Lynda Monahan Book Launch The Door at the End of Everything

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 John M. Cuelenaere Public Library, 125 12 Street East



Lynda Monahan's new poetry collection *The Door at the End of Everything* gives voice to and honour those living with mental illness. "The Door at the End of Everything was written during the recent years I was hospital writer-in-residence at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, working often on the adult and youth mental health wards," Lynda says. "I also facilitate a Writing for Your Life group with Canadian Mental Health Association. It has become a huge part of my life, working and writing with people with mental health problems. I don't feel separate from it at all, and I don't write as an observer, but as a participant.

A series of online readings from this manuscript, created with the help of a Canada Council grant, are available on YouTube.

Lynda Monahan, author of The Door at the End of Everything, is also the author of four other collections of poetry, A Slow Dance in the Flames (Coteau Books, 1998), What My Body Knows (Coteau Books, 2003), Verge (Guernica Editions, 2015), and a cowritten collection, A Beautiful Stone: poems and ululations (Radiant Press 2019). She facilitates a number of creative writing workshops and has been writer-in-residence at St. Peter's College facilitated retreat, Balfour Collegiate in Regina, and the Prince Albert Public Library, and writer-on-the-wards at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert.

She is editor of several books, including Second Chances: stories of brain injury survivors, Skating in the Exit Light, a poetry



anthology, and With Just One Reach of Hands, an anthology of the writing of the Canadian Mental Health Association's Writing For Your Life group, which she also facilitates. She has served on the council for the League of Canadian Poets, the Sage Hill Writing Experience, and the Saskatchewan Writers Guild. She recently completed a year as lead artist for an Artists in Communities project through the Sask. Arts Board, mentoring local artists to develop long-term community arts programming.



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