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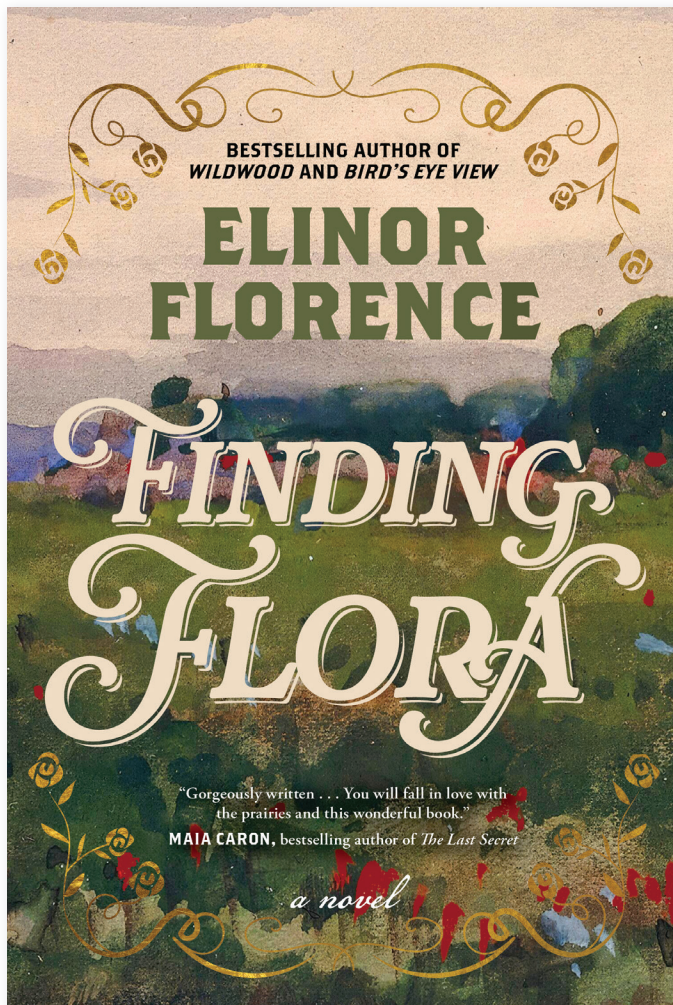
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# Fiction

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**Finding Flora**  
Elinor Florence

pp. 384

Territory: World English

1-Apr-25 | Adrienne Kerr

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*An instant #1 bestseller set in the turn-of-the-century about a young woman on the run from her abusive husband who uses a legal loophole to claim a homestead in the Wild West—perfect for fans of Outlawed and The Giver of Stars.*

Scottish newcomer Flora Craigie jumps from a moving train in 1905 to escape her abusive husband. Desperate to disappear, she claims a homestead on the beautiful but wild Alberta prairie, determined to create a new life for herself. She is astonished to find that her nearest neighbours are also female: a Welsh widow with three children; two American women raising chickens; and a Métis woman who supports herself by training wild horses.

While battling both the brutal environment and the local cynicism toward female farmers, the five women with their very different backgrounds struggle to find common ground. But when their homes are threatened with expropriation by a hostile government, they join forces to “fire the heather,” a Scottish term meaning to raise a ruckus. To complicate matters, there are signs that Flora’s violent husband is still hunting for her. And as the competition for free land along the new Canadian Pacific Railway line heats up, an unscrupulous land agent threatens not only Flora’s livelihood, but her very existence.

**ELINOR FLORENCE’S** first novel, *Bird’s Eye View*, was a national bestseller, while the second, *Wildwood*, was named one of Kobo’s Hundred Most Popular Canadian Books of All Time. *Finding Flora* was inspired by her own Scottish homesteading and Indigenous ancestors. She is a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia and makes her home in the mountain resort of Invermere.

## Hitchhiking to Heaven

Lex Paleaux

COVER COMING SOON

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09-Mar-27 | Grace O'Connell

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*A Backman-esque coming of age story about a young Dutch boy dealing with trauma who attempts to make a fresh start in rural Winnipeg, only to encounter both the best and worst of humanity as he tries to find himself. A heartbreaker that has sold 40,000 copies in the Netherlands.*

Sixteen-year-old Quintin has just been released from a juvenile detention center when he takes another wrong turn. His parents are at their wits' end and send him to a remote area in Canada, where he must navigate a strict religious community. Time seems to have stood still here for decades, and the affection and guidance Quintin craves are hard to come by. His unloving host family sees him primarily as free domestic help, and the farmer to whom he's been outsourced sees it as his duty to guide Quintin, with a firm hand, back on track.

