

Sixties Girl Lost on the Prairie

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What A Launch!

"I don't know if I've ever had so much fun at a launch." Those are the words of Colleen Nelson who hosted the launch of *Sixties Girl* at McNally Robinsone Booksellers on April 28th.

Colleen did a fabulous job of our interview. We had a 'standing room only' crowd. I appreciated all the friends and family who came out for the evening. You can read more about the launch [here](#) and [here](#). You can watch the launch online [here](#).

Did you know Colleen has just won the prestigious Silver Birch Forest of Reading award for her novel [The Undercover Book List](#)? It's a great story!

Best Seller List

Sixties Girl has already been on the McNally Robinsone Booksellers best seller list four times! One week it was even #1.

Thanks, McNally's for all you do for Manitoba authors.



WINNIPEG BESTSELLERS

Based on sales for April 23 - May 3 at
McNally Robinsone Booksellers

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Publishers' list prices shown; retail prices may be lower.

BOOKS FOR KIDS

1. *Sixties Girl*, MaryLou Driedger, Canadian Intermediate Fiction, \$14.95.
2. *Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea*, Dav Pilkey, Graphic Novel, \$19.99.
3. *Sometimes I Feel Like a River*, Danielle Daniel, Indigenous Peoples, \$18.99.
4. *The Song That Called Them Home*, David A. Robertson, Indigenous Peoples, \$24.99.
5. *Harold the Iceberg Melts Down*, Lisa Wyzlic, Canadian Picture Book, \$23.99.

Making a List!

The website [49th Shelf](#) which promotes Canadian literature asked me to curate a list of children's books I'd recommend about grandparents since my latest novel *Sixties Girl* is about the relationship between a grandmother and grandson. I was happy to come up with ten titles with personal connections for me.

You can see what books I recommended [here](#). The 49th Shelf called my list *Books Across the Generations*.



Photo of me with my Grandmother and siblings



Photo of me with my grandfather



A Wonderful Endorsement!

I was thrilled when reviewer Spencer Miller chose *Sixties Girl* as one of the best five spring books for middle grade readers in Canada. One of the things he said was

Sixties Girl has this great message about the value of spending time with older generations.

You can watch Spencer talk about all five books he recommended [here](#).

Cool Stuff!

I found *Lost on the Prairie* and *Sixties Girl* in the Canmore Alberta Library on a recent visit there. I also got word this month about a Saskatchewan ranch family who bought my novels and named one of their cows after me. You can read about that [here](#).



Featured Reader

How lovely to be the First Friday featured reader on the wonderful Bibliovideo channel on May 19.

You can check out my reading from *Sixties Girl* [here](#).

Thanks For the Recommendation!

Children's authors always wait nervously for the review of their book on the Canadian Review of Materials website. Will they recommend your book? Luckily for me reviewer Tessa Riggs, a Toronto librarian, liked *Sixties Girl*. I loved what she said about it.

By using a beloved grandparent's recollections as a framing device, Driedger makes moments in local and global history real and rooted in a perspective children can understand. While the topics broached are serious, Driedger tells them with compassion and understanding, softening the subject matter for younger readers without robbing them of their significance.



A Television Interview!

I did an interview on CTV's Morning Show about *Sixties Girl* on April 27th. Host Rachel Lagace made me feel so at ease. I was one of their last guests on the April 27th show and all morning they had been announcing my visit and asking viewers to send in their memories of the sixties. They read some of their responses on air. If you didn't get a chance to see the interview you can watch it [here](#).



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