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Summer 2016

Beach & Poolside Reading Inspiration

Summer is finally here! In this newsletter you'll find reviews of our recent spring/summer books, awards news for such captivating titles as *nakamowin'sa* & *The Little Washer of Sorrows*, and a few tidbits about news in the literary world.

We'd also like to get you excited for our Fall 2016 lineup: 5 novels and 2 short story collections to choose from. Who doesn't love a brand new book delivered to their door?

THISTLEDOWN NEWS

Our **Fall 2016** books are ready for preorder through our website! Check out our catalogue below.

[Awards News](#)



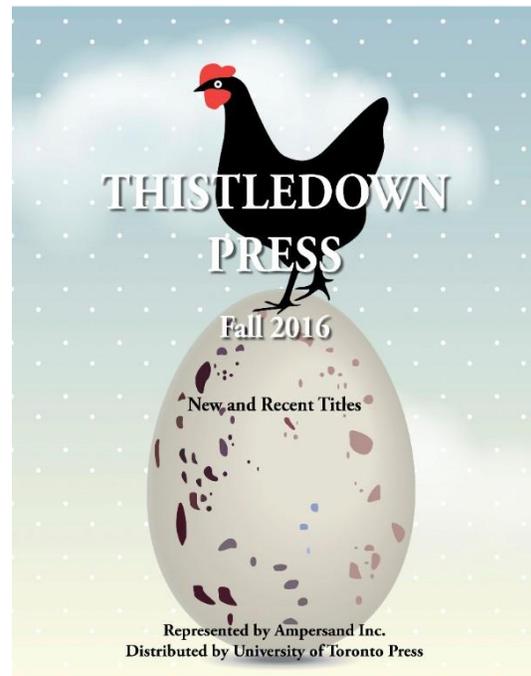
Rita Bouvier's third collection of poetry, [*nakamowin'sa for the seasons*](#), won the 2016 Aboriginal Peoples' Writing Award at the [Saskatchewan Book Awards](#) in April. Congratulations!

Katherine Fawcett's been [longlisted](#) for the Sunburst Award for Can. Lit. of the Fantastic for the hilarious [The Little Washer of Sorrows](#).



Reviews

Daniel Perry's short story collection has been on everyone's radar! *Hamburger* has been reviewed in [Quill & Quire](#) and [The Winnipeg Review](#).



EVENTS

Our Spring/Summer titles had a busy and successful spring launch season!

Kelly Shepherd debuted [Shift](#) at the Edmonton Poetry Festival, then toured the Okanagan.



You can also read [PRISM international's interview](#), and Daniel's take on working life woes & *Hamburger* on [49th Shelf](#).



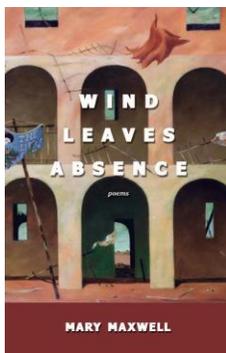
Carla Braidek & Mary Maxwell launched their poetry collections together at [McNally Robinson in Saskatoon](#).

Carla went on to tour Saskatchewan, visiting PA, Big River, Yorkton, Meadow Lake, and Regina with Mary.

Daniel Perry toured Toronto and London in promoting *Hamburger*, finishing his ["Oh, Sorry, I'm Not A Food Truck" Tour](#) in Barrie, ON.

[The Malahat Review writes](#) that Rita's poetry moves with the seasons "with a contemporary eye and an underpinning of wonder."

K.J. Rankin's launch of her YA novel [Stepping into Traffic](#) at the Lillian H. Smith library in Toronto was also very well attended!

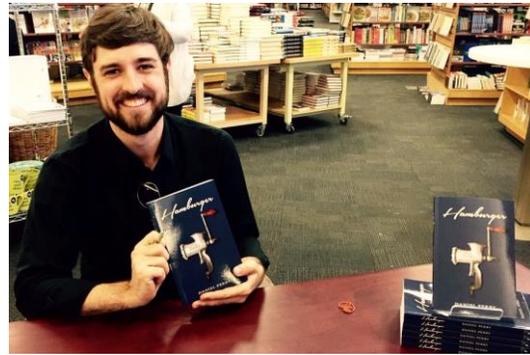


"Readers who take the time to look will find gentle humour and an arresting intellectual depth." Read the [StarPhoenix's review](#) of [Wind Leaves Absence](#).



Of Shannon Quinn's poetry, *Questions for Wolf*, [Room Magazine](#) maintains that "somewhere beneath the despair and confusion, there's hope, coupled with tender and delicate prose."

Tara Gereaux's award-nominated YA novella, *Size of a Fist*, was [reviewed by CM Magazine](#). Tara also [shared her story](#) of meeting the girl on the cover, and discusses the debate on having real people model book characters.



[Interview with *Rose's Run* author & comedian Dawn Dumont for *Room Magazine*:](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS & FUN LINKS

Recent studies have shown that reading literature can [help with mental health](#). If you're interested in this topic, check out Lenore Rowntree's forthcoming novel [Cluck](#) (cover seen above!).

We loved sharing the article [9 Reasons Joining A Writing Group Is](#)

Q: What advice would you give a young Indigenous woman starting out in the arts in Canada?

A: "Don't worry about saying the wrong thing or if it's the right time or if it's good enough, take the chance to express yourself. It will lead you to interesting places."

[One Of The Best Ways A Writer Can Grow](#). We strongly encourage any writers aspiring to get published to pursue workshops first.

Every author's worst nightmare: [When nobody shows up to your book reading](#).



Thistledown Trivia

Did you know that Thistledown publishes between 10 and 15 titles each year?

Watch for our submission periods to reopen later in the summer!

In text-speak and online conversations, the period is being abandoned — some would argue it [no longer has a purpose](#)

We just hope the apostrophe doesn't completely die out.



Upcoming Events:

July 14-17: Saskatchewan Festival of Words in Moose Jaw

Oct 1: Fall titles published & available in stores

Oct 15: Launch for *Fragment* [Craig Russell], McNally Robinson, Winnipeg

Oct 16: Stephen Henighan reading @ Junction Reads, Toronto

Oct 18: Launch for *The Path of the Jaguar* [Stephen Henighan], The Bookshelf, Guelph

Oct 18: Launch (tentative) for *Lifting Weights* [Judy McCrosky], McNally Robinson, Saskatoon

Oct 20: Launch for *How To Pick Up A Maid in Statue Square* [Rea Tarvydas], Memorial Park Library, Calgary

Oct 27: Rea Tarvydas reading @ Audreys Bookstore, Edmonton

Nov 5: Launch for *Cluck* [Lenore Rowntree], Frankie's, Vancouver

Nov 13: Daniel Perry reading @ Junction Reads, Toronto

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