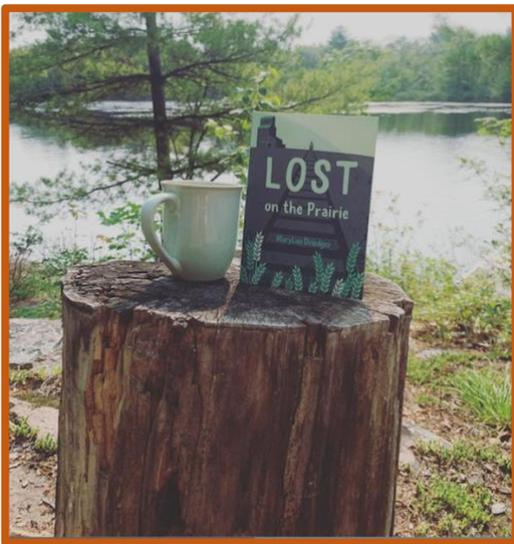
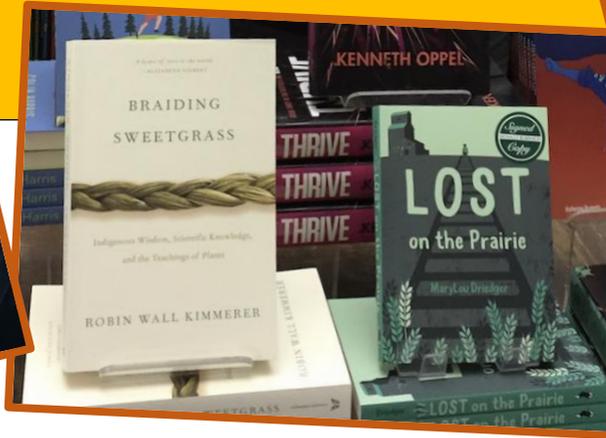


# Lost on the Prairie

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Beautiful photo of my novel taken by my niece Grace Driedger

## A High Recommendation!

I was so pleased to receive a *highly recommended* rating from the [Canadian Review of Materials](#) periodical. Reviewer Janice Foster had some very kind things to say about *Lost on the Prairie*. As readers send me their comments about the book, I've been adding them to the [review page](#) on my website. I love the variety of responses I've received.

## A Bestseller For 13 Weeks.

Since I sent out my July newsletter *Lost on the Prairie* has made the [McNally Robinson Booksellers](#) bestseller list on an additional three occasions bringing its appearances there to a grand total of 13. *Lost on the Prairie* is now for sale at [The Common Word Bookstore](#) on the Canadian Mennonite University campus as well as at the [Mennonite Heritage Village Museum](#) in Steinbach and on [Amazon](#) and [Indigo](#). Many libraries and local bookstores in Canadian cities are carrying it as well.

*Lost on the Prairie* is a fast-paced adventure portraying the demands and dangers of prairie life at the turn of the twentieth century. Middle year readers will readily engage in the excitement and challenges Peter faces in this work of historical fiction. *Lost on the Prairie* will not only be a popular read for the intended audience, but it will be one that parents, and grandparents will enjoy sharing.

Thrilled to receive such positive review in the Canadian Review of Materials.



## Family and Friend Support

I am so fortunate to have such a supportive family. Here's a photo of my Auntie Louise buying five copies of my novel, one for each of her children and one for herself.

My niece Grace who has a master's degree in social work and has a counselling business, used my novel in [an Instagram post](#) she did about self-care.

My friend Glenys gave me a beautiful pendant with a book to mark the publication of my debut novel.



## Lost on the Prairie in the Boreal Forest and the Rocky Mountains

A reader sent a photo to show me how she had used *Lost on the Prairie* to kill a pine beetle at her cottage in the boreal forest. I wrote about it in a blog post called [My Novel As A Murder Weapon](#).

My niece Olivia lives in Canmore British Columbia and is a triathlete. She sent me a photo of my novel with the Rocky Mountains in the background.

## Book Neighbours

I love going into McNally Robinson booksellers to see what other novels are displayed near mine. Initially it was on the same set of shelves as *Rescue at Lake Wild* by Terry Lynn Johnson. Recently I had a chance to talk with Terry about her book. You can read more about that [here](#).

One week it was displayed with an all-time favorite book of mine *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Kimmerer.

Sometimes it has been displayed with one of David Robertson's many bestsellers. I have attended [workshops](#) and [conferences](#) where David was the speaker so of course I am honored for my book to be in the company of his.





## Oops!

As people read your book, they find errors or omissions. One I should have caught myself happens at the end of the novel when Peter heads off home in a wagon with his family. I failed to make any mention of his horses Prince and Gypsy who had shared his long train journey. Were they following behind the wagon? Where were they?

As I speak with various groups about my book it will be interesting to see what other omissions and errors they find.

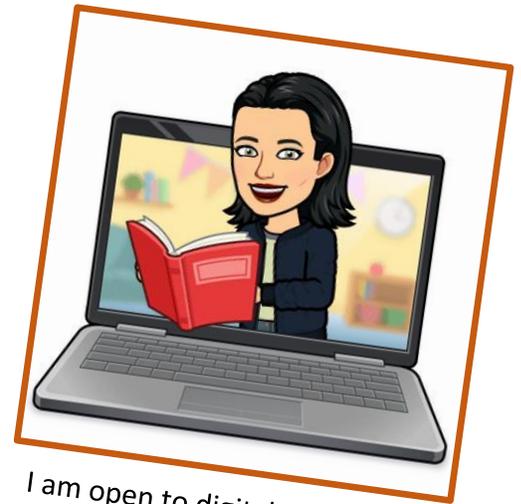
## Putting In An Appearance!

On September 23rd I will be visiting two different Steinbach area book clubs, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. I will also be doing a presentation about my book at the Steinbach Heritage Village Museum at 7 pm on September 30.

In October I will be the writer interviewed on the blog of author [Caroline Starr](#).

November 3 and 24<sup>th</sup> I will be speaking to seniors' groups in Headingly and Starbuck.

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



I am open to digital or in person appearances.



I would love to see more reviews of *Lost on the Prairie* on Goodreads and Amazon. They really help to boost book sales. If you have read *Lost on the Prairie* and would you consider leaving a short review even one or two sentences that would be terrific! 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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