

Jean Mills

Jean Mills has been writing professionally for over 30 years, and her essays, reviews, features, and children's stories have appeared in publications across Canada.

Her five Young Adult novels – *Skating Over Thin Ice*, *Larkin on the Shore*, *The Legend*, and *Bliss Adair and the First Rule of Knitting* (all with Red Deer Press) and *Wingman* (with Orca Books) – received critical acclaim in Canada and internationally. *Skating Over Thin Ice* was a 2019 Forest of Reading Red Maple Fiction nominee and was named to the USBBY Outstanding International Book List. *Larkin on the Shore* won a 2020 Whippoorwill Award and is included in the Nova Scotia Book Bureau curriculum for Grade 11 Language Arts. Her hi-lo novel *Wingman* is a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection.

Jean is a former college Communications professor, and she also spent ten years on the Media & Communications team at Curling Canada, where she was able to combine her love of writing and sports. Jean lives in Guelph, Ontario. When she's not writing, she can be found playing one of her many musical instruments, creating something with yarn, or cheering for the Maple Leafs.