

Judith Silverthorne

Producer, Writer, Director Profile



Producer/Owner Silverlight Productions Inc. / Spiral Communications Inc.

IN DEVELOPMENT

- **Bison Planet**, 6 x 1 hr documentary series. Producer, Writer, Director.
- **Maasai Buffalo People**, a half-hour documentary, 2023. Producer, Writer, Director.
- **The Chris Lesanko Story**, a half-hour documentary, Producer, Writer, Director.

CURRENT DOCUMENTARIES

- **Echoed Words**, a half hour documentary for AMI, on the effects of stuttering, 2023. Co-Producer, Co-Writer, Co-Director.
- **Honouring the Buffalo**, 7-minute animated pre-school documentary, 2023, Citytv Saskatchewan. Nominated for Children/Youth Programming, Yorkton Film Festival, 2023. Producer, Writer, Director.
- **A Promise to My Son**, half-hour documentary, AMI, 2021. Nominated for the Ruth Shaw Award (Best of Saskatchewan), Yorkton Film Festival, 2022. Producer, Writer, Production Assistant, Still Photographer.

PREVIOUS DOCUMENTARIES

- **Kay Parley: A Mind of Her Own**, 1 hour documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc/ ACCESS Communications, 2019. Writer, Executive Producer, Researcher.
- **Bookworms Corner**, half-hour episodes, featuring children's picture book writers, hosted by Jean Freeman. Access Communications TV, 2012-2015. Executive Producer, Production Assistant.
- **Story Junction**, ACCESS Communications, 2020. Writer, Co-producer, storyteller, host.
- **Roger Ing: The Utopia Years**, Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, Saskatchewan, 1998. 1998 – Saskatchewan Film & Video Showcase Awards. Nominated for Best Documentary and for Original Music Score (Roger Ing's Utopia). Writer, Researcher, Producer /Co-Director, Publicist.
- **Ingrained Legacy**, a half-hour documentary and *Splinters* a series of ten vignettes. Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, Saskatchewan, 1997. Writer, Producer, Co-Director, Researcher.
- **First Visions**, Spiral Film Productions Inc., Regina, 1997. Writer, Producer, Director, Researcher.
- **Rupchan: Spirit of a Prairie Potter**, Grasslands Productions Inc., Regina, SK, 1992. Writer, Executive Producer, Researcher.

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PREVIOUS SHORT FILMS

■ **The Abduction Project**, Short Film, Ynot Media Canada, 2020. Producer, Researcher, Production Manager.

WEB SERIES

■ **How to Write**, series of 18 vignettes, aspects of writing-related tips, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, 2015-2016. Producer, Scriptwriter.

PREVIOUS FILM WORK FOR OTHERS

■ **Near To Nature's Heart**, a one-hour documentary on the history of women and their relationships with nature in the Waskesiu/Prince Albert National Park, Saskatchewan area. Produced by Live Wire Video, 2000. Script Editor/Writer.

■ **Trombone: Voice of God**, 1 hour performance doc combines humour and music while tracing the history of the trombone through 6 centuries. Produced by Sharper Image Film & Video Production Inc., 2000. Production Manager.

■ Writer, Researcher, Production Manager: **SMUGGLING**, two short promo videos for the R.C.M.P., produced by Sharper Image Film & Video Productions Inc., 1998.

■ **SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGE**, half-hour experimental film, Reverie Films, Regina, SK, 1999. Assistant Writer

■ **WESTERN OUTLANDER**, a half-hour pilot television show on tourism, natural history and outdoor adventures on the prairies, CBC, 1993. Writer.

■ **ONE IN A MILLION**, A half-hour, 13-part television series on people with interesting collections, occupations, and lifestyles in Saskatchewan. Grasslands Productions Ltd., SCN (2 seasons, 1991 & 1992). Researcher.

SELECTED TRAINING

■ Film Set Safety & Set Protocol - SIAST (Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology) – Instructor for 10 years.

■ Production Budgeting – Phil Doerksen, SMPA, 2023.

■ One Stop Business Workshop, CBC/CAVCO/CPA - completing.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

■ SMPA, 1991-2008 (Board Member & Various Committees, Showcase Gala Coordinator); 2016-Present

■ Saskatchewan Writers' Guild (SWG), Executive Director in 2010-2017; Member: 1982-present.

■ The Writers Union of Canada (TWUC), 2010 – present.

■ DOC - Documentary Organization of Canada.

■ CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers).

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WRITER, INSTRUCTOR, EDITOR, MEDIA PRODUCER

Selected Writing, Editing, Media Producing, Résumé



WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

- Regina Public Library, Sep 2018 to 30 June 2019 term. All genres of tutoring, workshops, and editing, including fiction, non-fiction, screenplays, poetry.
- North Central Family Centre, Regina, SK, Writing facilitator for workshops with children to adult writers (Youth at risk, ages 10-24), Special book project, June-October 2009.
- Several elementary schools in and around Regina, K-Gr 8.

