

Healers, diviners and mystics with a Saskatchewan flavour

Being a homegrown prairie girl, Jacqueline Moore says she has long held the belief that this wide open and surreal space called Saskatchewan cultivates some unique and amazing people.

“For years, I had been especially intrigued with stories of Saskatchewan folk healers and mystics,” she says. “These were people you only hear of through word-of-mouth - which is the best way to separate the wheat from the chaff. There were several people I’d heard of enough times that they’d become almost legendary to me; I very much wanted to meet them and write their stories.”

Jacqueline spent two years researching and interviewing



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The Saskatchewan Secret:
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people for her recent release, *The Saskatchewan Secret: Folk Healers, Diviners, and Mystics of the Prairies*. Folk medicine, Jacqueline discovered, is more commonly practiced by rural people or people living in small communities. Sometimes the practitioners are of a certain culture (First Nations, Métis, Ukrainian) and their healing techniques have been passed

down through elders. Other times, the practitioners are self-taught; they were born with a gift for ‘seeing’ or ‘feeling’ which they’ve used to heal others.

In *The Saskatchewan Secret: Folk Healers, Diviners and Mystics of the Prairies*, Jacqueline traveled to different areas of the province and met with thirteen extraordinary people. Some used plants and

cultural medicines to heal, some used prayer. Many were highly intuitive, and could see illness within the body. One used divining rods to detect the sources of illness, while others got their information through lines in the palms, and auras around the body. One received her healing guidance from the spirit world, another had the ability to pass on poignant messages from deceased loved ones. All of them were warm, welcoming, and open people – typical Saskatchewan folk!

The book chronicles Jacqueline’s personal journey of experiencing these diverse and amazing people, and is an homage to some of our little-known provincial treasures. *The Saskatchewan Secret* is available at McNally Robinson, or on Jacqueline’s website: www.folkhealers.ca

About the author . . .

Jacqueline Moore is a Saskatchewan freelance writer. Over the years, she has been a dessert baker, a tree planter, a features reporter, a racehorse groom/stablehand, a desktop publisher, an environmental educator, and a couple dozen other things. She studied French at l’Université de Montreal, and the Humanities at UBC in Vancouver before eventually attaining a diploma in journalism. Having always been fascinated with others’ life experiences, it was her years spent as a journalist that gave Jacqueline the parlance to interview people and give voice to their narratives.



Jacqueline’s first book. She’s begun work on her next collection of true stories.

Jacqueline is an alumna of the Saskatchewan School of the Arts (Fort San, 1982), and the Sage Hill Writing Experience. Throughout the years, she’s had the good fortune to study creative writing with Guy Vanderhaeghe, David Carpenter, J. Jill Robinson, Steven Ross Smith, Sharon Butala, Sue Goyette and Phil Hall. Her forays into poetry

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Steven Ross Smith, Sharon Butala, Sue Goyette and Phil Hall. Her forays into poetry and fiction solidified her personal mantra that it's easier to simply tell the truth! She is committed to non-fiction until the stories run out.

For the research and writing of *The Saskatchewan Secret: Folk Healers, Diviners and Mystics of the Prairies*, Jacqueline was honoured to receive two literary grants from the Saskatchewan Arts Board. And she was very pleased to win a first-place and a second-place literary award from the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild for two of the stories in the book: "Root Woman" and "Reading Between the Lines." In 2007, "Root Woman" was published in *spring* magazine, Volume V.

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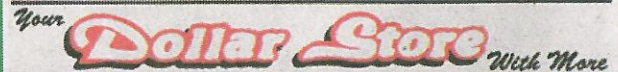


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