Despite the harsh circumstances, Quintin maintains an open mind. He enjoys the rugged landscape and makes unexpected friends: with a toddler, a calf, and a home man. And then there's Mike, a pastor's son, in whom he finds a kindred spirit. Will his Canadian adventure be a turning point for the boy who refuses to conform, or will he be traumatized all over again?

*Hitchhiking to Heaven* is a compelling coming-of-age story about a boy on the cusp of adulthood. Friendship, hope, and resilience are key themes in this page-turner, written with empathy and humor.

**LEX PALEAUX** is a writer, (radio) columnist, and screenwriter who grew up in Friesland and lives in Haarlem. His debut novel *Winterwater* (2020) was well received by critics and audiences alike. His fifth novel won him the Bookstore Prize 2025.

## *The Forest*

**Beverly  
McLachlin**

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*From the former Chief Justice of Canada and #1 bestselling author of Full Disclosure comes the fourth razor-sharp thriller featuring defense attorney Jilly Truitt.*

A vulnerable young painter with mental illness is the lead suspect in the murder of successful condo developer, Kim Devlin, whose throat is slashed while jogging along a forest path where she was planning to build condos.

When Jilly becomes the painter's lawyer, she will have to battle the stigma that attends her schizophrenic client, while hunting for alternate suspects. And she will find many of those, from the embittered environmental activist opposed to the rezoning of the urban forest Kim was developing, to Kim's perfect husband intent on hiding the dark underside of their marriage.

### **The Forest**

**Beverly McLachlin**

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**Territory: World All Languages**

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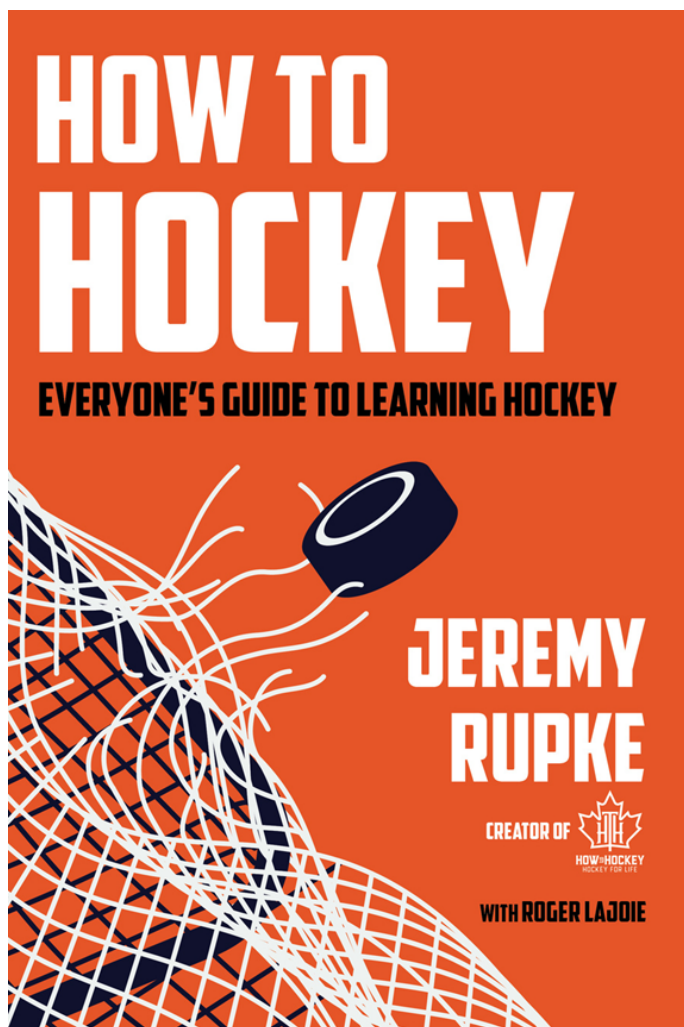
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**BEVERLY MCLACHLIN** is the #1 bestselling author of three novels and a memoir, *Truth Be Told*, which won the prestigious Writers' Trust Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing and the Ottawa Book Award for Nonfiction. From 2000 to 2017, McLachlin was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. She is the first woman to hold that position and the longest-serving Chief Justice in Canadian history. In 2018, McLachlin became a Companion of the Order of Canada, the highest honour within the Order.

