

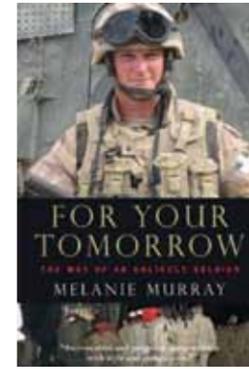
Jack Whyte, Kelowna
 Genre: Medieval historical fiction
www.jackwhyte.com
 Jack Whyte fans rejoice at the advent of a new trilogy, *The Guardians*. The first book, *The Forest Laird*, features William Wallace, an outlaw and a fugitive, a hero and a patriot, a rebel and a kingmaker. Wallace will be followed by Robert the Bruce and Sir James Douglas in the remaining books. Print and eBook versions. Available at bookstores, Amazon and Kobo. More at www.theguardianstrilogy.ca.



Frances Greenblade, Penticton
 Genre: Fiction
www.francesgreenblade.com
 A debut novel, *Shelter* is a coming-of-age story that draws readers into the precarious world of two young sisters in search of their mother. Frances captures the beauty of the Chilcotin, the comfort of family and the realization that we may never fully understand the people we love. Print and eBook. Available at bookstores, Amazon and Kobo. More at www.randomhouse.ca.



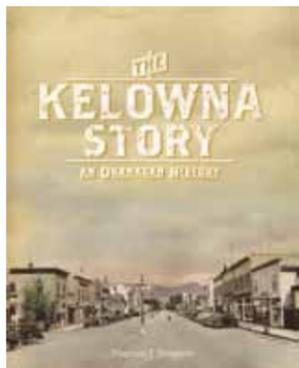
Laurie Carter & Bruce Kemp, West Kelowna
 Genre: Pictorial; travel
www.c2cmedia.ca
 This beautifully produced coffee table book is a visual celebration of the Okanagan Valley. Laurie and Bruce have captured the immutable and evolving facets of a unique and complex environment, revealing a deep connection with their home and a profound pleasure in sharing it. Available at bookstores and online. More at www.littlewhitepublishing.com.



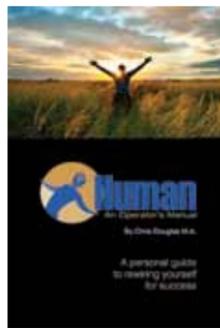
Melanie Murray, Kelowna
 Genre: Biography
www.melaniemurray.ca
 Melanie Murray, Captain Francis's aunt, uses the lens of his life and death to give Canada's war in Afghanistan the treatment its soldiers, families and citizens deserve. Print and eBook. Available at bookstores, Amazon and Kobo. More at www.randomhouse.ca.



Werner M. Gysi, Enderby
 Genre: Non-fiction; reference
www.goolymooly.ca
Harmonic Farming: Bees draws on Werner's extensive experience to show beginners and advanced beekeepers how to use sustainable methods to achieve production and self-sufficiency. Available at local bookstores and www.goolymooly.ca.



Sharron J. Simpson, Kelowna
 Genre: History
www.harbourpublishing.com
 An historian whose family roots run deep in the Okanagan, Sharron presents a comprehensive book that uncovers intriguing nuggets and paints colourful portraits of local personalities. Available at bookstores and online.

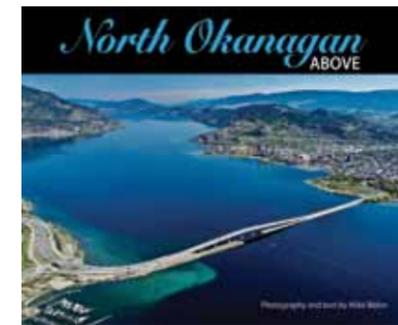


Chris Douglas, Lake Country
 Genre: Health
www.humanoperatorsmanual.ca
 A professional counsellor, Chris has created a proactive and solution focused manual that shows how we can change the way we interact with the world and operate ourselves. Available at bookstores and online.

We could speculate on what it is about the Okanagan that nurtures such a broad spectrum of creativity among writers, photographers and musicians, but who cares — as long as they keep on creating



Heidi Noble, Naramata
 Genre: Cookbook
www.joie.ca
 Recipes to enjoy under an open sky from chef, sommelier and Joie Farm executive winemaker, Heidi Noble. With essays on Okanagan wine country cuisine. Available at bookstores and online. More at www.whitecap.ca.



Mike Biden, Penticton
 Genre: Aerial photography
www.iflyphoto.com
 View the North Okanagan as never before with this 80-page collection of stunning aerial photographs. Mike uses the camera lens to reflect the grandeur, grace and majesty of the Valley from the unique perspective of a pilot. At bookstores or order online.

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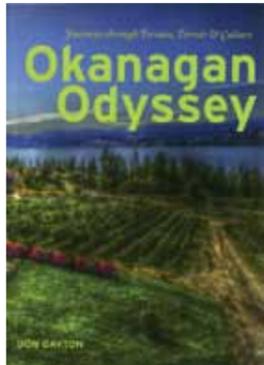
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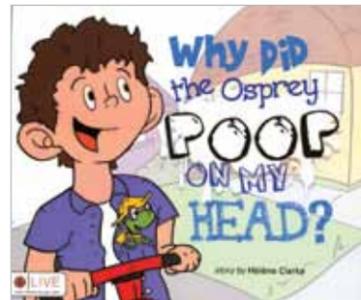
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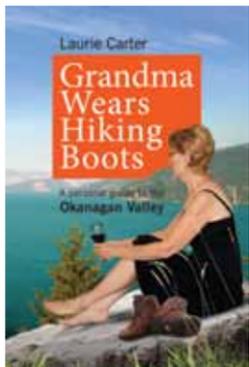
Don Gayton, *Summerland*
 Genre: Travel
www.dongayton.ca
 Okanagan Odyssey is a quirky and lyrical examination of the Okanagan Valley. Sticking to the backroads and byways, Don gently pokes and prods local ecosystems, histories, vineyards and people. Print and eBook. Available at bookstores, Amazon and Kobo.



