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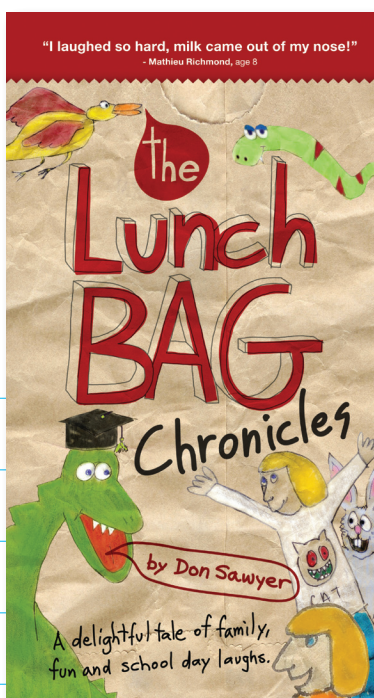
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The Lunch Bag Chronicles



The Lunch Bag Chronicles
by Don Sawyer

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About the Book

Every single day for six years, author, educator and father Don Sawyer scribbled stories, jotted jokes and pencilled pictures on his daughters' lunchbags. Part joke book, part journal and all good fun, *The Lunchbag Chronicles* is a heart-warming journey of a dad keeping in touch with his two little girls, even when they were thousands of miles apart. Meet a cast of delightful characters including valiant vampires, silly snakes, dozy dragons and funny food. Reconnect with your own family through *The Lunchbag Chronicles*. The jokes will make you giggle and the stories will remind you that being connected with the people you love is the most important bond of all.

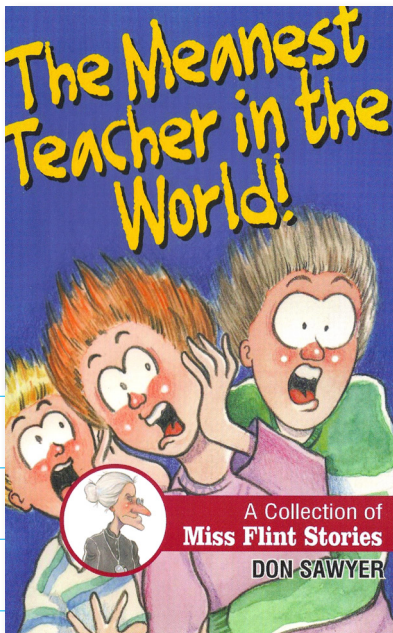
About the Author

Don Sawyer is an author, educator and international development worker. He lives with his wife, Jan, and their dog Farley in Salmon Arm, British Columbia.



4 star review from CM Magazine,
Canadian Reviews of Materials at the
University of Manitoba

Miss Flint The Meanest Teacher in the World!



**Miss Flint
The Meanest Teacher
in the World!**
by Don Sawyer

\$12.95 CDN
ISBN: to follow

About the Book

Is Miss Flint REALLY the Meanest Teacher in the World? Well, she's so mean she tries to steal her students' Halloween candy. All the other kids in school have pets in their rooms, but Miss Flint throws a hissy fit at the very mention. And she carries a silver whistle around her neck, which she blows shrilly and often.

So what do the 4th grade kids of Haywood Elementary School do? Do they just give up or do they get even?

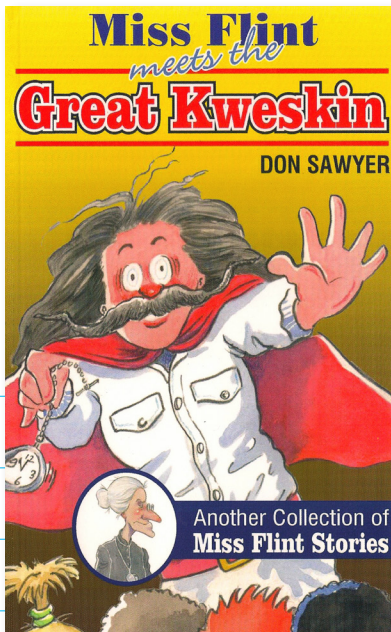
Join Janey and the gang as they come up with one riotous idea after another for thwarting the dastardly Miss Flint. And whether Miss Flint winds up stuck in a pile of horse manure or treed by a grizzly bear on the class picnic, the fun never stops.

