



## **The Ugly Truck and Dog Contest and Other Tales of Northern Life**

By Cathy Jewison

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### **About the book**

This collection of short stories captures all the glorious quirkiness of life in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The full range of northern characters is here: prospectors, bush pilots, a secret agent and even a demonic jackfish. Whether they're trying to win Yellowknife's celebrated Ugly Truck and Dog Contest, sink a hole-in-one on the city's all-sand golf course, or searching for treasures at the dump, the northerners in these stories tackle their challenges with humour, spirit and the occasional touch of magic.

*Finally! A collection of stories that showcases the magic and mystery of the land, currents and people of Yellowknife! May Cathy Jewison's writing inspire chuckles and those classic northern nods that say, "Yup. That's the way it is and that's the way we are!" The Ugly Truck and Dog Contest makes me absolutely homesick for the North!"*

- Richard Van Camp, author of *The Lesser Blessed*

*In The Ugly Truck and Dog Contest snobberies collide: southern vs. northern, ramshackle vs. gentrified, eccentric vs. oddball, pantyhose vs. gumboots. With raucous hilarity, Cathy Jewison's stories convey the spirit of the rustic characters who come to get rich and stay to make a life in Yellowknife's historic Old Town. Never again will you ask, "What is there to do 'up there'?"*

- Armin Wiebe, author of *The Salvation of Yasch Siemens* and *Tatsea*

### **About the author**

Cathy Jewison has worked as a newspaper reporter, copy editor, government communicator and administrator. Born and raised on the Prairies, she turned to creative writing when she moved to Yellowknife, N.W.T., in 1986. After dabbling in poetry, drama and creative non-fiction, she settled on the short story as her preferred literary form. Since then, her quirky characters have appeared on the pages of literary magazines and anthologies. Cathy's website can be found at [www.cathyjewison.com](http://www.cathyjewison.com).

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