

### **James Tallon: Author Bio**

James Tallon is a Montreal-born author who grew up in the Rideau Lakes' region of Eastern Ontario. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto. At present, he is a high school English teacher in Kingston, Ontario, where he teaches senior classes in Film Studies, Writer's Craft and Advanced Placement English. He has lived in many places in Canada including Newboro, Ontario (population 310), Ottawa, Cornwall, Toronto, and Vancouver. He and his spouse Nicole have been married for 28 years. They have two grown children, Harper and Patrick. Harper lives in Montreal and is the artist responsible for the front and back cover art for his latest novel, *Father John: Tales of the Unordained*.

His first novel, the autobiographical coming-of-age *Running the Sheets*, tells the true story of his childhood and his family's experiences with the day-to-day chaos of operating a busy American Plan fishing lodge in the Rideau Lakes area in the 1970s. The novel was a best-seller in that region in the summer of 2013.

*Father John: Tales of the Unordained* is Tallon's first foray into satirical fiction. It is set in early 1990s Ottawa. The novel works as a light, humorous read wrapped in a goofy redemption story, with a subtle nod to Geoffrey Chaucer in both its structure and narrative style.

Tallon's interests include reading, writing (when he is not marking student work), traveling, film, and uncovering musical gems from long ago and today.