

CATHY JEWISON



Cathy Jewison is a short story writer living in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. A collection of her Yellowknife-based stories, *The Ugly Truck and Dog Contest and Other Tales of Northern Life*, was published by Borealis Press of Ottawa in 2009.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Cathy spent her formative years in Regina, Saskatchewan. Her Prairie roots undoubtedly explain her horror of large trees, looming mountains, and the damp winter cold that plagues so many parts of Canada.

After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communications at the University of Regina in 1983, she worked as a newspaper copy editor in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1986, she moved to Yellowknife, where she worked as a reporter for the local newspaper before joining the public service. For the next 20 years, she worked mainly as a communications officer for the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. Since the spring of 2007, she has been the executive director of the NWT Federal Council.

Along the way, Cathy earned a Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Alberta (1994), a Bachelor of Arts in English from Athabasca University (1996), and a Master of Arts in the Humanities from California State University (2001). It should surprise no one to learn that, as a child, Cathy was a compulsive acquirer of Brownie badges.

The quirkiness of life in Yellowknife inspired Cathy to take up creative writing. She has dabbled in poetry and drama, and considered writing the Great Canadian Novel. Suffering from exhaustion and a shrinking attention span, she settled on the short story as her preferred literary form. Her work has appeared in *Storyteller: Canada's Short Story Magazine*, *Northern Writes 7*, *Winners' Circle 10*, *Imprints 11*, and *North by North Wit: New Canadian Humour Writing*.

Cathy won the 2002 Larry Turner Award for non-fiction from the Valley Writers' Guild, and first prize in the 2002 Winners' Circle contest, an international short story contest organized by the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Authors Association. Her stories "The Prospector's Trail" and "Sand Trap" received honourable mentions (respectively) in Storyteller's 2000 and 2003 Great Canadian Story Contest.

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