FREELANCE WORK

- Writer - freelance writer, author, journalist, researcher, periodical articles and newspapers columns, screenwriter, freelance writer for television and film and new media, 1980 to present.
- Sessional Instructor for Freelance Business Skills in Film & Video and Stress Management Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST), Wascana Campus, Regina, SK, 2001 to 2010.

- Instructor/Editor – sessional lecturer of film & writing classes at University of Regina, and SIAST, conference presenter, taught English to Japanese students over Skype, taught literacy skills to incarcerated youth, book reviewer, currently mentor individual writers, as well as advising, teaching, critiquing, evaluating, editing & proofing of manuscripts and scripts.
- Events manage/promoter/publicist: cultural events, marketing and promotion for individuals and organizations, curating art exhibitions, arranging book launches and presentations, various events with multiple authors, including the design of PR materials, and photographer.
- Author Readings/Tours/Conferences
 - Presented hundreds of author readings all over Canada and in Great Britain, plus conference presentations.
 - Embassy to Germany, Berlin, workshop/talks, Honouring the Buffalo.
 - Northern Reading Program Tour (10 libraries/schools), Pakkisiimon Nuyeqáh Library System, Northern Saskatchewan.
 - TD Children's Book Week Tour – Quebec, Ontario.
 - *When Words Collide Festival*, Calgary.
 - Numerous Saskatchewan Tours

Periodical Writing - Writer, researcher, photographer for 600 articles and columns for various periodicals, including the daily and weekly newspapers, and several magazines. 1985-present.

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PUBLICATIONS

All Ages Picture Book (Non-Fiction)

- *Honouring the Buffalo, A Plains Cree Legend*, Fall 2015, Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, Picture Book, English/ Cree. With Ray Lavallee, Storyteller.
- *Hommage au Bison* (French translation, of *Honouring the Buffalo*), MONS Verlag, German Publisher, 2019 Les Éditions de la nouvelle plume, Spring 2016.
- *Die Würdigung des Bisons* (German translation, of *Honouring the Buffalo*), MONS Verlag, German Publisher, 2019.

Juvenile Fiction

- *The Treasure Box*, Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, 2023
- *Ghosts in the Garden*, Coteau Books, Spring 2017,
- *Ghosts of Government House*, Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, 2011.
- *Adventure of a Boy and Old Man – A Volume of Hideout* (Japanese Translation of *Dinosaur Hideout*).
- WCC books, Japan, 2010.
- *The Secret of the Stone Circle*. Coteau Books, 2010.
- *Dinosaur Blackout*. Coteau Books, 2008.
- *Dinosaur Stakeout*. Coteau Books, 2006.
- *The Secret of the Stone House*. Coteau Books, 2005.
- *Dinosaur Breakout*. Coteau Books, 2004.
- *Dinosaur Hideout*. Coteau Books, 2003.
- *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*. Coteau Books, 1996.

Young Adult Fiction

- *Convictions*, Coteau Books, 2016.

Non-Fiction Adult Books

- *Ingrained Legacy: Saskatchewan Pioneer Woodworkers 1870-1930*. Spiral Communications Inc., 2003.
- *Made in Saskatchewan: Peter Rupchan, Ukrainian Pioneer and Potter*. Prairie Lily Co-operative Ltd, 1991. Reprinted in 2003, by Spiral Communications Inc.

ACCOLADES

Personal Awards

- 2006 - YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Arts.

Writing Awards

- 2024 – Winner, Whistler Independent Awards for Children's Books. *The Treasure Box*
- 2024 – Finalist, Next Generation Indie Award for Action/Adventure. *The Treasure Box*
- 2019 – Kimi Seal Award, and Honorary Mention, Germany. *Die Würdigung des Bisons*.
- 2017 - Moonbeam Children's Award for Pre-Teen Fiction-Mystery, USA – Winner. *Ghosts in the Garden*.
- 2017 – Human Relations Indie Awards – Pre-Teen, USA – Winner. *Convictions*.
- 2017 - Moonbeam Children's Award for Young Adult Fiction-Historical/Cultural, USA– Gold Winner. *Convictions*.
- 2017 - IPPY Canada-West – Best Regional Non-Fiction - Silver Medal Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo* - co-authored with Elder and Storyteller, Ray Lavallee.
- 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Award for Historical Fiction 2017, USA – Gold Winner (First Place). *Convictions*.
- 2017 - Forward Indie Awards -Young Adult Fiction, USA – Nominated. *Convictions*.
- 2017 - Next Generation Indie Book Awards - Historical Fiction, USA – Winner. *Convictions*.
- 2017 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Nominated. *Convictions*.
- 2017 Saskatchewan Book Award for Publication in Education – Nominated. *Convictions*.
- 2017 - High Plains Award - Women Writers category, USA – Nominated. *Convictions*.

