

## Bolton bookstore and local authors join celebration of independent outlets

Forster's Book Garden has announced that Nicola Ross, Eric Orchard, Kirsten Koza, Carolyn j Morris, Gerry Fostaty and Tom Byckowski will volunteer as guest booksellers at the store April 30 to celebrate Canadian Authors for Indies Day.

Authors for Indies Day is a nationwide event organized by authors to show appreciation for indie bookstores. Authors for Indies endeavours to increase customer traffic for the store, showcase local writers, and strengthen relationships between authors and booksellers. Authors will volunteer as guest booksellers to greet customers, recommend books, and highlight the importance of supporting independent bookshops (?indies?) in the community. So far, more than 500 authors and 100 bookstores across the country have signed up to participate.

This will be the chance to meet Ross, author of *Caledon Hikes: Loops and Lattes* (and several others); Orchard, author of the graphic novel *Maddy Kettle: The Adventure of the Thimblewitch* and illustrator of several other graphic novels; Morris, teacher and author of two children's picturebooks (*The Railfence Bunch*) and four middle grade novels; Koza, author of *Lost in Moscow* and *Wake Up and Smell the Sh\*t*, two hysterical travel books; Fostaty, author of the novel *Stage Business* and for history buffs, *As You Were*; and Tom Byckowski, author of the sci-fi novel *Oursa*.

All authors will be there from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The staff at Forster's is excited to build on the tremendous success of last year's event. Activities planned for April 30 at the store include free refreshments, lots of great book talk and meeting great local authors.

A limited number of Neil Gaiman *Colouring Books* will be available to Indie bookstores only, for this event.

For more information, visit [www.forstersbookgarden.ca](http://www.forstersbookgarden.ca)