

Huggan, Isabel

## Former city writer returns for seminar

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Isabel Huggan is a Canadian short story writer.

She's also a wife and mother, and manages to combine both careers.

Huggan, who lived in the Belleville area for eight years, will be back in the city Feb. 25 as one of the seminar leaders for this year's Women In Action day at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The day-long event is sponsored by Women's Network, and includes seminars and an address by Trina McQueen of CBC-TV, also a former Bellevillian.

Huggan's seminar will review the pleasures and problems of combining a career as a fiction writer with the daily responsibilities of family life.

While in Belleville, Huggan worked as a reporter and photographer for The Intelligencer. From 1973 to 1975 she wrote for the family page and readers may recall her weekly column All In the Family. She was also involved with the Belleville Theatre Guild for a few years, and taught a creative writing course at Loyalist College where her husband Bob taught journalism.

Huggan has published her short stories in magazines such as Harrowsmith and Quarry, and has done radio work for CHEZ-FM in Ottawa and for CBC's Morningside program.

Since moving to Ot-



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tawa, she has published her stories with Oberon Press, and has been included in two anthologies—First Impressions and 83: Best Canadian Stories. Her own collection of stories, The Elizabeth Stories, will appear later this spring. It's a related sequence of short stories which trace a young girl's growth in a small town during the 1950s.

For information about the Women In Action day, contact Leone Grunig at 966-2470 after 6 p.m. or Marilyn Rankin at 962-9931 during the day. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes a choice of two morning seminars, luncheon and afternoon demonstration.

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