

Shane Peacock

Could he be:

Canada's most prolific living author? - *Quite possibly*

Covering a wide variety of genre? - *Well, documentaries, novels, articles, plays...*

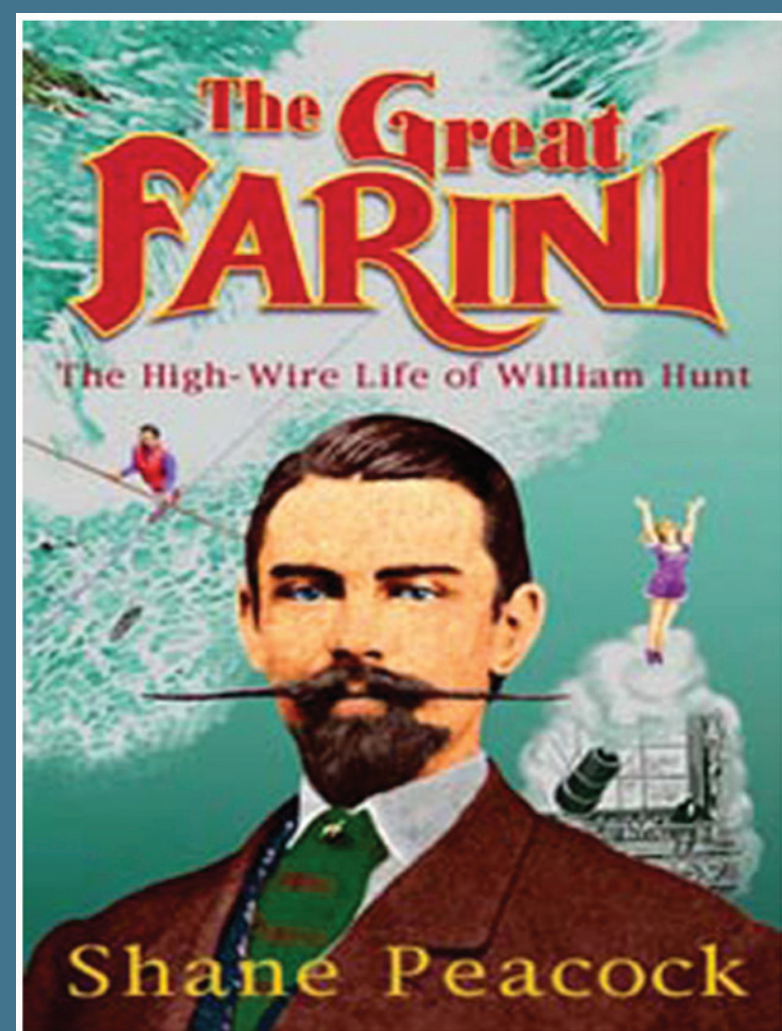
Born in a place that doesn't exist? (as he says) - *True, Port Arthur doesn't exist, anymore. And to top it off,*

Could he be:

One of us? – Absolutely! - Shane makes his home just north of Cobourg

Shane Peacock grew up with three brothers (**including Cobourg CEO Stephen**) in the town of Kapuskasing before attending Trent University (English & History) and the University of Toronto (Master's in Literature).