Landon Colvin, *Vernon*
 Genre: Juvenile fiction
 Landon was 10 years old when he completed *Spirit Wolf*. Already working on the sequel, the young author is donating half of the proceeds of this book to Jerseys for Africa, an organization that provides soccer clothing and equipment to rural youth in Zimbabwe. Available at local bookstores.



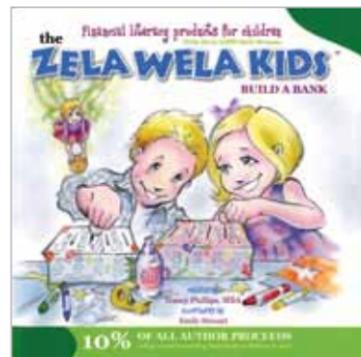
Hélène Clarke, *Vernon*
 Genre: Juvenile fiction; religious
www.heleneclarke.com
Why Did the Osprey Poop on My Head is a lighthearted story about a young boy who knows that God is good, but questions why bad things happen. The book includes a free audio download. Order online from www.tatepublishing.com.



Laurie Carter, *West Kelowna*
 Genre: Travel
www.LaurieCarter.com
 Amusing and insightful guide for Okanagan explorers and armchair travellers filled with colour photos, maps and quick references. Print and eBook. Available at bookstores, Amazon and Kobo. More at www.grandmawearshikingboots.com.



Faye Cyr, *Kelowna*
 Genre: Non-fiction; memoir
www.adventurewriter.ca
Where the Bears Play is the true story of a vow made, a risk taken, a prayer said and the adventure of a lifetime. It is a journey of love and faith played out in two isolated logging camps on the rugged BC coast. Vividly described with a message that resonates today. Available online.



Nancy Phillips, *Kelowna*
 Genre: Juvenile fiction; financial
www.zelawelakids.com
 First in a series that now includes four books designed to teach kids basic money management techniques. In this book, twins Jack and Emma learn the importance of allocating their money for specific purposes. Available at bookstores and online.

Soundtrack



James Avery
Come of Age
 Release date: 2011
 Genre: Country, Americana

These melodies and lyrics reflect a mature and sophisticated songwriter with sounds reminiscent of the likes of Leonard Cohen, Neil Diamond, Roy Orbison and Bob Dylan. Available at Mosaic Books in Kelowna and online at www.jamesaverymusic.com.



Cynthia Leigh-Ann
Daddy's Girl
 Release date: 2011
 Genre: Country

Cynthia's first love has always been music. She writes her own songs and demonstrates a broad range of vocal influences including Jessie Farrell, Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift. Available online at iTunes and www.cynthialeighann.ca.



Andrew and Zachari Smith
Travelling
 Release date: 2011
 Genre: Folk

Great Canadian songwriting with father and son harmonies. The pair plays a variety of instruments such as guitar, mandolin, banjo and dobro, which are sometimes backed by bass and drum. Available online at www.andrewsmithmusic.com.

Mike Gouchie
Shattered Glass
 Release date: 2010
 Genre: Country



Seasoned singer songwriter, Mike's rich, soulful voice captivates listeners as he shares his experiences of life's highs and lows. He's a performer and nominee at the 2011 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards. Available at HMV in Kelowna and online at iTunes. www.myspace.com/mikegouchie.

Treelines
Young Man
 Release date: 2010
 Genre: Alternative Rock

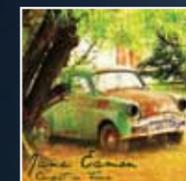


Formerly from Kelowna, this band's music paints a lyrical picture of anything from the old west to wintry northern landscapes. This album is summer listening at its finest. Available at Mosaic Books in Kelowna and online at www.treelinesmusic.com.

Fields of Green
Blanktown
 Release date: 2010
 Genre: Rock



A young, eclectic rock quartet from Kelowna with sounds spanning from alternative to folk rock. Album won 2011 Rock Recording of the Year at BC Interior Music Awards. Available online at www.fieldsofgreen.ca.



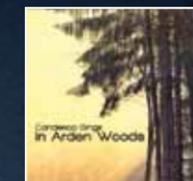
Jane Eamon
Caught in Time
 Release date: 2010
 Genre: Acoustic, Folk

Award winning singer songwriter, Jane's soulful, spiritual and easygoing sound combines elements of country, folk blues, gospel and Celtic music. Available at Mosaic Books in Kelowna and online at www.janeandgord.com.



Melina Moore
Songs for my Zeide
 Release date: 2010
 Genre: Soprano

Vocally stunning. An original compilation of beloved Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian songs celebrating the Jewish faith. Listen to sample online at www.melinamoore.com. Available at Okanagan Jewish Community Centre in Kelowna or email melina@melinamoore.com.



Candesca
Candesca Sings in Arden Woods
 Release date: 2009
 Genre: Choral

A suite of eight madrigals composed by Arnold Draper on piano. Candesca is an award-winning vocal ensemble of young women, aged 16 to 23, based in Kelowna. March 2012 Candesca tours Europe and plans are in the works to release a new CD, *Europe Live*. Available online at www.candesca.org.