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# Non-Fiction

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**How to Hockey**  
*Everyone's Guide to Learning Hockey*  
 Jeremy Rupke

pp. 320  
 Territory: World All Languages  
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**JEREMY RUPKE** is the creator of How to Hockey, available on HowtoHockey.com and on YouTube and other sites. Rupke and his team are constantly creating new content to entertain, educate, and motivate hockey players so that anyone, anywhere can enjoy the best game in the world. Rupke's YouTube channels has 1.34M followers, with many more across other social media channels. He lives outside of Barrie, Ontario.

*Jeremy Rupke, creator of the How to Hockey phenomenon, offers a dynamic, informative, and, most of all, fun guide to playing hockey for people of all ages.*

Packed with practical information about improving your team, with lists, step-by-step info, and proven strategies, How to Hockey is everyone's ultimate guide to improving their game, from the net to defence to forwards. Along the way you learn that practice isn't supposed to be pretty, repetition is your friend, and, more than anything, fun is the key.

Jeremy Rupke has broken the mold, proving that those who can, teach. The creator of the wildly popular How to Hockey website, YouTube channels, and across social media has turned his hockey skillset and coaching mentality into a virtual empire, instructing people young and old from around the world on how to improve their games and, most importantly, how to make the experience fun.

Rupke grew up in a small town where hockey was everything but where the coaching experiences were mixed: some great, well-meaning people doing their best. He learned a lot about the game and found himself teaching himself a lot of aspects of the sport along the way, whether practicing his shot in his family's barn or skating on the pond, carving the ice, teaching himself new moves.

Coach Jeremy, as he's known, shows his fans everything he knows all in one place: how to shoot the puck effectively, how to use everyday items for slalom skating and target practice, how to defend oncoming wingers, how to crush your slapshot, how to take a hit, score like Bedard, celly like Matthews, and most of all, how to hockey. Without doubt, How to Hockey will provide vital instruction and inspiration and will instill or re-instill a lasting love of the greatest game on ice.

**PETER  
MANSBRIDGE**  
and MARK BULGUTCH



## A NOBLE PROFESSION

Inspiring Stories of the Teachers  
Who Shape Our World

### **A Noble Profession**

*Inspiring Stories of the Teachers Who Shape  
Our World*

Peter Mansbridge & Mark Bulgutch

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**PETER MANSBRIDGE** is one of Canada's most respected journalists. He is the author of the instant #1 national bestsellers *Off the Record* and *Extraordinary Canadians*, as well as the national bestseller *Peter Mansbridge One on One: Favourite Conversations and the Stories Behind Them*. He lives in Stratford, Ontario.

**MARK BULGUTCH** is a journalist, educator, speaker, and the author of the instant #1 national bestseller *Extraordinary Canadians* and three other books. He worked for CBC for forty years, eleven as the senior editor of *The National* and another ten as senior executive producer of all live news specials.

*From #1 bestselling authors, a collection of stories inviting us to celebrate the impact and influence of teachers and the students whose lives they have changed forever*

Few people make more of an impact on young people's lives than teachers. Parents, of course, are vital for a child's future, but it is our teachers who choose to devote their daily lives to illuminating the world around them, selflessly spending their careers changing the trajectories of the young people in their charge. Teaching can be a thankless job, managing dozens of students in a rowdy classroom without the resources they often need to do their jobs properly. These homeroom heroes dedicate themselves not only to following the curriculum but to protecting their students, recognizing their struggles, intervening when necessary, and turning around those who for too long have found their needs unfulfilled, helping to make them into productive members of society and the leaders of our future. Many teachers recognize what they are up against on day one and look to the exit rather than their lesson plan, but most devote themselves to those in their charge. From elementary and secondary schools, to post-secondary and even in a hospital and prison setting, these stories will inform, entertain, and grab you by the heart.

