

Fuelling Success: The Importance of Canadian Publishing Houses for YA Literature

Canadian Publishing Houses: Overcoming the Challenges

The Canadian publishing industry is currently facing some significant challenges, including the globalization of the book publishing field, the move to mega consortiums dominating today's publishing, and severe cuts in educational budgets and Canada Council grants, which support the publishing industry (Canadian Publishing Houses, 2006). Despite these obstacles to publishing success, Canadian publishing

houses continue to publish excellent books for young adults and children, and the number of titles published each year continues to grow (Canadian Publishing Houses, 2006).

There is little doubt of the important role that Canadian publishing houses, who are dedicated to promoting Canadian authors and Canadian content, play in the burgeoning growth of litera-

ture for young adults. This article features the publishing house Greenwood Books, as well as providing a short list of publishing houses that have made a contribution to the development of Canadian literature for young adults. This list is by no means comprehensive. For more information on publishing houses in Canada please visit

<http://www.canlit.ca/publishers.php>

Featured Publishing House: Greenwood Books

Greenwood Books

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Greenwood Books was established in 1978 and is one Canada's largest publishing houses that is dedicated to the production of high-quality children's and young adult literature in the categories of both fiction and non-fiction.

Greenwood Books primarily focuses on books written by Canadians, but occasionally buys outstanding books from other countries.

Many of Greenwood's books tell the stories of people whose voices are not always heard in this age of global publishing by media conglomerates, including books by the First Peoples of this hemisphere and works by people of Latin American origin that are living in both North and South America. Greenwood Books takes a

special interest in publishing books by authors who are from marginalized circumstances and whose contribution to our society is not always visible.

Books published by Greenwood Books have universal appeal for children and young adults of all ages. Greenwood Books recognizes the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Book Publishing Industry Development Program (BPIDP) for its publishing activities.

Additional Publishing Houses

Raincoast Books
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 Vancouver, BC
 Canada, V6P 6E5
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Raincoast Books is a Canadian publisher and distributor based in Vancouver, BC. Raincoast offers a dynamic and diverse list of titles in a variety of genres: informative and engaging adult non-fiction ranging from current affairs and culture to history, science and health; award-winning children's books; exceptional young adult fiction; and more.

Annick Press <http://www.annickpress.com/>
 15 Patricia Avenue
 Toronto, ON
 M2M 1H9

Founded in 1975, Annick Press is committed to publishing new, fresh and often innovative books for young readers. Many of the books published by Annick Press speak to important issues for young people such as bullying, teen sexuality and alienation.

Coteau Books <http://www.coteaubooks.com/>
 2517 Victoria Avenue
 Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 0T2
 Phone: (306)777-0170
 Fax: (306)522-5152

Coteau publishes and promotes examples of the best fiction, poetry, drama and young readers' fiction written in Canada. Their lists contain many Saskatchewan and prairie writers, and they continue to publish many first-time authors every year.

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House of Anansi was founded in 1967 and its mandate has been and continues to be to publish high quality books for both adults and young adults written by Canadian authors. House of Anansi Press pays particular attention to developing new Canadian writing talent through the publishing of literary fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Drawn and Quarterly <http://www.drawnandquarterly.com/>
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A publisher of new comic books, art books, and graphic novels by renowned cartoonists and newcomers from Canada and from around the globe.

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DreamCatcher Publishing, Inc. is an independent book publisher located in downtown Saint John, New Brunswick that produces original high-quality Canadian fiction and non-fiction of general interest for adults and children.

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