

Peter Staadecker: Bio for Leacock Medal.

Peter was born in Africa in a city known as “The Tavern of the Seas.” He has been at various times occupied as a mushroom picker, warehouse hand, unwilling soldier, chef, librarian, salvage diver, willing mathematician, energy buyer and director of software consulting groups. (He may have forgotten a few occupations, because he’s ancient.) Before settling in Canada, he worked in a couple of other continents. He is the author of six novels so far—two for children, two for teens and two for adults. But watch this space, there may be more novels to come. He ain’t dead yet.

The first of his novels was shortlisted for the Kobo Rakuten Emerging Author Award, and two subsequent novels were also submissions for the Leacock Medal.

Peter has also written travelogues on sea kayaking and sailing for the Toronto Star. In addition, Peter publishes random musings in his blog <https://blog.staadecker.com> on whatever piece of strange-but-true weirdness catches his attention; the latest blog of strangeness being about the cat that helped Matthew Flinders map Australia.

Peter and family make their home in Toronto where Peter has so far failed to teach the rest of them the virtues of a quiet life, silence and reflection.