



me. Good authors and moviemakers see things coming and in our own way we try to educate people through the power of entertainment.

I may not yet have the impact of Suzanne Collins, but what I've been trying to do with my books to show how our history has helped shape the fabric of Canadian society. My next novel *Emerald Key* will continue along that same path as it concentrates on the devastating Potato Famine of the 19th

century. Hopefully it will help shed light for students on a tragic but important period of our history that helped define us as a nation. Hopefully students will learn from our past mistakes and help make our future brighter for everyone.

**Thank you for sharing your ideas and insights. Your books are powerful tools for making history real for students and encouraging them to think critically about which voices are being heard. ■**