

Lost on the Prairie

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A Bestseller For 10 Weeks.

Lost on the Prairie has made the [McNally Robinson Booksellers](#) bestseller list for 10 consecutive weeks. The Saskatoon McNally's location and the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in Steinbach are selling *Lost on the Prairie* too, as well as [Amazon](#) and [Indigo](#). My publisher tells me the novel is available at bookstores across Canada and if they don't have a copy they can order one for you that should arrive in a couple of days.

Check Out Some Reviews!

As people send me their comments after reading *Lost on the Prairie* I've been adding them to the [review page](#) on my website. The page starts with three endorsements from award winning authors that I was so pleased to receive. If you've read my book and would like to pass on your comments to me or put them on Amazon or Goodreads I'd love that!



Thrilled to receive such positive reviews of my book from award winning authors like Colleen Nelson, Larry Verstraete, and Beryl Young.

Family Connections

I am so happy to hear how my novel is being shared by families. My son is reading it to my grandsons, my nephew is reading it to his son, and my niece to her son. Married couples are reading the book to each other. Many people are purchasing additional copies for children and grandchildren, parents and grandparents, nieces and nephews. Quite a few people are reading the book to seniors they know in nursing homes. Many grandparents are reading it to their grandchildren. It makes me so happy my novel is helping to foster meaningful family connections.



More Media Exposure

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of my Heritage House marketing manager Monica Miller, I've done [an interview with CTV](#) about my book and have been [interviewed by](#) Winnipeg Free Press columnist John Longhurst about *Lost on the Prairie*. I was also pleased that Michelle Sawatsky [interviewed me](#) for her morning show on radio AM1250.

Where In The World is Lost On The Prairie?

- Judith a college classmate of mine just had her *Lost on the Prairie* delivered in Germany.
- Vic, another college classmate found a copy in a bookstore in Gimli, Manitoba.
- A copy is on its way to the Isle of Wight in England where my high school classmate Ken lives.
- My friend Randy took *Lost on the Prairie* on a canoe trip.
- My former art gallery colleague Perry photographed the book in his garden in Halifax.
- My friends Mari in Ankeny Iowa, Kelly in Chicago and Emily in Colorado have read the book.
- A blog reader from Gatineau, Quebec said he enjoyed the book.
- My friend Wendy is reading it over the phone to her Mom who lives in Kenora, Ontario.
- A retired teacher in Edmonton praised the book.
- My friend Marge from rural Manitoba bought copies for the schools in her area.

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support!





Book Launch A Success

Thanks to the more than a hundred people who came to my online book launch. My only regret is that I didn't get to see the names of everyone who was there. It was an enjoyable evening and I got to talk about some of the research I did for the book. If you didn't make it to the launch you can watch it [here](#).

Invitations Please!

I have already received and accepted invitations to be the guest of two different book clubs in September. If you are in a book club and would like to have me visit I'd love to do that!

Right now, we are planning to travel for the month of October but should be in Winnipeg for the rest of 2021 and 2022 so if you would like me to visit your classroom, book club, seniors' residence, community program, writers' group, historical association, museum or church let's arrange something.

Lost on the Prairie has so many different aspects to it and appeals to so many different ages that I can custom design a presentation perfect for your group.



My book on the bestseller table at McNally Robinson



I am finished the first draft of a new novel called *60s Girl* that is very different from *Lost on the Prairie*. The narrator is a girl growing up in the 1960s who tells a personal story from each year of that decade.

As always you can find out what is going on in my life by following my blog [What's Next?](#)

You can keep up to date on the latest happenings with *Lost on the*

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