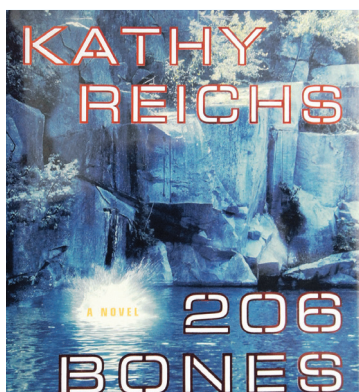


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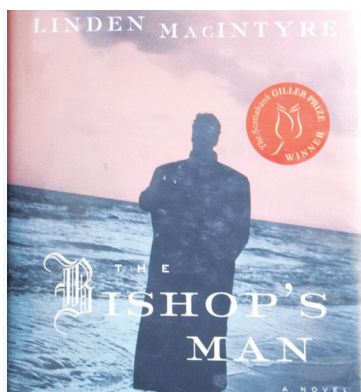
Library staffers review their favourite winter selections



## 206 Bones by Kathy Reichs (Fiction)

Here's another riveting instalment in the series that inspired Fox TV's *Bones* program. Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan is trapped underground and bound hands to feet. As she regains consciousness, she begins to recollect the events leading up to her capture. She and her investigative partner, Andrew Ryan of the Montreal police had been working on the case of a missing heiress, and Tempe was accused of botching the autopsy. Someone is sabotaging her work, as yet another corpse is discovered in the woods of Montreal. As Tempe lies cold and injured in her underground tomb, she realizes someone wants her dead. 206 Bones is available in print, on CD and as a downloadable digital audiobook from [www.downloadcentre.library.on.ca](http://www.downloadcentre.library.on.ca)

Reviewed by Lisa Hunziger



## The Bishop's Man by Linden MacIntyre (Fiction)

Father Duncan MacAskill is known as the "Exorcist", the man the bishop calls in to deal with potential scandal when wayward priests engage in inappropriate behaviour. MacAskill's career has been successful thus far, but when the bishop hears that a big media scandal is brewing, he relocates Duncan to a country parish. Unfortunately for Duncan, the parish is near to where he grew up, and he finds himself with too much time to think (and drink). He is forced to confront the cover-ups he engineered when he meets a young man who may have been the victim of one of Duncan's errant priests. Told in the first-person, *The Bishop's Man* is interesting and disturbing. It is the winner of the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

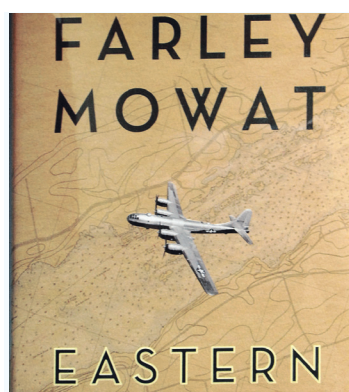
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## Brave New Knits: 26 Projects and Personalities from the Knitting Blogosphere by Julie Turjoman (Non-Fiction)

What do you get when an age-old craft meets a growing technological trend? Well you might just get a collection of amazing, innovative, and absolutely gorgeous knitwear. Through social networking websites like Ravelry.com and through individual blogs posted by knitwear designers and knitting enthusiasts, knitting has become a Web 2.0 phenomenon. This book includes 26 knitting projects along with in-depth interviews with each project designer. Find out how these designer-bloggers got their start, and how blogging helped them share their talent and improve their designs. Then try knitting some of these delightful and innovative garments: from snazzy socks to beautiful lace camisoles, there is something for everyone.

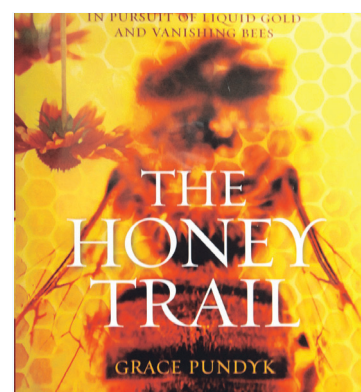
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## Eastern Passage by Farley Mowat (Non-Fiction)

In this second instalment of his memoirs (the first was titled *Otherwise*), beloved storyteller, Farley Mowat, tells his own story about his life in the late 1940s and the 1950s. He describes how he changed his focus when he purchased property northwest of Toronto and built a house with his own hands, all the while, pitching his writing to publishers. His wandering spirit does not keep him home for long, and he embarks on a tour of Europe and later a boat trip down the St. Lawrence River with his father. It is during this trip that he uncovers a little-known secret about a disabled US aircraft that dropped a disarmed nuclear bomb into the river, perhaps poisoning the waters still to this day. Packed with unusual historical facts and all kinds of interesting characters, *Eastern Passage* reveals even more about the man who has spent a lifetime telling the true stories of Canada.

Reviewed by Clare Hanman



## The Honey Trail: In Pursuit of Liquid Gold and Vanishing Bees by Grace Pundyk (Non-Fiction)

In this book, travel writer Grace Pundyk takes us along on a tour of the world through the eyes of beekeepers, honey producers and sellers that bring this liquid gold to the tables of the world. From the sweet sticky stuff found in plastic bear-shaped bottles in the grocery stores to the prized sidr honey of Yemen which costs \$300 a kilogram, the reader gets a look at the many lives and livelihoods that are supported by honeybees and the many varied products that these industrious little insects produce. Her travels pave a path through four continents and result in strange encounters, trouble with border guards, and a wide collection of knowledge about bees and the many, many plants that produce honeys of such different characters. Foodies, armchair travelers and naturalists alike will find much to enjoy in this unusual travel log.

Reviewed by Clare Hanman



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