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Kingston Reads Campaign Local Luminaries Nominate Canadian Authors

(Kingston, September 15th, 2007) The Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL), Kingston Literacy and Indigo Books & Music are proud to present, *Kingston Reads*, a new campaign to promote reading and works by Canadian authors. One week after International Literacy Day (September 8th), this triumvirate has unveiled a list of works by living Canadian authors, and are asking the public to vote over the next few weeks for their favourite from the list at a variety of Kingston locations.

Kelly Wheaton, manager of Indigo Books & Music, explained the development of this idea: “The library, Kingston Literacy and Indigo have worked together on a number of projects, most recently Writersfest, a writers’ festival. We wanted to find a way to help promote Canadian authors together. We decided to follow the very successful *Canada Reads* model, run annually by the CBC, and approached eight local luminaries: Greg Burluk (Kingston Whig-Standard), Shauna Cunningham (FLY FM and CHUM Radio Group), Deanna MacDonald (Kingston Frontenac Public Library), Rob Mooy (Kingston This Week), Lynn Rees Lambert (Kingston This Week), Senator Hugh Segal, Marta Straznicky (Head of Queen’s English Dept.) and Jamie Swift (author/activist). We asked each of them to choose their favourite book by a living Canadian author, and tell us why.” Martha Rudden, Kingston Literacy, continues: “We’re very happy with the books they have selected. They range in style and genre, and will give the public a wonderful cross-section to choose from.”

The public can vote from September 15th through October 8th at: Indigo Books & Music (259 Princess Street); any branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library; Kingston Literacy’s main site (back of 88 Wright Crescent); the Queen’s Journal office (190 University Avenue); Chapters Bookstore (2376 Princess Street); and Kingston This Week.(607 Gardiners Road). Information on the selections and authors will be available online at www.kfpl.ca and www.kingstonliteracy.com. You can even vote online at the library’s website (www.kfpl.ca). All voters may also enter a draw for great prizes.

The winning book for *Kingston Reads* will be announced in conjunction with Writersfest, a writers’ festival hosted by Indigo, KFPL and Kingston Literacy, being held October 18th to 20th. A detailed schedule of events for Writersfest will soon be posted on the above websites, as well as Indigo’s (www.chapters.indigo.ca).

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