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New Newfoundland and Labrador Books

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[BEAUTIFUL SIGHT: STORIES FROM THE PORT OF ST. JOHN'S](#)

Byrne, Allan (2015)

Call #: 387.1 B38 NC

Allan Byrne has collected 50 years' worth of stories about the Port of St. John's. The port has always had a pivotal role in the fortunes of the province – from the days of fish flakes and merchants, a war base, and a protected harbour in stormy weather.

[BEYOND THE PALE: FOLKLORE, FAMILY AND THE MYSTERY OF OUR HIDDEN GENES](#)

URQUHART, EMILY (2015)

Call #: 362.196 UR6 NC

The story begins on St. Stephen's Day, 2010, in St. John's, NL, when the author gives birth to a baby girl named Sadie Jane who has a shock of snow-white hair. After three months of medical testing, Sadie is diagnosed with albinism, a rare genetic condition where pigment fails to form in the skin, hair and eyes. She is visually impaired and faces a lifetime indoors. A journalist and folklore scholar accustomed to processing the world through other people's stories, Emily is drawn to understanding her child's difference by researching the cultural beliefs associated with albinism worldwide.

[BREAKWATER BOOK OF CONTEMPORARY NEWFOUNDLAND SHORT FICTION \(2015\)](#)

CALL #: BRE NC

Featuring selections by Michael Crummey, Jessica Grant, Lisa Moore, and Michael Winter, among others, this stellar anthology, expertly edited by Larry Mathews, stands as the quintessential introduction to Newfoundland fiction. These are the best stories written by our most talented writers during the most exciting time in the island's literary history.

BRICKLE, NISH AND KNOBBY: A NEWFOUNDLAND TREASURY OF TERMS FOR ICE AND SNOW

CREATES, MARLENE (2015)

Call#: 819.12 C86 NC

Marlene observed, photographed, named, and made up poems about the terms we use for ice and snow. Brickle snow is that brittle ice that forms on small puddles and it is so irresistible - you just have to crack it. Tished describes water that is just barely frozen over. To see these and discover more, come and take out the book. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

BRICOLEUR SENTENCES & HIS SENTENCES

DRAGLAND, STAN (2015)

Call #: 801.95 D78 NC

Stan muses on why he has been called a bricoleur, how and why he writes and other oddities in the creative life of a writer.

CUT FROM THE CLOTH OF FOGO: A LIFE OF TEACHING, TRAVEL AND MINISTRY

PAYNE, STEWART (2015)

Call #: 283.092 P29

Stewart's memoir traces his early beginnings on Fogo Island, travelling to St. John's to attend MUN and becoming a teacher and Anglican minister. Meet the people to whom he ministered and taught him lessons in living. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

DEADLY SEA: LIFE AND DEATH ON THE ATLANTIC

WELLMAN, JIM (2015)

Call#: 971.5 W46 NC

Although the wooden boats have been replaced by steel or fiberglass hulls, the sea still claims lives in an angry ocean. Wellman has gathered more than 20 stories of men and women working on the fickle Atlantic. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

DEEP TOO

DRAGLAND, STAN (2013)

Call #: 819.4 D78 NC

A series of nonfiction stories about the phenomena of masculine one-up-manship.

DEEP WATER CREEK

POOLE, C.J. (2015)

Call #: POO NC

His fifth book will give you great insight into the life of a small fishing village in the early twentieth century. Although abandoned for almost one hundred years, today a splendid walking trail can take you from the top of American Hill down to the creek and here you will see the locations of remnants of the once thriving community. Although all the manmade structures are long gone the rhubarb gardens and bluebell beds and fiddleheads grow wild amongst the outlines of where the houses and fish drying flakes used to be. Because of its deep water and headland location the creek is a favourite place for icebergs in early summer.

DOWN TO BOWRINGS: A MEMOIR

BOWRING, DERRICK (2015)

Call #: 381.141 B68 NC

A history of one of the most recognized and successful department stores in downtown St. John's, Newfoundland. Arriving in St. John's in the middle of the Great Depression, Derrick Bowring discovered an island whose vistas and people would capture his heart. Sent to Newfoundland to join Bowring Brothers Ltd. and learn the retail end of the family business, his work with the company would take him into logging communities, outports and up to the ice fields. His memoir offers a mercantile history of St. John's in the mid-twentieth century providing stories of life on Water Street during economic depression, a world war, Confederation and the business management shifts of the 1960s. His memoir is punctuated with colourful stories of the people he encountered such as Sealing Captain Al Blackwood, Premier Joey Smallwood and King George VI.