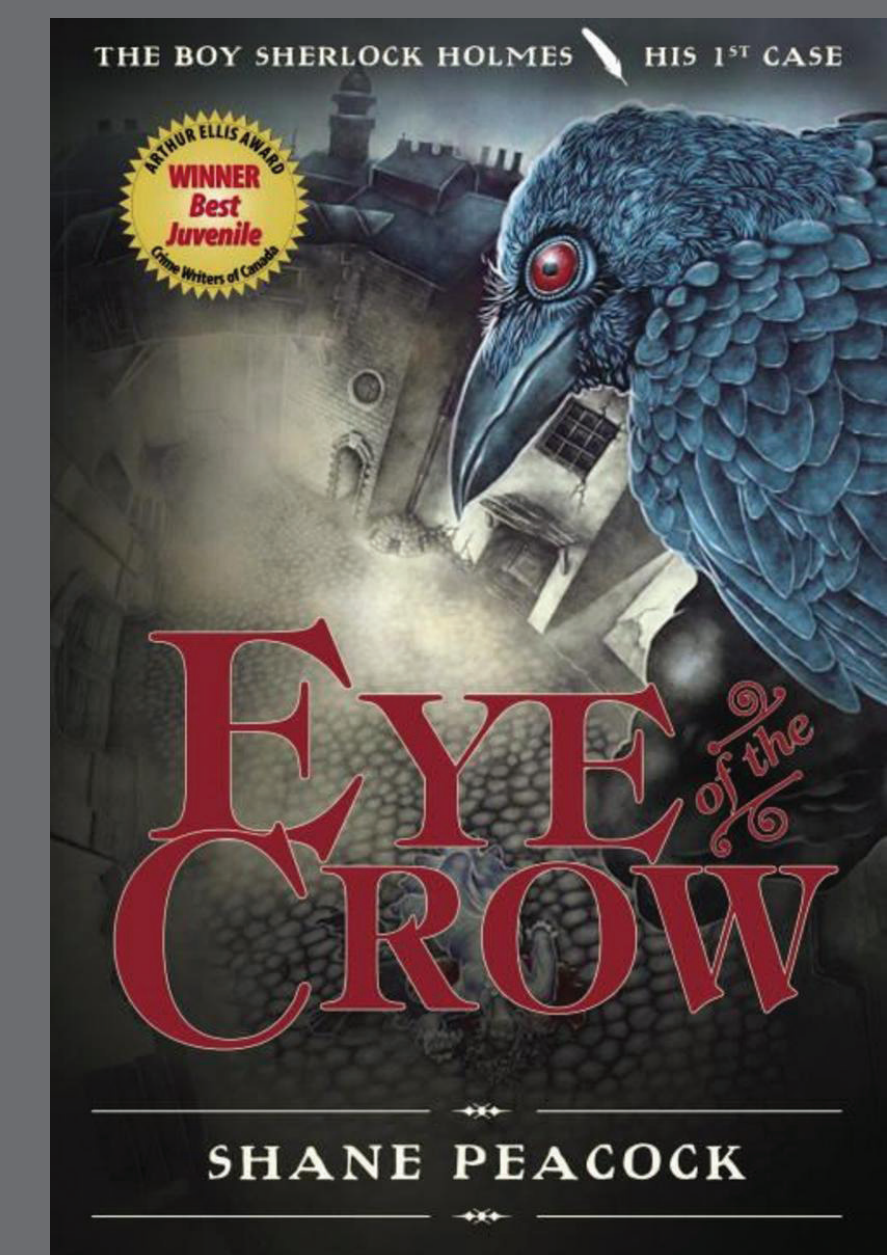
While working at his summer jobs in the Ontario wilderness or the university bookstore, Shane's mind was often not far from the literature which inspired him. **It was the larger-than-life characters he enjoyed** – real or imaginary – from the real life dare devil, the Great Farini, to the imaginary sleuth, Sherlock Holmes. And soon he was telling their stories, and his stories were being published.



Peacock is perhaps best known to adult readers for his detailed **biography of Port Hope's William Hunt (aka The Great Farini)**, but is widely known among younger readers for his series on the Boy Sherlock Holmes.



Aside from the mysteries the strange young boy solves, older readers delight in the biographical and geographical reference to the **people and places of old London**.



*As the sun climbs, its rays spread light through the lifting yellow fog, filtering down upon a brown, flowing mass of people: on top hats and bonnets, heavy clothes and boots swarming on bridges and along cobblestone streets. Hooves strike the pavement, clip-clopping over the rumbling iron wheels, the drone of the crowds, and hawkers' cries. The smell of horses, or refuse, of coal and gas, hangs in the air. Nearly everyone has somewhere to go on this late spring morning **in the year of Our Lord 1867.***

Among those moving over the dirty River from the south, is a tall, thin youth with skin the pallor of the pale margins in The Times of London. He is thirteen and should be in school... His name is Sherlock Holmes.

Opening lines from *The Eye of the Crow*