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Jesse Thomas Cook is a prolific award-winning filmmaker, having directed and produced 15 features since 2008. His films have garnered awards from Fantastic Fest, Fantasia, and received seven Canadian Screen Award nominations.



Tasneem Dairywala As an artist, author, and educator, Tasneem is passionate about creating stories that spark joy and curiosity in young readers. Her five-year-old is her biggest inspiration and motivation for writing books that can shape the minds and hearts of future generations. She resides in Wasaga Beach, Ontario, in a house overflowing with books, plants and giggles.



Marilyn J. Kleiber - writing as **J.M. Tibbott** began her writing career in childhood. Her works include magazine and newspaper articles, editor for an on-line newsletter, and teaching a variety of writing courses. Over the past number of years, she has been part of workshops and panels at Ad Astra, Can-Con in Ottawa, The Newmarket Writer's Festival, The Kingston Library Festival and the University of Guelph's Writers Workshop. In addition, she has taught the following writing workshops in Fergus, Guelph and Toronto: Self-

Publishing, The Bones of a Novel, Self-Editing, Creating Worlds, Writing Great Dialogue, Handling Points of View, Selling Books at Writers' Festivals, and Creating Dynamic Characters. To date, she has published 6 novels in the Pridden Saga series: The Arrival, The Healers, The Warriors, The Pleasure Seekers, The Horse Masters and The Assassins. The 7th novel of the series, The Wielders, will be released in late 2024. All are listed on her website jmtibbott.com. She held the position of acquisitions manager for a small independent publisher and is familiar with most phases of the publishing industry, from editing, formatting for publication, and cover design.



Bianca Lakoseljac is a published novelist, essayist, short-story writer, and poet. She is the editor of *Rudy Wiebe: Essays on His Works* (2023), Guernica Editions; author of two novels: *Stone Woman* (2016); and *Summer of the Dancing Bear* (2012); a collection of stories, *Bridge in the Rain* (2010); and a book of poetry. Her awards include *The Book Excellence Award for Fiction*, and the *Matthew Ahern Essay-Prize* from York University. She was *Writer in Residence* at *Open Book Toronto*, and *president of the Canadian Authors Association, Toronto*. Bianca holds an *MA in English* from York University and has taught communications at *Toronto Metropolitan University* and *Humber College*.



Arlene F. Marks Since retiring from the high school classroom in 2012, Arlene F. Marks has written and had published 19 books, twelve of them fiction, with two more novels coming out next year. She has also given writing workshops and presentations to local groups as well as at major literary conventions. She lives and writes on the shore of beautiful Nottawasaga Bay, where she dreams of one day having a wellorganized office.



Zann Raby is a Canadian science fiction author and military veteran.

She was in the first class of female officer cadets admitted to the Royal Military College of Canada and served with the RCAF across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and US Central Command. When not behind the keyboard, Zanne enjoys travel, photography, hiking, knitting, and gardening. And always, a good story to pass the time



Benjamin Rempel is a Canadian writer and essayist who lives in

Collingwood, Ontario. Widely published, his work has appeared in The Toronto Star, Our Canada, Blank Spaces, Streetlight, Fifteen Stories High Anthology, among others. Celebrated for his dark and gritty tone, his fiction has been nominated for several honours including shortlisted for the 2023 Georgian Bay Story Slam and the 2019 Rising Spirits Writing Award. His first novel, INFECT, was released in June 2024 through Chicken House Press.



Patricia Sands is the author of the best-selling Love in Provence series

and other award-winning women's fiction: the Villa des Violettes series, Drawing Lessons, The Bridge Club, The Secrets We Hide and Lost at Sea, Book 8, in the Sail Away series. A former educator, her first novel was published at the age of 65 and she has been an inspiration to others to follow their writing dreams. Her novels have been indie published and traditionally through Lake Union Publishing. Since 2020, she has lived in Collingwood, two hours north of Toronto, Canada and for over twenty years she has spent time each year in the south of France. Each year, for the past ten, she has led a 12-day women's tour to the Côte d'Azur and Provence based on her novels.



Walter Weckers raised in Belgium and longtime citizen of Canada, is a retired business executive who finally became serious about writing. After honing his craft, compiling an anthology of short stories, he embarked on the marathon of writing his first novel, completing two more since and is now engrossed on developing a story for the musical theatre - libretto and music. What better subject, for a sailor and history buff, than the story of HMS Nancy and the dramatic events associated with the vessel?

"The Final Year, the Story of HMS Nancy, Alexander Mackintosh, Miller Worsley and Events of the War of 1812" was published in 2018 to great reviews and found its natural home in the gift shop of Nancy Island as well as in cyberspace.



Paul Yanuziello is a writer, storyteller, musician, martial arts instructor and author. The opportunity to write and teach full-time in 2017, as well as his passion for teaching and learning from children, became the motivational force to publish his first children's picture book. In 2019, he published *Samba on a Snowy Day*, to glowing reviews. So far, his books have been published and translated into two foreign languages, Brazilian Portuguese and French. When Paul is not teaching or learning martial arts, he can be found writing, reading, or practicing shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) in his sanctuary near the Blue Mountains, in Ontario, Canada. To keep up to date with Paul, visit paulyanuziello.com and remember to subscribe to his blog, *My Monthly Journal*. Other books written by Paul Yanuziello with illustrations by Joshua Miller: *Samba in Brazil*, *Samba in Switzerland*, *Scratchy the Squirrel: A Time for Friends and Dojo in the Woods*