mother, she crafted a set of parenting principles called “The PDRLs of Life”, specifically built upon the values of patience, perseverance, discipline, respect, loyalty, and love. Using this approach, she worked hard through the child-raising years and celebrates the positive outcome as exemplified by the many successes of her children. To this day, she follows these same principles as she commits her life to being the best mother, grandmother, and friend possible.

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In 1976, Augustinus F. Lodewyks (BPE, B.Ed, D.C.) became a Physical Education teacher and married the love of his life, Marilyn Rose. Inspired by his God-given desire to help and heal others, he became a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1981, and spent the subsequent twenty-five years rendering treatment to over sixty patients a day. Father to his two grown children, Joel Pierre and Kara Rose, he has spent time traveling with his wife, and after his retirement in 2007, they visited Europe and the Holy Land. This is his first book.

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April Dahnke was born in Regina, SK in 1978. She was welcomed into the world by a loving family of storytellers and comedians. April was raised as a community volunteer, working in her school, church and community. It was very natural for her to transition into a life based on community development and literacy. Having worked in these fields for more than a decade, April continues to work with families through school and literacy programming.

In 2006, shortly after receiving one of Saskatchewan’s Centennial Medals for demonstrated leadership in the Literacy Field, April started a new journey and gave birth to her first son. 2008 began another new adventure leaving the city to become a country girl in rural Saskatchewan. April is now the proud mother of three beautiful and entertaining children as well as a full-time student at the University of Regina completing a Bachelor of Human Justice.

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Frank Watt was born in Saskatchewan in 1927, brought up in Vancouver and educated at the University of British Columbia, Oxford University (as a Rhodes Scholar), and the University of Toronto, where he taught for thirty-three years. Since the 1950’s his publications have included scholarly books, articles, and reviews dealing with British, American and Canadian literature and labor history, as well as short stories and poems. *It’s Over It’s Beginning* (1986) brought together a selection of his verse for the first time in book form. He has also published *Heads or Tails: 23 Stories, After the Funeral, Loving Daughters, The Lannigan Setup, The Road to Sutton, The Youth Drug, Joking Matters,* and *Where is Julius.*

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Dr. Adeleri Onisegun was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and grew up in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. She is a clinical psychologist with a rich history in mental health beginning with her training as a Neuropsychiatric Technician in the U.S. Navy. She earned a B.A. degree in Psychology from Fordham University and completed her Doctoral studies at the Gordon F. Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi University in New York. Whether working in a children’s psychiatric hospital or a women’s center, or teaching graduate or undergraduate students, she has done so with great passion and enjoyment of each experience. Her love of cultural knowledge has taken her around the world. As a Citizen Ambassador with People to People International, Onisegun has traveled with mental health delegations to Beijing, The People’s Republic of China and The Republic of Rwanda. Onisegun’s personal transformations include being ascribed the title “Iyalode” twice. First, the HRH Oseijeman Adefunmi I in Oyotunji African Village bestowed the title and she was honored again by Bokonon Bassely in The Republic of Benin West Africa. Currently Dr. Onisegun teaches, conducts research and mentors undergraduate research at Paine College. Mother, grandmother, wife, sister, cousin, friend, and guide; Onisegun is also a powerful motivational speaker and lecturer. She is a member of numerous organizations, most notably The Association of Black Psychologists. Her personal philosophy is reflected in the Yoruba proverb: “Eyes not blinded by adversity will live to see better days.”

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With that decision Pip and Squeak start an adventure that will change all of their lives forever, especially Tom's!

Helen Teagle is originally from England and now lives in Ontario, Canada with her husband. She has always loved reading children’s books, especially to her own two children.

Helen has been living with Tom, Pip and Squeak, her own Brain Rodents for many years. She started writing about them, using Janet as their host to share their adventures with children all over the world.

_Pip and Squeak Go to the Beach_ is book one of the Brain Rodents Series. Look for book two, _Max’s Mice_, coming in 2016.
Charlie was what we Earthlings call a You-Eff-Oh, you know, a U.F.O., an Unidentified Flying Object. He had been seen by two very surprised Earthlings on Thursday, April 10, 1975 at about 9:10 p.m. local Earth time. Charlie was curious and he thought that this could be fun, so he decided to hang around to see what would happen next! Little did the Earthlings realize that they would soon be drawn into what was to go down in history as The Adventures of Charlie Red Star.

Edward had received a phone call in his Planetarium office about bright red lights that cavorted around the night sky over Carman almost every night. He visited Carman, interviewed many people and viewed photographs of some of these red lights. Later, he wrote an article for “Manitoba Nature” entitled “Manitoba U.F.O’s”. When he came to the part about the Carman U.F.O., he thought it would be fun to write the story from the viewpoint of the U.F.O.! The newspaper had called the lights: “Red Star Charlie”. It did not sound right to Edward and so he changed the name to “Charlie Red Star.”

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Barboria Bjarne is a freelance writer and artist. When not writing or painting, she works on her urban homestead. Grayson and the Crumbly, Grumbly, Rumbly Cookie is her second picture book, this time written in prose and accompanied by delightful illustrations in gouache. She also wrote and illustrated ‘Quanny and Danny’, her first picture book in verse about a cute little puppy, raised by a goose.

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As her children grew up, Teresa Easley would make up bedtime stories of exciting journeys and wonder. With her first grandchild living across the country, she was unable to share in his bedtime routine and tell him these same stories. As a result, she decided to turn her storytelling into a book for her grandson. Written in the style of a timeless fable, The Secret Snowflake: A Christmas Story is for all children and families so they can remember the delights and miracle of the Christmas season. She and her husband live in California with their dachshund, Gidget. This is her first book.

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