Through dozens of profiles of teachers, and some students, Canada's most authoritative news voice, Peter Mansbridge, along with veteran journalist Mark Bulgutch, recount true stories of teachers on the front lines of this vital profession, as they contend with students' challenges with course material, their mental health, language skills, their sexuality, and many other matters. Mansbridge also invites readers into his own past experiences with the teachers who helped shape his life.

*A Noble Profession* celebrates the experiences of teachers and students. This book makes for an ideal gift for any teacher in your life and any students and parents who want to understand the challenges and witness the triumphs in the classrooms that dot the country.

"What impressed me most was the author's resilience as she faced countless challenges, often feeling like and treated like a stranger within her own family. A memorable read!"

—CEA SUNRISE PERSON,  
author of *North of Normal* and *Nearly Normal*

# THE LIAR'S PLAYBOOK

A Memoir of Family and Crime

Leslie Bradford-Scott



## The Liar's Playbook

A Memoir of Family and Crime

Leslie Bradford-Scott

pp. 336

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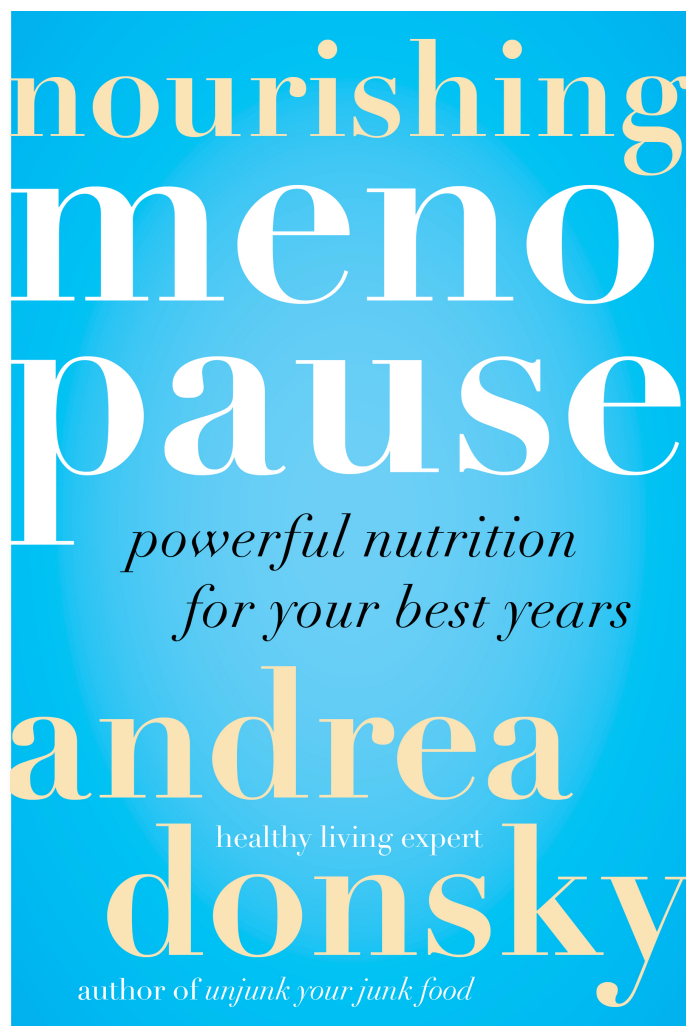
*The remarkable, true story of an unusual childhood, complete with gangsters, guns, diamonds, drug smuggling, and fraud—just like any other little girl's life.*

At twelve years old, Leslie Bradford-Scott watched police cars swarm her family's suburban home in Ontario. Hours later, she, her mom, and her grandmother were fleeing across the border into Florida with no explanation and no questions allowed. In an instant, her idyllic childhood turned into a maelstrom of grift, guns, and tragedy.

Decades later, Leslie's mother handed her a blue binder—her father's secret prison manuscript dubbed the Liar's Playbook. Inside was a confession to trafficking goods, running arms, and playing both sides between international intelligence and the mafia. For most of her life, Leslie believed her father was a drug dealer with delusions of grandeur. Instead, she discovered a shadow world of espionage, organized crime, and explosive family secrets, including her father's claim that he smuggled jewels to fund CIA-backed operations for the Contras. Her investigation leads to Hamilton's violent "Bomb City" era, where mobsters like the Musitanos settled scores with dynamite, and some of the blood trails lead straight to her family.