EDGAR: A ST. JOHN'S LEGEND

REARDON, DAN (2015)

Call #: B H25R NC

Edgar Hartery grew in Mount Cashel orphanage and foster homes in the city. With his own unique challenges, he dealt with a speech impediment and a limited education. A gruff-voiced man, he shone the shoes of premiers, merchants and ordinary fishermen. Most of his working life was as a government clerk. He was a devoted baseball player and fan, a music lover and loved a scoff and a scuff.

FORSAKEN CHILDREN

COLLINS, PATRICK (2015)

Call #: COL NC

A book that takes readers from Greenock, Scotland, to Bay St. George, Newfoundland. Catherine MacInnis from the tiny community of Highlands in Bay St. George on Newfoundland's west coast suffers a tragedy that breaks her heart and brings her to a dark place from which her family wonders if she can ever escape. Scottish boys from Greenock who were stowaways on the ship Arran have their own tales of suffering and it is because of them that Catherine is finally able to find her way back from darkness to light.

GOWER STREET: A MEMOIR

WADDEN, NIX (2015)

Call #: B W11 NC

What did you get up to as a boy growing up in downtown St. John's during the 1940s and 50's? Everything and nothing! He attended St. Bon's and beat the streets of the city. He attended university and became involved in the news industry as a newspaper editor and went onto to become a journalist. *Also available as an ebook.*

HIS SOLDIER'S COAT: PRIVATE GABRIEL RYAN AND THE KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIRE OF 1942

LUSH, SHANNON MARSHALL (2015)

Call #: 971.8 L97 NC

This is Shannons' biography of his grandfather who was a soldier who survived the fatal fire at the Knights of Columbus. Gabriel Ryan helped other people escape the flames that night and went on to serve his country. He suffered repercussions from the fire for the rest of his life. Read about "the poppy who was a hero."

HISTORY OF DISASTER: THE WORST STORMS, ACCIDENTS AND CONFLAGRATIONS IN ATLANTIC CANADA

SMITH, KEN (2015)

Call #: 971.5 SM6 NC

Within these pages you'll find stories about the Titanic, SS Caribou, SS Newfoundland and Sothern Cross. Delve into the Halifax Explosion, the Ocean Ranger sinking and various plane crashes.

[I WANT TO KNOW IF I GOT TO GET MARRIED: A DOCTOR ON THE GRENFELL MISSION](#)

FRANKEL, MILES (2015)

Call #: 610.92 F85 NC

In 1969, Miles Frankel, a young British doctor, was recruited by the International Grenfell Association to provide medical services to communities in northern Newfoundland and coastal Labrador. From St. Anthony he travelled—by boat, Jeep, aircraft, and even dogsled—to nursing stations and small cottage hospitals strung out along the coast. Ever willing to heed the call, his work in outport Newfoundland and Labrador would sometimes require him to take on the role of veterinarian! [Also available as an ebook.](#)

[IF NOT FOR FATHER](#)

HUTCHINGS, JEFF (2015)

Call #: 613.69 H97 NC

The story of a seemingly impossible struggle through a perilous accident for a father and his three sons. A near death experience and the story of how the human spirit can triumph in the darkest hour.

[IN THE HEART OF THE CITY: COMMEMORATING 150 YEARS OF BANNERMAN PARK](#)

FANCEY, RENEE (2015)

Call #: 971.8 F21 NC

Bannerman Park celebrates 150 years of providing townies with a green space for much needed recreation space, home for hundreds after the big fire in 1892 and more.

[IT'S A GLORIOUS COUNTRY: LETTERS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND 1924-1925](#)

CLOTHIER, FLORENCE (2015)

Call #: 971.8 C62 NC

Florence Clothier left her wealthy Philadelphia family and spent the summers of 1924-1925 as a Grenfell volunteer teacher in Sops Arm. Her letters home revealed a new world to both herself and her family.

LEDGER OF THE OPEN HAND

VRYENHOEK, LESLIE (2015)

Call #: VRY NC

Ledger of the Open Hand looks at the intimate power of money and emotional debt through the eyes of a woman trying to grab hold of her own life. Beholden to a shrewd friend and burdened by family obligations and guilt, Meriel-Claire (MC) finally stumbles into what she's been missing. She falls in love and finds her calling as a debt counsellor in the midst of a national financial crisis. But balancing the books for strangers is easier than reconciling her own complicated relationships. Regrets and deficits accumulate until MC must decide what she owes to those she loves. With humour and insight, Ledger explores giving, taking, and our tendency to treat love as a balance sheet. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

MOCCASIN TRACKS: A MEMOIR OF MI'KMAW LIFE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

JEDDORE, JOHN NICK (2015)

Call #: 971.8 J34 NC

Mi'kmaw from Conne River, John Jeddore strode the hills and marshes of his home trying to reserve the ways of his elders. He lived through a stay at the tuberculosis sanatorium and served in the Overseas Forestry Unit during WWII. His life after the war was spent on the reserve trying to scrape together a living for his family. Nowadays he teaches the youngest generation the traditional skills of a Mi'kmaw living off the land.

