

Cora Taylor: Metis Author (b. 1936)

Cora Taylor, born January 14, 1936, is a Métis author. She was born at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and moved to Edmonton in 1955. Her career as a writer began as editor of the *Alberta Poetry Yearbook* from 1980 to 1985. She has written many articles and short stories for publication in various Canadian periodicals.

Cora's first major success came with the publication of her first novel *Julie* by Coteau Books. Her second published novel was *The Doll*, which featured artwork on its cover painted by her daughter Wendy Mogg. Following this was *Summer of the Mad Monk*, a story set in 1932 during the Dust Bowl. Her fourth and most popular novel is *On the Wings of a Dragon*. A sequel was released but did not gain as much popularity as the first. Following that was *Out on the Prairie*, *The Deadly Dance*, and then the *Ghost Voyages* series.

Publications:

- *Julie*, Western Producer Prairie Books, 1985, reissued in paperback, Scholastic, 2005
- *The Doll*, Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987, reissued in paperback, Greystone/Douglas & McIntyre, 199
- *Julie's Secret*, Western Producer Prairie Books, 1991, reissued in paperback, Greystone/Douglas & McIntyre, 1995
- *Ghost Voyages*, Scholastic-Tab, 1992, reissued in paperback, Coteau Books, 2002
- *Summer of the Mad Monk*, Greystone Books/Douglas & McIntyre, 1994, issued in paperback, 1995
- *Vanishing Act*, Red Deer College Press, 1997
- *On Wings of a Dragon*, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2001, issued in paperback 2003
- *Ghost Voyages II: The Matthew*, Coteau Books, 2002
- *Angelique: The Buffalo Hunt*, Penguin, 2002
- *Out on the Prairie*, Scholastic Canada, 2002, issued in paperback, 2004
- *The Deadly Dance*, Coteau Books, 2003
- *Ghost Voyages III: Endeavour and Resolution*, Coteau books, 2004
- *Angelique II: The Long Way Home*, Penguin, 2005
- *The Spy Who Wasn't There: Adventure in Istanbul*, Coteau Books, 2005
- *Angelique II: Autumn Alone*, Penguin, 2005
- *Angelique II: Angel in the Snow*, Penguin, 2006
- *The Spy Who Wasn't There 2: Murder in Mexico*, Coteau Books, 2006
- *Ghost Voyages IV: Catier & Champlain*, Coteau Books, 2008
- *Victoria Callihoo: An Amazing Life*, Eshcia Books, 2009, biography
- *The Spy Who Wasn't There 3: Chaos in China*, Coteau Books, 2009

Awards:

- Canada Council Children’s Literature Prize (now Governor General’s Award), 1985
- R. Ross Annett Award, Writers Guild of Alberta, 1985
- Ruth Schwartz Children’s Book Award, Canadian Booksellers, 1986, short-listed
- Our Choice, Canadian Children’s book Centre, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1995, 1998
- Book-of-the-Year, Canadian Library Association, 1986, 1988 (Honourable Mention), 1995
- Ruth Schwartz Children’s Book Award, Canadian Booksellers, 1988, 1995 (short-listed)
- White Raven Book, International Youth Library, 1992
- Notable Book, Canadian Library Association, 1992
- South Australia Reading Cup, 1993, short-listed
- Silver Birch Award, Ontario Library Association, 1995, short-listed
- Arthur Ellis Junior Award, Crime Writers of Canada, 1997, short-listed
- Exporting Alberta Award, Canadian Author’s Association (Alberta), 1998
- Shining Willow Award, 2003, short-listed
- Golden Eagle Book Award, 2003 short-listed, 2004 short-listed, 2005 short-listed
- Red Maple Award, Ontario Library Association, 2003, short-listed
- Young Readers Choice Award, Manitoba Library Association, 2003, short-listed
- Red Cedar Award, 2005, short-listed twice
- “Best of the Best” Reading List Choice, Alberta Learning Resources
- Rocky Mountain Book Award List Choice, Lethbridge



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