

Askew's Foods' Word on the Lake Writing Contest Winners 2017

Chris McMahan: First Place Winner for Fiction, *The Day My Aunt Florence Rode an Elevator with Bobby Orr*

Neil McKinnon: Second Place Winner for Fiction, *Driving to Newfoundland*

Lindsay Wagensveld: Honourable Mention for Fiction, *Canadian Spirit*

Angelika M. Offenwanger: First Place Winner for Nonfiction, *Our Home and Chosen Land*

Carol Tulpar: Second Place Winner for Nonfiction, *I am Canadian*

Cathy Sosnowsky: Honourable Mention for Nonfiction, *Telling Tales*

Ray Hudson: First Place for Poetry, *Beat of the Heart (Royal Hudson)*

Jaki Sawyer: Second Place for Poetry, *Remembering 1950's*

Alvin Ens: Honourable Mention for Poetry, *Westjet Peep Show*

Author Biographies

Chris McMahan has published four novels for young readers. He is also a former winner of the Okanagan Short Story Contest.

Neil McKinnon's articles have appeared in Canadian, Mexican and U.S. publications. His book *Tuckahoe Slidebottle* was short-listed for the Stephen Leacock Award for humour and for the Alberta Book Award for short fiction. His novel, *The Greatest Lover of Last Tuesday*, was published in 2015. He has served on literary juries and has also edited and published academically.

Lindsay Wagensveld has had a passion for writing for as long as she can remember. In recent years it's bloomed into something she needs to do. This anthology will be the first time her words will be in print, and she plans to make it a stepping stone as she continues to work towards her goals of becoming a writer and author.

Angelika M. Offenwanger has loved books ever since she was six years old, when she picked up a German copy of *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and found she could read it on her own. Some years later she discovered to her delight that she could write stories herself.

Carol Tulpar has worked at Simon Fraser University's Continuing Studies as a writing mentor for Southbank in Surrey since its inception. She's published poetry, essays and short stories, and is currently seeking publication for her first novel. *The Habit of Secrecy* is a work of historic fiction linking contemporary Canada to wartime London and Bletchley Park.

Cathy Sosnowsky started writing poetry after the sudden death of her teenage son. Her grief journey was eventually published as *Holding On: Poems for Alex* (2001). Her second book, *Snapshots: A Story of Love, Loss, and Life* (2010) relates her experiences as a bereaved mother and the mother of two adopted children whose addictions led them to the streets and prison. Cathy has given workshops on "Writing to Heal" in several countries through her connection with The Compassionate Friends, a support group for bereaved parents.

Ray Hudson is a Musician/Song/Poetry writer, and a Journalist and Broadcaster. Currently he writes for Asian Journal, performs with his band Circle of Friends, and is one of the directors of the Fraser Valley Heritage Rail (life-sized electric trains)

Jaki Sawyer has always loved poetry and been writing for many years. After living in Northern Alberta until she was 39, moved to New Hampshire. Three years ago, she retired to Kelowna.

Alvin Ens is a writer of prose and poetry, a writing mentor and an editor. He is a member of two local writers' groups, and freelances for both Christian and secular publications. As a high school English teacher, he edited the creative writing magazine, advised the annual yearbook, and chaired the English Department.