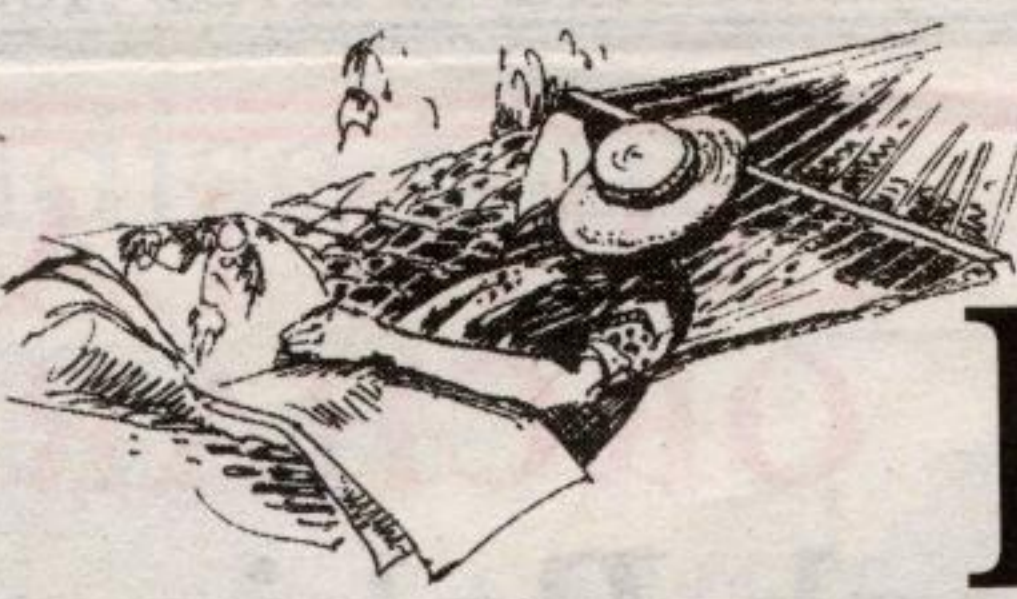


# Idle Pursuits



## Lighthouse:

### A Story of Remembrance

Quaile Reviews

By DEBORAH QUAILLE

Could there be a more entrancing plot for a children's picture book: Sarah and her father take a walk to a lighthouse in the middle of a foggy night where they try to hold a tryst with a beloved grandfather.

In *Lighthouse: A Story of Remembrance*, Robert Munsch has created a tale about a young girl who is coming to terms with the recent death of her grandfather. Although the press release for the book notes that Sarah can't sleep following the funeral, it's not until the third last page of the book that readers learn that the event has just recently occurred. The girl and her father stop at an all-night donut shop on the way to the lighthouse and buy a bag of thoroughly Canadian maple-iced donuts and coffee. The two enjoy a cliff-top tryst with crashing waves and the revolving beacon before trying the always-locked door of the lighthouse. To their amazement and delight, it's been left open, and they navigate the winding staircase up to the very top where the strong light flashes its messages. Sarah calls out her grandfather's name but, if there is an answer, it's lost in the mist. Covered with dew and the clinging scent of seaweed, father and daughter return home to bed.

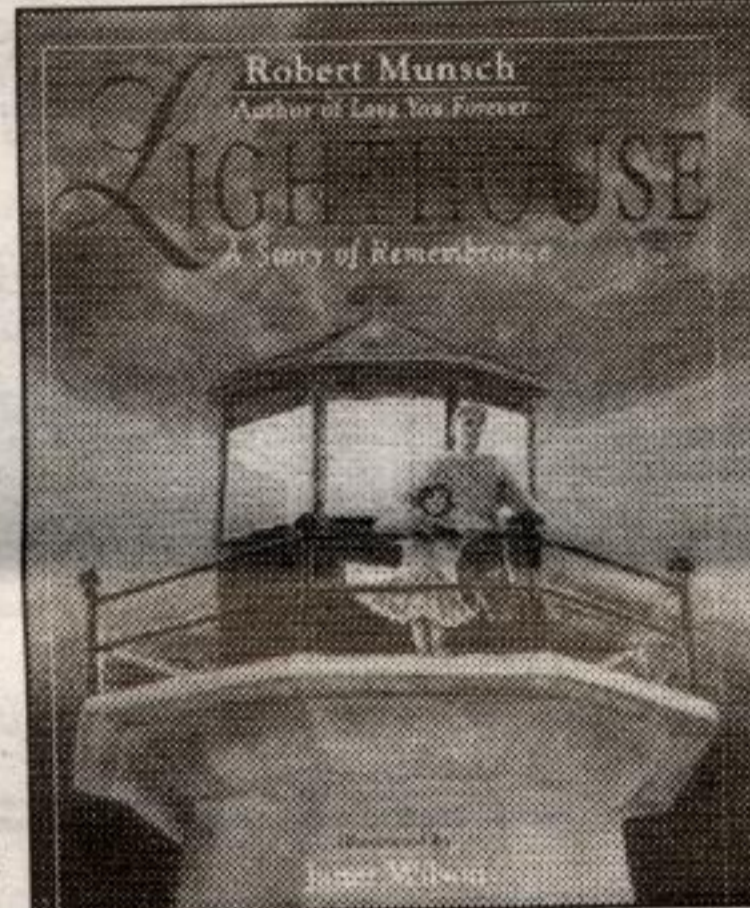
*Lighthouse* is a

story about honouring the memory of those who have passed on before us. But it's the illustrations that really highlight this book. Janet Wilson of Eden Mills is skilled at capturing the subtleties in expression that are so vital to an emotional story. There is poignancy in her people that has been developed after careful character studies, and is then transferred to her canvas. The work is lush with colour even though the audience is viewing mostly night scenes. Mrs. Wilson is to be commended for her work.

The real story-behind-the-story is that Robert Munsch was offered a drawing of a lighthouse by a fan in 1991 with only "Sarah Gillis, Antigonish" written on the back. Inspired by the art, Mr. Munsch wrote *Lighthouse* about a girl's acceptance of her grandfather's death, and when he finally located Sarah again, he discovered that her real grandfather had passed away the previous year. Sarah's original drawing is found on the title page of the book.

*Lighthouse* can be a book for all ages, but its simple tenderness is geared for the young.

*Lighthouse*  
A Story of Remembrance  
Written by  
Robert Munsch  
Illustrated by  
Janet Wilson  
Markham: North Winds Press, 2003  
H/C, 30 pgs., \$19.99



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## Acton's Leathertown Festival offers something for everyone

By KAREN BOOTHROYD

The 12th annual Downtown Acton Leathertown Festival is celebrated on Sunday, August 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Six blocks in downtown Acton are set aside for family fun. Josie Bonnette, one of the organizers, comments: "This is a big festival. About 8,000 people went through last year. We've got vendors selling everything from sunglasses to leather."

The Kids' Zone is a new attraction that Ms. Bonnette makes special mention of. Kids can check out their skills at the Edge Skateboard demonstration, gorge on cream pies in the pie-eating contest and show off their pooch in the pet parade. Other children's activities include pony rides, a jumping castle and dance demonstrations.

The artisans' corner offers a unique opportunity to watch local artists in action. Centre stage will feature continuous musical entertainment by a variety of bands and performers including the Acton Citizens Band, one of last remaining small town marching bands and the current recipient of Acton's Citizen of the Year award. The streets will be alive with over 100 vendors selling original crafts and delicious food. Local merchants will share their wares and offer bargains galore.

It's one big party, and everyone is invited to stroll the streets and feel the beat of a very special small town.

## Downtown Acton Leathertown Festival



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