

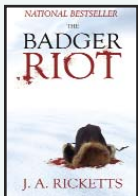
**New!**



*Join us this fall as we discuss the work of three of this province's most distinguished authors. Then hear what the authors themselves have to say.*

## Newfoundland Book Club

### The Badger Riot (J.A. Ricketts)



"In 1959, the small town of Badger was the centre of a labour confrontation that forever changed the social and political landscape of Newfoundland. For two and a half months, loggers had been striking for better wages and working conditions. Led by

the International Woodworkers of America (IWA), the strike reached its climax when national and provincial police forces stormed the town in an attempt to break the impasse. *The Badger Riot* tells the story of the deadly melee that followed. This work of fiction captures for the first time the horror of a small community of people still reeling in shock from a tragedy that could have been prevented. The #1 selling book in Atlantic Canada for 2008".

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~~Mon., Sept. 21, 7 – 9 p.m. \$22/session or \$59 for all.~~

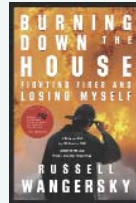
**Post-poned to Mon., Oct. 5**

*Judy (Day) Ricketts was fourteen years old at the time of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) Strike of 1959. A native of Badger, she, along with other schoolchildren, watched from the roadside as loggers and local authorities came together in a famous melee that effectively ended the strike. She believes that the children of the day never recovered from witnessing this terrible event in Newfoundland's history. Fifty years later, she knows that the emotions still run deep.*

– Compliments of Flanker Press

### Burning Down the House

(Russell Wangersky)



"Thousands of boys dream of becoming firefighters. Some get the chance, and for some of those, the dream becomes a nightmare. *Burning Down the House* is the story of Wangersky's eight-year career as a volunteer fire-

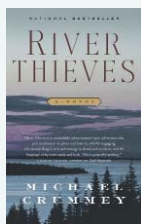
fighter, an experience that wound up reaching into every facet of his life and changed the way he saw the world forever. Written in vibrant, luminous prose, the book traces his years from rookie to veteran firefighter and the toll it took on his personal life. Offering a rare glimpse into physical dangers and psychological costs of trying to save strangers' lives, Wangersky paints a harrowing and sometimes heartbreakingly vivid portrait of the fires, medical calls and automobile accidents that are the standard fare of the profession. Visceral and affecting, *Burning Down the House* is an insightful insider's account of the perilous world of firefighting and an unforgettable memoir of how, in finding his passion, Wangersky lost himself".

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 Mon., Oct 19, 7 – 9 p.m. \$22/session or \$59 for all.

*Russell Wangersky is the editor of the St. John's "Telegram" in Newfoundland, his columns and editorials appear in newspapers across Canada. For Burning Down the House Wangersky won 2009 British Columbia's National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction and was shortlisted for the 2008 Writers' Trust Award for Non-Fiction. Wangersky's first collection of short stories, The Hour of Bad Decisions, was nominated for numerous awards including, most notably, the long list for the 2006 Giller Prize and the shortlist for the 2006 Commonwealth Writer's Prize.*

– Compliments of Thomas Allen

**River Thieves** (Michael Crummey)



"In elegant, sensual prose, Michael Crummey crafts a haunting tale set in Newfoundland at the turn of the 19th century. A richly imagined story about love, loss and the heartbreaking compromises — both personal and political — that undermine lives, *River Thieves* is a masterful debut novel. To

be published in Canada and the United States, it joins a wave of classic literature from eastern Canada, including the works of Alistair MacLeod, Wayne Johnston and David Adams Richards, while resonating at times with the spirit of Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain* and Cormac McCarthy's *Border Trilogy*."

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 Mon., Nov. 30, 7 – 9 p.m. \$22/session or \$59 for all.

*Michael Crummey was born in Buchans, a mining town in the interior of Newfoundland ("as far from the salt water as you can get and still be in Newfoundland"), second of four boys; he grew up there and in Wabush, another mining town near the Quebec border of Labrador. After completing a BA in English at Memorial St. John's, he moved to Kingston, ON, to pursue graduate work but dropped out before finishing his PhD. He has taught ESL in China and worked at the International Day of Solidarity with the People of Guatemala. Now the author of three books of poetry and a book of short stories as well as three novels, he lives in St. John's. His stories and poems have appeared in a wide range of magazines and anthologies, including twice in the League of Canadian Poets' annual contest anthology.*

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