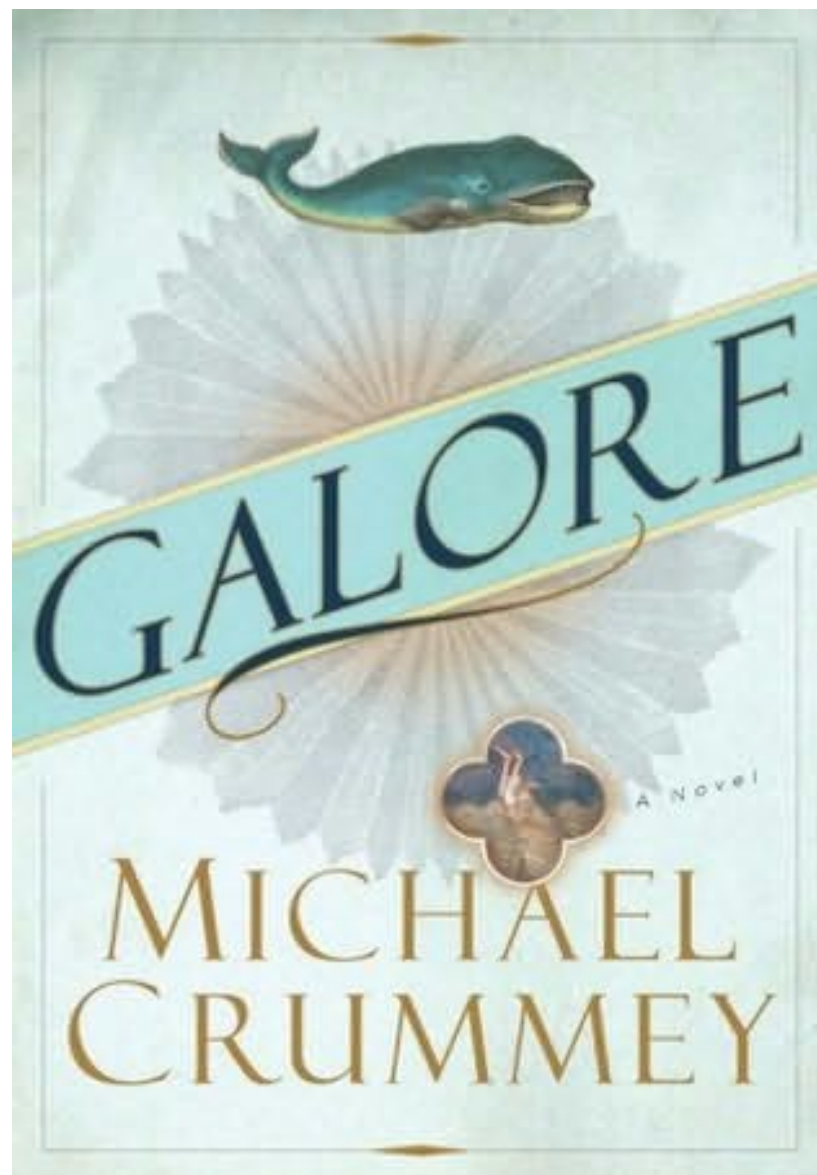


Reader's Roadmap

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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

Galore F C9562g

Poetically written, Galore is an intricate family saga woven with love stories that span two centuries. It is a portrait of the improbable medieval world that was rural Newfoundland; a place almost too harrowing and extravagant to be real. Remote and isolated, exposed to savage extremes of climate and fate, the people of Paradise Deep persist. Propelled by the disputes and alliances, grievances and trade-offs that bind the Sellers and Devine families through generations, Galore is alive with singular characters, and an uncommon insight into the complexities of human nature. Judah, who is found inside a beached whale, starts the family legend that will be passed down from generation to generation and his tale comes full circle as the book draws to an end. It is a novel filled with folklore and magical realism; religion and politics; love and revenge; survival and defeat. Through it all, the descendants of this village on the Rock remain steadfast and persevere while they keep the family history alive. We are taken to another place and time, as we experience their triumphs and tragedies.

Michael Crummey

Michael Crummey was born in Buchans, a mining town in the interior of Newfoundland, second of four boys; he grew up there and in Wabush, another mining town near the Quebec border of Labrador. After completing a BA in English at Memorial University in St. John's, he moved to Kingston, Ontario to pursue graduate work but dropped out before finishing his Ph. D. He has taught ESL in China and worked at the International Day of Solidarity with the People of Guatemala. Now the author of five books of poetry and a book of short stories as well as three novels, he lives in St. John's, Newfoundland. His stories and poems have appeared in a wide range of magazines and anthologies, including twice in the League of Canadian Poets' annual contest anthology. Crummey's debut novel, River Thieves (F C9562r), became a Canadian bestseller, winning several awards. It was also shortlisted for the Giller Prize and the IMPAC Award. His second novel, The Wreckage (F C9562w), was longlisted for the 2007 IMPAC Award.



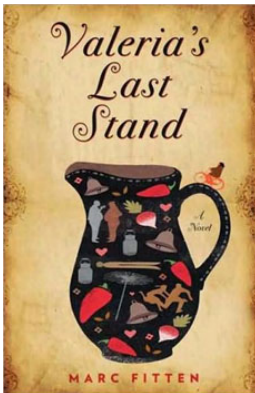
Newfoundland and Labrador in Fiction

- Blackstrap Hawco by Kenneth J. Harvey
F H341b
- Random Passage by Bernice Morgan
F M8474r
- By the Rivers of Brooklyn by Trudy J. Morgan-Cole
F M8475b
- What They Wanted by Donna Morrissey
F M8832w
- The Badger Riot by J.A. Ricketts
F R539b
- Black Water Born by Fara Spence
F S7444b



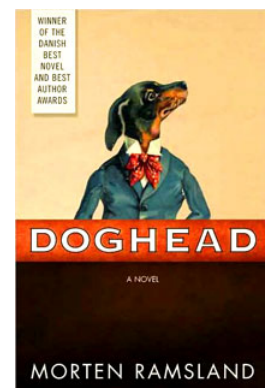
Villages in Fiction

- The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich
F E663p
- Valeria's Last Stand by Marc Fitten
F F547v
- The Apothecary's Daughter by Julie Klassen
F K632a
- Thaw by Nicole Lundrigan
F L9623t
- Black Swan Green by David Mitchell
F M6813b
- The Matchmaker of Perigord by Julia Stuart
F S931m



Family Life in Fiction

- The Writing on My Forehead by Nafisa Haji
F H154w
- The Believers by Zoë Heller
F H4776b
- The Turtle Catcher by Nicole Helget
F H474t
- Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly
F K2934g
- Doghead by Morten Ramsland
F R1834d
- The Tricking of Freya by Christina Sunley
F S9586t



Discovering Newfoundland

- Frommer's Newfoundland & Labrador by Andrew Hempstead
917.18 F932
- Newfoundland by Harold Horwood
917.18 H824
- Trans Canada Trail: Newfoundland by Sue Lebrecht
917.18 T772
- The Atlantic Provinces: the Emergence of Colonial Society, 1712-1857
by W.S. MacNutt
971 C212 Vol. 9
- The New Founde Land by Farley Mowat
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- The Oldest City by Paul O'Neill
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