

About the Author:

Doug Cameron grew up on a mixed farm in Alberta with lots of siblings, lots of work, and lots of community. As Doug likes to say, “if we were poor, we didn’t know it—life was good.” We were all involved in 4-H, Air Cadets, baseball, church, and community activities. Most of the kids went on to get higher degrees. Doug completed his undergrad at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, in Agriculture, majoring in soils and animal sciences. Somewhere along the line, he obtained his Pilot’s license. Doug went on to complete his doctorate in Watershed Science at Colorado State University.

Doug and Jackie were married in Alberta, then spent a few years in Colorado to complete his PhD. After, they moved to Ottawa where he worked as a research scientist for the federal government. Five years and two children later they moved to Swift Current where Doug worked at the Research Station. After another five years and one more child, they moved to a farm and Doug started an environmental consulting company. The whole family was involved in a cow-calf ranch with irrigated alfalfa.

As the consulting work expanded, Doug became involved in short-term international consulting assignments to many countries working for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Bank, and many engineering firms. His expertise was in soils, irrigation, water, and environment.

After his international sojourn, he became more involved in the local professional regulatory body where he gained insight into how *scarecrows* work, or should work—and how they can go awry quickly, very quickly. Such episodes inspired his novels.

Doug and Jackie are now semi-retired on a small acreage near Swift Current, always awaiting the next visits of their children and families. They are very recent authors. Doug’s two books are *Dysfunctional Regulatory Bodies: “Scarecrows and Stupidity”* and a sequel “*Cowpies and Lies*”. The first book made the long list for the *Mark Twain Award* for satire and humour. Jackie’s two children’s books are “*The Adventures on Circle Star Ranch*” and “*Lost Treasure on Circle Star Ranch*”.

We are learning to adjust to and enjoy our twilight years.