

# Lost on the Prairie

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**WINNIPEG BESTSELLERS**  
For May 9 - 19  
Titles in Green - Manitoba Author • Titles in Red - Canadian Author

HARDCOVER FICTION	PAPERBACK FICTION
1. <b>The Four Winds</b> , Kristin Hannah, Fiction, \$32.99, <b>Our Price \$26.59.</b>	1. <b>The Paris Apartment</b> , Kelly Bowen, Fiction, \$21.99.
2. <b>Sootley</b> , John Grisham, Fiction, \$38.95, <b>Our Price \$27.26.</b>	2. <b>Once Removed</b> , Andrew Unger, Fiction, \$21.95.
3. <b>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse</b> , Charlie Mackay, Graphic Novel, \$28.50.	3. <b>Jonny Appleseed</b> , Joshua Whitehead, Fiction, \$19.95.
4. <b>The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue</b> , V.E. Schwab, Fantasy, \$34.99.	4. <b>The Rose Code</b> , Kate Quinn, Fiction, \$24.99.
5. <b>China</b> , Edward Rutherfurd, Historical Fiction, \$42.00, <b>Our Price \$29.40.</b>	5. <b>The Midnight Library</b> , Matt Haig, Fiction, \$21.99.

HARDCOVER NON-FICTION	PAPERBACK NON-FICTION
1. <b>The Anthropocene Reviewed</b> , John Green, Criticism & Essays, \$37.00.	1. <b>Manitoba Birds</b> , Andy Roemer & Ken De Smet, Nature, \$19.95.
2. <b>Yearbook</b> , Seth Rogan, Memoir, \$35.00.	2. <b>A DayTripper's Guide to Manitoba, 3rd Ed.</b> , Bartley Kiers, Regional Interest, \$24.95.
3. <b>Finding the Mother Tree</b> , Suzanne Simard, Nature, \$34.95.	3. <b>Did You See Us?</b> Survivors of the Assiniboia Indian Residential School, Indigenous Peoples, \$24.95.
4. <b>Manitoba by Manitoba</b> , McNally Robinson, Regional Interest, \$22.95.	4. <b>Take Me Outside</b> , Colin Harris, Canada, \$22.00.
5. <b>The Bomber Mafia</b> , Malcolm Gladwell, History, \$34.00, <b>Our Price \$27.20.</b>	5. <b>Winnipeg Walks, 3rd Ed.</b> , Prairie Pathfinders, Regional Interest, \$17.95.

BOOKS FOR TEENS	BOOKS FOR KIDS
1. <b>Siege and Storm, Shadow and Bone #2</b> , Leigh Bardugo, Teen Fantasy, \$12.99.	1. <b>I Sang You Down from the Stars</b> , Tasha Spilleut-Summer, Indigenous Peoples, \$19.95.
2. <b>Thrive, Bloom #3</b> , Kenneth Oppel, Canadian Teen Fiction, \$21.99.	2. <b>Lost on the Prairie</b> , MaryLou Driedger, Canadian Intermediate Fiction, \$14.95.
3. <b>Shadow and Bone</b> , Leigh Bardugo, Teen Fantasy, \$12.99.	3. <b>On the Trapline</b> , David A. Robertson, Indigenous Peoples, \$21.99.
4. <b>Ruin and Rising, Shadow and Bone #3</b> , Leigh Bardugo, Teen Fantasy, \$12.99.	4. <b>The Barren Grounds</b> , David A. Robertson, Canadian Intermediate Fiction, \$21.99.
5. <b>Road Allowance Era, A Girl Called Echo #4</b> , Katherine Vennette, Indigenous Peoples, \$19.95.	5. <b>Fantastic Mr. Fox</b> , Roald Dahl, Classics, \$10.99.

## Lost on the Prairie Is Already A Bestseller!

To my surprise *Lost on the Prairie* hit bookshelves at [McNally Robinson Booksellers](#) nearly a month ahead of schedule and since then it has already enjoyed three weeks on the McNally's bestseller list. [Amazon](#) and [Indigo](#) started sending out their copies on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope you are enjoying your copy if you have already purchased it. For Saskatchewan readers the book is also at the McNally's location in Saskatoon.

## My Website is Live!

My good friend and tech wizard Rudy Nikkel has helped me create a website for my book. You can visit it now at [maryloudriedger.com](http://maryloudriedger.com) to find all the latest news about *Lost on the Prairie*, view old newsletters and read my blog posts about the book. I'm also posting responses as I receive them and media items like newspaper articles and interviews.





## Thank You Jordan Ross!

I gave my first interview about the book to Jordan Ross who is a reporter for The Carillon a newspaper where my column Viewpoint has appeared for the last 36 years. Jordan interviewed me in a park near my home where he also took some photos. I was so pleased with the piece he wrote. Thank you Jordan! You can read it [here](#).

## Book Launch

I will be doing an online book launch hosted by McNally Robinson Booksellers on June 16 at 7 pm. I am very glad that Harriet Zaidman a librarian, educator and book reviewer will be my guest. Harriet has written a middle grade history book of her own called [City on Strike](#) which is about the Winnipeg General Strike. She has also signed a contract for a new book called *Second Chances* about the polio epidemic. You can register for the book launch [here](#). Come ready with questions to ask about the book.



## What Support!

My talented friend Debbie wrote and designed a little eight- page book to tell the story of my writing journey from childhood to published author. My brother Ken has been going to different stores in Victoria where he lives to purchase my book and then donate them to Little Free Libraries in the city. My son in Saskatoon went to take a photo of my book in the McNally Robinson Booksellers there and did a social media post to promote the book with fellow educators. So many people have given likes and comments on my Facebook news items about my book and offered congratulations on the book's initial success. I feel so lucky and blessed to have so much support.



## Prairie Horizons

I attended the virtual Prairie Horizons conference for children's writers the weekend of May 21 and 22. The keynote speaker was [Margriet Ruurs](#) and she was so interesting and inspirational. At the Saturday evening session, I had an opportunity to read an excerpt from *Lost on the Prairie*.



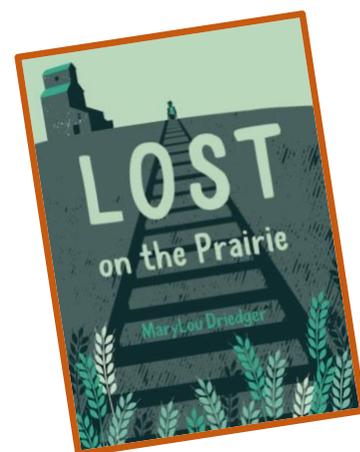
## What Are People Saying?

"A spellbinder that's for sure. Peter is such a likeable young man, and the whole story told in his voice makes it so easy to get swept away with his adventures."

"I am loving your book. It is tremendous! Believe me when I say it is spectacular and the study guide is the best I have ever seen."

"If you're looking for a gripping MY historical novel with a strong narrative voice, this is it"

You can go to the [Reviews](#) page on my website to read more samples of the feedback I've received.



I hope many of you can attend my book launch and that you will come ready with your questions about *Lost on the Prairie*. Once you've read the book I'd love it if you could leave a review on Amazon or Good Reads or send comments to me so I could put them on my website. Thanks for your interest in my book.

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