MR. BIG: THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DEATHS OF KAREN AND KRISTA HART

LEWIS, COLLEEN (2015)

Call #: 363.232 L58 NC

In 2002, twins Karen and Krista Hart drowned in Gander Lake. Their father Nelson Hart was suspected of their deaths. In a sting operation, known as "Mr. Big", Nelson confessed to the deaths of his daughters. He was brought to trial and found guilty. Colleen Lewis worked with the girls' mother, to tell the truth of what happened according to Jennifer (Hart) Hicks. *Also available as an ebook.*

MURDER ON THE ROCK: TRUE CRIME IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

PARSONS, ROBERT (2015)

Call #: 364.1523 P25

Parsons brings to life 59 tales of murder and how crime doesn't pay. Murders and murderers come from Signal Hill, St. Pierre, Harbour Buffett, Beaumont and more. [Also available as an ebook.](#)

[NEWFOUNDLAND DIASPORA : MAPPING THE LITERATURE OF OUT-MIGRATION](#)

DELISLE, JENNIFER BOWERING (2013)

Call #: 819.09 D37 NC

Out-migration, driven by high unemployment and a floundering economy, has been a defining aspect of Newfoundland society for well over a century, and it reached new heights with the cod moratorium in 1992. This Newfoundland "diaspora" has had a profound impact on the province's literature. [Also available as an ebook.](#)

[NEWFOUNDLAND: AN ISLAND APART](#)

MINTY, DENNIS (2015)

Call #: 971.8 M66 NC

Dennis has captured visually stunning moments of Newfoundland's landscapes, wildlife, vegetation, towns, bays and cities.

[NEWFOUNDLAND'S UTOPIA: HISTORY AND STORIES OF THE CODROY VALLEY](#)

ZINCK, RAYMOND (2014)

Call #: 974.8 Z6 NC

From the earliest Mi'kmaq settlers to present day, people of the Codroy Valley thought they had found utopia within Newfoundland. Read their stories of survival, celebration and folklore.

[PADDY BOY: GROWING UP IRISH IN A NEWFOUNDLAND OUTPORT](#)

O'FLAHERTY, PATRICK (2015)

Call #: B OF4 NC

Patrick recalls his early years growing up in Harbour Grace in the years just before and after Confederation.

[A PAPERBOY'S STORY: A MEMOIR](#)

LEWIS, KEVIN J. (2015)

Call #: B L58 NC

Kevin was Holyrood's first paper boy. Oddin, a nickname by Kevin's youngest brother, spent some of his school years at St. Bon's College under the strict

tutelage of the Jesuit priests. After years of harrowing experiences, he decided against becoming a priest. He spent decades as a school teacher and in the film, radio & TV industry. He is a passionate actor, director and playwright.

PLANTERS & MERCHANTS: A HISTORY OF FORTUNE BAY

POPE, RANDELL (2015)

Call #: 971.8 F81 NC

There have been fisherman/planters living and working in Fortune Bay since the 1700's. This is their history through decades and centuries of toil, trouble, bad politics, smuggling with St. Pierre and more.

REAL NEWFOUNDLAND SCOFF: USING TRADITIONAL INGREDIENTS IN TODAY'S KITCHENS

FELTHAM, LIZ (2015)

Call #: 641.59718 F34 NC

Culinary writer Liz Feltham goes back to her roots to bring fresh and modern twists to favourite Newfoundland meals. Recipes using traditional ingredients from the sea, land, air, bakeshop, and bar to create non-traditional dishes. A guide to exploring, discovering, and creating new versions of old Newfoundland favourites. Packed with fifty-six new recipes, thirty colour photographs, and a guide for buying Newfoundland ingredients in Atlantic Canada, this cookbook will appeal to all Newfoundland chefs, traditional and adventurous alike.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT IN THE GREAT WAR

GOGOS, FRANK (2015)

Call #: 940.4127 G34 NC

This is a guide to the battlefields and memorials that are scattered throughout France, Belgium and Gallipoli. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

STORY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

BROWNE, SUSAN CHALKER (2015)

Call #: 282.718 B81 NC

With stunning pictures of the sanctuary, its' statutes, chapels, and monuments, this is the history of the Basilica.