About the Author

Don Sawyer survived a childhood in Michigan that included a teacher very much like Miss Flint. It has taken him a long time to get over that grade 4 year, and now he's getting even. He is happy to report that revenge is sweet and funny!

Don is an author, educator and international development worker. He lives with his wife, Jan, and their dog Farley in Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

Miss Flint Meets the Great Kweskin



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Meets the Great Kweskin**
by Don Sawyer

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About the Book

You know things are pretty bad when Miss Flint, The Meanest Teacher in the World, starts to seem tame. In this second collection of Miss Flint stories, her grade 4 kids have to outsmart the vicious vice-principal Mr. Porcer, who has four favourite paddles, including Black Death. And they match wits with Mr. Hackmore, the slimy teacher who, believe it or not, tries to marry Miss Flint! The seven stories in Miss Flint Meets the Great Kweskin continue the hilarious adventures of Janey and the gang as they not only lock horns with Miss Flint, but with a cast of brand new villains as well!

Recent Reviews

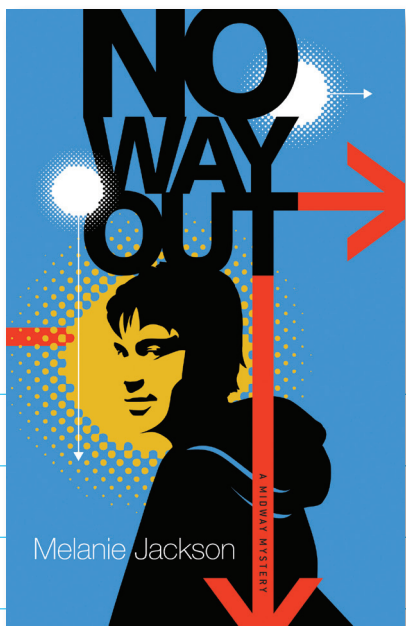
Don Sawyer writes with a sense of humour children can understand. He also brings a little authenticity to the Miss Flint stories as he evidently had a teacher like Miss Flint when he was in grade four. The new characters in this book add novelty to this latest collection of stories, and their actions allow Don to reveal the different sides of many of his main characters. Fans won't be disappointed.

- Tanya Boudreau, Librarian at the Cold Lake Public Library in Cold Lake, AB.

No Way Out

Review from CM Magazine

This mystery is action-packed and fast moving.... The accessible vocabulary and short chapters will make No Way Out a good choice for any readers interested in mystery.



No Way Out
by Melanie Jackson

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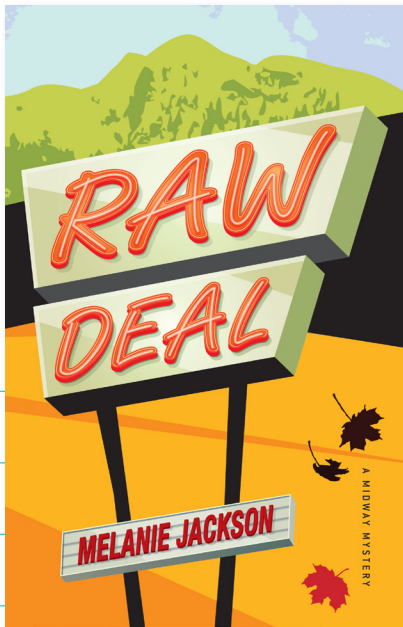
About the Book

Sam Jellicoe, 15, didn't want to visit his mom in Winnipeg. He can't stand her flashy, boastful new husband Alvin. Sam would have way preferred to stay in Vancouver with his actor buddies. To escape Alvin – and the stifling prairie heat – Sam goes into Rafferty's Department Store on Portage Avenue. There he finds his problems are just beginning: a gunman takes him and several other people hostage. To find a way out, Sam must draw on his wits and his acting skills, and above all, keep his cool.

