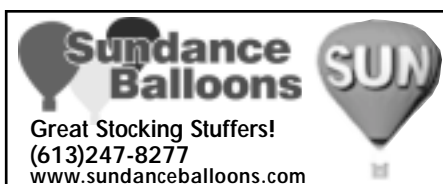


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## Leafing through local works

New publications by capital-area authors might be just the thing for the bookworm on your list

### IT'S DEC. 17. And that means you have one week to get your Christmas shopping finished.

Books are always a popular gift and there'll be no shortage of them being pitched this season. But what you might now know is the number of local authors who have books on sale in Ottawa. Here's a snapshot of what's available.

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**TITLE:** *A Salute to the Air Force Medical Branch*

**AUTHOR:** Harold Wright

**SYNOPSIS:** Short profiles of members of Canada's Air Force Medical Branch over the past 60 years, including those who developed the anti-gravity suit worn by today's fighter pilots. The 306-page, self-published work looks at 76 men and women from across Canada who, during World War II and post-war, worked as doctors, administrators, flight crew, pharmacists, nurses and technicians.

**BUY IT:** Canadian War Museum gift shop; Chapters at Pinecrest.

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**TITLE:** *Mewsings/Musings*

**AUTHOR:** Barbara Florio Graham

**SYNOPSIS:** *Mewsings/Musings* is a compilation of award-winning humour by Graham and her cat, Simon Teakettle.

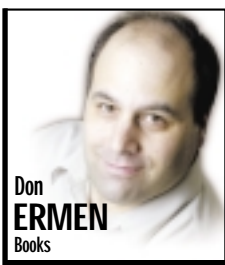
**BUY IT:** Independent book stores, including Shirley Leishman's at Westgate. See [www.SimonTeakettle.com](http://www.SimonTeakettle.com) for locations.

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**TITLE:** *University Matters*

**AUTHORS:** Sharron & Mike McIntyre

**SYNOPSIS:** A guide for students entering first year university that leads them through the steps they need to take before term starts and on into the first few weeks to help them achieve academic success while getting the most out of their university experience. The book addresses a variety of academic, organizational and social skills to help students succeed in first year, and thereafter. Important health matters are also addressed.

**BUY IT:** Most book stores including Chapters, Shirley Leishman and at [www.universitymatters.ca](http://www.universitymatters.ca).



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**TITLE:** *A Faerie Ring*

**AUTHOR:** Michael Honeth

**SYNOPSIS:** A fairy tale about a woman who is destined to do what no one has done since the age of myths. In her world of humans, faeries and trolls, she must discover who she is. But the man

in her life isn't who he seems to be. Torn between love and betrayal, he must find his voice.

**BUY IT:** Amazon.ca, Chapters, Indigo, Coles



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**TITLE:** *A Whisper In My Heart*

**AUTHOR:** Kathy Clark

**SYNOPSIS:** Klari/Claire leaves her grandparent's home in revolution-torn Europe to rejoin her parents who emigrated to Canada when she was a toddler. Other than a few letters and photographs, 10-year-old Klari/Claire has had no contact with her parents and is plagued with conflicting emotions. Do they

really want her? Will her parents like her? Will she like them? Who will read to her great-grandmother now that she has moved to Canada?

**BUY IT:** Ottawa area Chapters Stores, Baico Publishing: (819) 684-3318 or at [www.kathyclark.ca](http://www.kathyclark.ca)

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**TITLE:** *Ice Tomb*

**AUTHOR:** Deborah Jackson

**SYNOPSIS:** The year is 2015. Deep within the Antarctic Ice Sheet a hotspot suddenly appears on satellite tracking. The U.S. science team that is sent from McMurdo Station to investigate finds an icy graveyard. Minutes later, their transmission is cut off. The last sounds heard over the radio are their screams. NASA lures

volcanologist Erica Daniels to a conference in Houston by promising to consider her for their upcoming mission — establishing the first moon base. In-

stead, her archrival and ex-lover, David Marsh, gets the plum assignment, while she's sent to Antarctica to lead a new team beneath the ice. Even worse, she's sent in blind. They told her about the thermal signature, but not about the bodies. Where did they come from?

Is the activity under the ice the remnants of an ancient civilization or is there a more sinister explanation? The answer could mean the very survival of the human race.

**BUY IT:** Chapters locations in Ottawa, Mother Tongue Bookstore and Bookstop in Orleans, on line at various outlets.

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**TITLE:** *The Neglected Garden*

**AUTHOR:** Alberte Villeneuve-Sinclair

**SYNOPSIS:** *The Neglected Garden* takes the reader to the paradise island of Barbados for a vacation trip where Anne relives the painful memories of her fateful 10-year marriage to

a tyrannical and psychotic husband. Her opportunity to tell her story unabashedly to other women and her resolve to steer clear of toxic relationships finally brings self-discovery, self-acceptance and forgiveness and paves the way to newly acquired happiness and peace.

**BUY IT:** At [www.albertevilleneuve.ca](http://www.albertevilleneuve.ca) or Baico Publishing Consultants, 71 Des Camellias, Gatineau, Quebec, J9J 7G1

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**TITLE:** *The Jade Penny & The Chinese Admiral*

**AUTHOR:** George Laidlaw

**SYNOPSIS:** Imagine a ship measuring 150 metres long carrying up to 1,000 men. Now imagine that this ship landed on the shores of Nova Scotia 70 years before Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain. Here is the story of how the loss of a British ship, the HMS Raleigh, in 1922, led Michael Small and his friends to perhaps one

of the greatest rewrites of history of the 15th century.

**BUY IT:** At local bookstores and through Baico Publishing (819) 684-3318 or at [www.kathyclark.ca](http://www.kathyclark.ca).

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**TITLE:** *Pucks Pabulum & Pingos*  
**AUTHOR:** Randy Ray and Mark Kearney

**SYNOPSIS:** Written by "Canada's Trivia Guys," this book explores Canada from coast-to-coast to bring readers the classic, the unknown, the hard to find, and the most memorable details of what makes this country tick.

The sordid, the intriguing, the strange, and the amusing are all here in bite-sized trivia entries that will settle arguments... or perhaps start even more!

**BUY IT:** In most book stores or at: [www.triviaguys.com](http://www.triviaguys.com).

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