STREET ANGEL

DOMINIC, MAGIE (2014)

Call #: 362.76092 D71 NC

Magie sweeps you through her family history from 1950's Newfoundland, to Pittsburgh, New York and Toronto. Along the way she carries a burden of abuse, violence, family difficulties, forgiveness and healing through her art.

STROKE IN TIME

DORAN, GERALD (2015)

Call #: DOR NC

Libraries: SJA, SJB, SJH

John Whelan, champion oarsman, has all but given up on competitive rowing. On the cusp of forty, the Outer Cove fisherman is trying to accept that his time as a rower has passed. His wife agrees, telling him, "Breaking your back down on that pond, that's a young man's sport." But a fracas with the Torbay rowing crew in a St. John's tavern rekindles his desire to beat his long-time rivals in the upcoming St. John's Regatta. With the regatta just ten months away, can he and cox Watt Power assemble a championship crew in time? [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

TALES FROM LABRADOR

POWELL, BENNY (2015)

Call #: 629.10392 P87 NC

Bush pilot Benny Powell grew in Charlottetown and Square Island in Labrador. He recalls many trips and tales with friends and clients into the wonders of Labrador. You'll laugh along with the boys as they hunt and fish and be charmed by the poetry and prose in which Benny captures his memories.

"TIS A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE ALIVE": LIFE IN A NEWFOUNDLAND OUTPORT OLDFORD, WINSTON (2015)

Call #: 971.8 OL1 NC

Winston recalls his years growing up in Burnside in the 1940's and 50's. In the Eastport Peninsula community, the people have survived devastating forest fires, the collapse of the fishery and more. [*Also available as an ebook.*](#)

TRADITIONAL NEWFY TALK: THE FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE OF NORTH AMERICA

BRAGG, R.A. (2015)

Call #: 427.9718 B73 NC

The rich heritage of Newfoundland English, influenced by the dialects of the English, Irish, and Scottish immigrants to the province, receives well-deserved attention in this well-crafted dictionary. Author R. A. Bragg aims to elevate Newfoundland English from being thought of as mere slang or accent to a standardized language, and to preserve the heritage of North America's first English language for the future. This dictionary offers both Newfy to English and English to Newfy translations with 1,500 fully annotated entries. The dictionary is completed by usage and pronunciation guides that present a regularized language structure, as well as three maps. As this dictionary shows, traditional Newfy talk is unique, relevant, and altogether “wunnerfo.”

[TRUE CONFESSIONS OF A BADLY MISUNDERSTOOD DOG](#)

ROWE, BILL (2015)

Call #: ROW NC

This is the heartwarming and hilarious memoir of Durf, a yellow Lab who thinks he is the boss of two cats. In fact, he's pretty sure he's the boss of the humans he lives with, too. Durf often dreams of performing heroic and awe-inspiring feats to prove to his family once and for all that he truly is the top dog in these parts. His faithful companions, a blue Persian male cat and a female tabby, can't possibly understand what it's like to be destined for greatness like Durf. They try to keep him grounded for his own good, but Durf knows in his noble dog's heart that his greatest adventures are just around the corner. ***Also available as an ebook.***

[VOICES FROM THE SEA: A COLLECTION OF POEMS](#)

FUDGE, JESSE (2014)

Call #: 819.1 F95 NC

Jesse was born in Grole and lived and taught school in the province for many years. This is his second collection of published poems.

[WAR AT SEA: CANADA AND THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC](#)

SMITH, KEN (2015)

Call #: 940.5459 SM6 NC

The battle of the Atlantic, the longest single engagement of the Second World War, resulted in the coming-of-age of the Royal Canadian Navy. By 1945, the Canadian Navy had transformed from a small force of 3,500 personnel and 13 vessels into the third-largest naval power in the world. As German U-boats

threatened to weaken the Allied war effort, the Canadian Navy was put to work protecting convoys across the Atlantic and hunting for submarines off the coast of Atlantic Canada. War at Sea uses first-hand accounts from the veterans who survived, as well as a detailed catalogue of the technology, weapons, and ships, to describe the history of this pivotal conflict. Author Ken Smith emphasizes the contribution of Atlantic Canadians, who worked in areas vital to the war effort while under constant threat from U-boats, sabotage, and spies.

YOU'RE SOME CROOKED: QUIRKY WORDS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

NECIE (2015)

Call #: J 427.9718 M86 NC

Have you had a scoff or been called a streel? Quirky words from Newfoundland and Labrador gets a smile from everyone who looks at it. And it is a fun way to learn some fun sayings you will not hear anywhere else but in this province.