

Writer will spend summer in seclusion

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Dundurn Group will publish *Missing: Presumed Dead* by Newmarket's James Hawkins in next month.

A special launch party is being held this month at The Tannery in Newmarket.

Hawkins was a senior lecturer in criminal law at a British police college and, from 1992 to 1997, director of education at the Canadian Institute for Environmental Investigations.

His published works include *1001 Fundraising Ideas and Strategies for Charities* and *The Canadian Private Investigator's Manual*.

He is also an actor and playwright whose one-man play, *No Cherubs For Melanie*, premiered in Newmarket last year.

It is being staged May 1 to 13 at the Robert Gill Theatre in Toronto.

The former British police officer was, until recently,

owner of Newmarket's Corner Coffee House and Corner Gallery.

"I will be spending the summer in seclusion, writing my next play," said Hawkins. *Missing: Presumed Dead*

centres on a British detective inspector who has been transferred from London just in time to investigate a murder.

It will be in bookstores May 1.

Author optimistic about TV series

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one — I've got about 50 pages done. I also do the occasional book tour and get to stay at some very good hotels.

Brady has lived in Bradford since 1988 and teaches Grade 4 at St. Nicholas Catholic School in Newmarket.

"I taught for a number of years in Schomberg before that. I've always worked for the Catholic school board here.

He has also written two novels set in Canada.

"One is a comic private eye story set in western Canada and based on a guy I met there. The other is a police procedural set in

Toronto. When they're properly edited, I may turn them over to Kim McArthur."

"As for the television show, a series of 90-minute whodunits under the title *Minogue*, Brady is cautiously optimistic.

"They have an option on the books, they still have to find production money and a network. I understand they're waiting for a particular actor to play *Minogue* and he's working on something else right now."

The author is quite happy with the success he's had.

"I never had any expectation that I could live off my writing. It's like a hobby that ran amok. I would do it anyway."



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