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## Canada: Late 18th Century Immigration - WWII

#### THE MEYERS SAGA

Flight. Toronto: Stoddart Publishing, 1991. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2011. First in the Meyers family saga. The children of a Loyalist Spy during the American Revolutionary War finally reach Canada. Shortlisted for Historical & Young Adult Award by The World Guild 2012.

Meyers' Creek. Toronto: Stoddart Kids Publishing, 1995. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Publishing, 2013 - 2nd in the Meyers saga. Pioneer story re the founding of Belleville, ON. Shortlisted for Historical & Young Adult Award by The Word Guild 2014.

The Hungry Year. Toronto: Stoddart Kids Publishing, 2001. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2005. A twelve-year old immigrant girl and her four-year-old twin brothers face storms and starvation in 1787/1788 – documented by Historians as Canada's Hungry Year. Regional Silver Birch Award 2002; Shortlisted for Canada's I.O.D.E. for the Violet Downey Book Award in the year 2002; on Canadian Children Book Centre's Our Choice list 2002; Novel Award by The Word Guild 2002.

The Perilous Year. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003. (sequel to above book): A pioneer story of courage. Tied for Children's Novel Award for Word Guild 2004 & on Canadian Children's Book Centre's Our Choice List.

Meyers' Rebellion. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006. 3rd in the Meyers saga – about the Meyers in the Rebellions of 1837, 38. The Word Guild Novel Award 2007. One of five Canadian Finalists in '07 for Geoffrey Bilson Historical Fiction Award.

No Small Victory. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2010. A depression story set in 1936 at Lang, ON. Bonnie (Connie), the new kid in the one-room schoolhouse, meets local bullies, an unsympathetic teacher, and new best friends, while her family are coping with the challenge of making do with less. Tied for Children's Novel Award by The Word Guild 2011; on the Canadian Children's Best Books list for 2011. A Diamond Willow Award Nominee for 2012, 13 in Saskatchewan.

**WWII: Canadian Perspective.** 

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## THE WAR OF 1812

Acts of Courage. Laura Secord and the War of 1812. Pajama Press: Toronto, 2012. A story of Laura's life and bravery. See current reviews of the newest book on website. Shortlisted for Historical & Y/A novel with Word Guild 2013.

Laura Secord's Brave Walk. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2000. A pictorial history. On the Our Choice list of the Canadian Children's Book Centre in 2001.

### THE NELLIE McCLUNG TRILOGY

Nellie L. Toronto: Stoddart Publishing, 1994 & Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2009. Nellie is aged 10 to 17. Nellie was Canada's foremost pioneer for women's rights. She helped all women to become "persons" in the eyes of the law. Shortlisted for Canada's Geoffrey Bilson Historical Fiction Award in 1995 and on the Canadian Children Book Centre's OurChoice list 1995/6.

Nellie's Quest. Toronto: Stoddart Kids Publishing, 1998. Nellie is teaching school near home and she begins her life's work. Also, a romance between Nellie and Wes McClung develops. Shortlisted for the Canada's Geoffrey Bilson Historical Fiction award in 1998 and on the Canadian Children Book Centre's Our Choice list.

**Nellie's Victory.** Toronto: Stoddart Kids Publishing, 1999. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2009. Nellie helps women win the right to vote. She is also a best-selling author, a devoted wife, and mother of five children. **Shortlisted for Canada's I.O.D.E. Violet Downey Book Award in the year 2000.** 

Maple Moon. Toronto: Stoddart Kids Publishing, 1997. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2005. Plcture Book. A young native boy discovers sap from the maple tree and leads his people to make maple syrup. A 1998 Storytelling World Award by the Storytelling World Awards Committee given at the International Reading Association's National Convention in Orlando, Florida on May 5, 1998. Canadian Children's Our Choice List (in top ten percent); Word Guild 2006 Award.

Lune d'erable. Markham: Scholastic Canada 2000.

Mary's Way. Markham: Scholastic Canada 2008 in educational series "Moving Up Literacy."