



Candace Maybin, 11, 434 Dundas St. W., Trenton, has a book signed by author Janet Lunn, of Hillier. The author attended a book launching at the Trenton Memorial Library, Tuesday. She writes for teenagers. (Staff Photo)

Local writer of children's works

Lunn launches book in Trenton

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TRENTON - A local author of children's books told an audience at a book launching Tuesday, the city's had library had helped her do research for her publication *The Shadow In Hawthorn Bay*.

Janet Lunn said all her research wasn't done locally. But staff at Trenton Memorial Library helped her several times to get correct information.

Lunn's latest book centres on a 15-year-old Scottish girl with "second sight."

She hears her cousin calling her from Canada and decides to emigrate

to Canada. There she finds that her cousin has died and his family returned to Scotland.

Lunn said the experience of being alone in a strange land is really a "trial by fire" of her heroine. People with second sight were often blamed for trouble and the summer of 1816 was very cold.

Characters in her book tend to blame her heroine for causing the year without any summer.

Lunn, who makes her home in Hillier, set the novel in Prince Edward County and says the new book she is currently working on is about the United Empire Loyalists.

She said she doesn't know why she writes books for children and has often been asked that question.

The Shadow in Hawthorn Bay is her fifth book. Her others include *The Root Cellar*, *Double Spell*, the retelling of a fairy tale called the *Twelve Dancing Princesses*, and *Larger Than Life*.

Her books are popular in Canada, the United States, Great Britain and are currently being translated into French, Swedish and German.

Locally her books are available at Desjardins Books in downtown Trenton, Greeley's Bookstore in downtown Belleville and Classics Bookstore in the Belleville Quinte Mall.