About the Author

Scottish-born Melanie Jackson has worked as a journalist in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, where she now lives with her family. Melanie has written 11 children's/ YA novels, including the acclaimed Dinah Galloway Mystery Series. No Way Out is her third action-suspense novel for young adults, including reluctant readers. An editor/writer with the BC School Trustees Association, Melanie is on the board of directors of the BC Literacy Council of the International Reading Association. She is also a volunteer writing mentor with the Vancouver School Board. Please contact Melanie through Highgate if you are interested in a school presentation.

Raw Deal



Raw Deal
by Melanie Jackson

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ISBN 978-0-9813164-5-1

A simple favour that turns deadly...

It's a chance for the new kid, Colin, to score points with popular Jace Turpin. All Colin has to do is take over Jace's early-morning shift at the burger joint. Flip some patties, sizzle up some fries ... Easy.

Then Colin gets kidnapped. The simple favour turns into a complicated murder puzzle - with Colin as the suspect. Now the heat is truly on.

CM Magazine on Melanie's previous Midway suspenser: "[...] action-packed and fast moving [...] The accessible vocabulary and short chapters will make No Way Out a good choice for any readers interested in mystery."

About the Author

Scottish-born and mystery-minded, Melanie Jackson is an award-winning children's/young adult author and former journalist. A volunteer creative-writing mentor with the Vancouver School Board, Melanie is also on the board of directors of the BC branch of the International Reading Association. Her previous novel with Midway Press is No Way Out (2010). Melanie lives with her family in Vancouver.

Running



Running
by Don Sawyer

\$13.95 CDN
ISBN 978-0-9813164-6-8

About the Book

Running is a fast-paced story about friendship, redemption, and the triumph of love.

About the Author

Louie and Paul come from very different worlds. Yet they have one thing in common—tragedies have shattered their families. To bury their hurt, they run fast and relentlessly. A chance accident on the trails brings the two boys together, and an unlikely friendship grows. Joined by Annie, another loner who has secrets of her own, they form a threesome that runs like the wind in the hills above their town. But a disastrous attempt by Paul to join the school's cross country squad and an explosive encounter with their star runner turns the alliance upside down. Overcoming their anger and loneliness, the three find a way to become a team again—and hatch an outrageous plot along the way!

Saving Farley's Bog



Saving Farley's Bog

by Don Sawyer

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ISBN 978-0-9813164-3-7

About the Book

Farley's Bog. A giant developer sees it not as an irreplaceable wetland, but as a prime shopping centre site. And lawyer Daffy Abbott, Toronto PI Stitch Robinson's best friend, is determined to stop them. A familiar clash between environmentalists and developers turns nasty when a town councilor changes his vote to allow the development to go forward. And then disappears. What begins as a missing person investigation for Stitch turns into a murder. And that's just the beginning, as Stitch is drawn into a murky – and dangerous – world of money laundering, offshore banking, thugs and strippers.

About the Author

Don Sawyer has authored more than ten books. These include the award-winning young adult novel, *Where the Rivers Meet*, and the acclaimed non-fiction account of his first teaching experience in rural Newfoundland, *Tomorrow Is School*.

Hurricane on Grimm's Island



**Hurricane on
Grimm's Island**
by Don Sawyer

\$13.95 CDN
ISBN 978-0-9813164-2-0

About the Book

Stitch Robinson is a Toronto private eye. Disillusioned, all he wants from his vacation in the Bahamas is some peace and quiet. But first a monster hurricane batters his resort on Grimm's Island. Then the body of a beautiful socialite washes up on the beach. With power out and the island cut off, Stitch has to find the killer on his own. He's sick and tired of trailing cheating husbands. But does he have what it takes to find the murderer?

About the Author

Don is an educator and writer who has travelled and worked in West Africa and the Caribbean as well as with First Nations communities in Canada. He lives in Salmon Arm, British Columbia.



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