Part true-crime thriller, part intimate memoir, *The Liar's Playbook* tracks a daughter's search for truth through unreliable memories, corrupt intelligence agents, and the long echo of her father's double life. As she pieces together what really happened, Leslie must ask the one question that still haunts her: Can you forgive someone whose actions nearly destroyed you?

**LESLIE BRADFORD-SCOTT** is an award-winning writer, entrepreneur, and podcaster, and the founder of waltonwoodfarm.com. She grew up in Grimsby, Ontario, and Florida.



### **Nourishing Menopause**

*Powerful Nutrition for Your Best Years*

Andrea Donsky

pp. 320

Territory: World All Languages

5-May-26 | Brittany Lavery

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**ANDREA DONSKY** is a nutritionist, published menopause researcher, and entrepreneur with twenty-five years of experience in the health and wellness industry. She hosts the popular podcast *Menopause Reimagined* and appears as a menopause expert in media across North America. She is the cofounder of WeAreMorphus.com, and empowers women to feel heard and supported as they go through perimenopause and menopause.

*From acclaimed nutritionist and TikTok sensation Andrea Donsky comes a fresh and relatable take on all the stages of perimenopause and menopause, offering practical and research-based nutrition and lifestyle tips for those experiencing these stages in life.*

Champion your nutrition and lifestyle during your most powerful years with expert, research-backed tips from a trusted voice.

The conversation about menopause is everywhere, but the information is often overwhelming, and it can be difficult to know how to best support your own health, particularly in the areas of nutrition and lifestyle. What does healthy eating look like at this stage of life? What choices can you make to improve your mental health? And what about sleep?

In this book, Andrea Donsky, a Registered Holistic Nutritionist, brings her more than twenty years of experience to the topic of perimenopause and menopause, teaching you how to take charge of your own wellbeing with simple, straightforward changes to your lifestyle. In this book, she covers:

- All the menopause symptoms you may already know about—and many you may not!
- Optimal nutrition choices in perimenopause and menopause to support your changing body;
- Key vitamins and minerals that supplement a healthy, balanced diet;
- Tips for optimizing sleep, exercise, mindset, and stress management;
- Easy recipes and meal plans that support a healthy life—and so much more!

Fresh, relatable, and from the voice of an active and trusted advocate in this space, *Nourishing Menopause* is the go-to book for women who are approaching perimenopause, those in perimenopause, and menopause itself—and all the years beyond. This is a guidebook for the rest of your life.

*Every Field a  
Battlefield*  
Janice Dickson  
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**Every Field a Battlefield**

*Firsthand Accounts of Women in Ukraine*

Janice Dickson

pp. 352

Territory: World All Languages

12-Jan-27 | Jim Gifford

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**JANICE DICKSON** has reported on the biggest stories in the world for *The Globe and Mail*. In 2021, she was selected as an Arthur F. Burns fellow. She helped lead *The Globe's* coverage of the federal government's failure to bring Afghans who worked for Canada's diplomatic and military missions in Afghanistan to safety. The story brought Janice to Pakistan, where she met dozens of families waiting in limbo. Her reporting spurred government action and she won an Amnesty International award for her work. In 2022, Janice joined a team of reporters covering Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

*Amnesty International award-winning journalist Janice Dickson tells the story of Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine through the experiences of women—soldiers, nuclear workers, and others—across the country*

Over the course of three years reporting on Ukraine, Janice Dickson met women who told tales of unknown bravery. She met women who took up combat positions, working to disrupt Russian advances while living under occupation. She met combat medics near the front line in Kharkiv, teachers who worked at an underground school in Zaporizhzhia, women who made untold sacrifices for their families, and those who endured immeasurable loss. Janice Dickson documented the experiences of some women in real time, and met others who cast their minds back to recount the early days of Russia's full-scale invasion. All of the stories, though unique, work together in a unique, sometimes grim and often heroic look at how women are contributing to the war effort.

Dickson's book follows dozens of women who fought, resisted, and whose stories help form the record of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. They are stories of bravery and humanity. And as Ukraine continues to fight for its freedom, their stories have become ever more crucial.

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