MEDIA WRITING/ PRODUCING

- 2016 - Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Children's Picture Book (6 Years & Up), USA – Gold Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo*.
- 2016 - Moonbeam Award for the YA Fiction - Historical/Cultural, USA – Gold Winner. *Convictions*.
- 2016 - High Plains Book Awards categories: Art & Photography, and Children's Book, USA – Nominated. *Honouring the Buffalo*.
- 2016 - Saskatchewan Book Awards – Nominated for three categories: Children's Literature, Aboriginal Peoples' Writing (Ray Lavallee), Aboriginal Peoples' Publishing Award (publisher). *Honouring the Buffalo* – co-authored with Elder and Storyteller, Ray Lavallee.
- 2015/16 - Canadian Children's Book Centre – Our Choice List. *Honouring the Buffalo*
- 2015 - Moonbeam Children's Award for Environmental Issues, USA – Silver Winner. *Honouring the Buffalo*.
- 2013 - Willow Awards (SYRCA), Diamond Willow – Nominated. *Ghosts of Government House*.
- 2005 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Nominated. *The Secret of the Stone House*.
- 2005 - Willow Awards (SYRCA), Diamond Willow, 2005 – Nominated. *Dinosaur Hideout*.
- 2004 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Nominated. *Dinosaur Breakout*.
- 2003 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Winner. *Dinosaur Hideout*.
- 2004 - Canadian Children's Book Centre – Our Choice List. *Dinosaur Hideout*.
- 1996 - Saskatchewan Book Award for Children's Literature – Winner. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*
- 1996 – Saskatchewan Book Award for Publishing in Education – Nominated. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*
- 1996/97 - Canadian Children's Book Centre – Our Choice List. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*.
- 1996 - Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People – Nominated. *The Secret of Sentinel Rock*.
- *Echoed Words*. Documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc. AMI Broadcaster, 2023. Producer, Writer, Director.
- *Honouring the Buffalo*, Animated Children's Show, Silverlight Productions Inc. Citytv Saskatchewan, 2023. Producer, Writer, Director.
- *A Promise to My Son*, ½ hr documentary, Silverlight Productions Inc/Cooper Rock Pictures Inc, 2021. Producer, Writer, Researcher, Production Manager.
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- *How to...* 18 vignettes for beginning writers, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, 2016, Producer, Scriptwriter.
- *Bookworms Corner*, Access TV, 2012-2015. Executive Producer.
- *Subterranean Passage*, Reverie Films, Regina, Saskatchewan, 1999. Assistant Writer, editing.

- *Smuggling*, two short promo videos for the R.C.M.P., Sharper Image Film & Video Productions Inc., 1998. Writer, Researcher, Production Manager

EMPLOYMENT

- *Producer, Writer, Script Editor, Researcher*, Silverlight Productions Inc
- *Executive Director*, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, 2010-2017
- *Executive Director*, Saskatchewan Library Association, 1998-2007
- *Producer, Writer, Script Editor, Researcher*, Spiral Communications Inc. 1996-2007
- *Public Relations Manager*, Coteau Books -Term Position
- *Photographic Technician*, Saskatchewan Government

MANUSCRIPT EVALUATIONS, EDITING & PROOFING

- CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers). 2017-present.
- Saskatchewan Writers Guild. Manuscript Evaluation Services, 1998-2010, 2018-present.
- Individual writers/authors. Critiquing and editing - provincially and nationally, 1999-present.
- Centax Books. Editing and proofing, 1996-1998.
- Coteau Books. Proofing of manuscripts for publication, 1998-2000.
- Writing Group Instruction and Evaluations. Throughout the province of Saskatchewan (e.g. Tisdale Writers Group, Wascana Writers Group, Estevan Writers Group), 1998-present.

CULTURAL JURY ACTIVITIES/CURATING

- High Plains Book awards, Billings, Montana, Jury for Children's literature, Summer 2017, 2019
- Canada Council for the Arts – Literary Arts Promotion: Project Grants, 2013
- Alberta Book Awards, R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature, picture books, 2005

- Yorkton Short Film & Video Awards, Selection Committee – Documentary Shorts, 2000
- Gemini Awards, Canada's national English-language television awards– pre-selection jury for Televised Special Events Category, 1999
- SaskFilm & Video Corporation – Experimental Film funding, 1999

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- Saskatchewan Writers' Guild (SWG), Executive Director in 2010-2017; Member: 1982-present; Volunteer: 1988-present President, Board/Committee Member
- The Writers Union of Canada (TWUC), 2010 – present
- CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers).
- SMPIA, 1991-2008 (Board Member & Various Committees, Showcase Gala Coordinator, 1991- 2007), 2020-present.
- Saskatchewan Association of Screenwriters (SAS), Executive Board member/co-founder.
- Saskatchewan Book Awards (SBA), Board member/ gala coordinator, 1997-1998.