

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Rick Gillis, author

Rick Gillis has enjoyed a 40+ year career as a journalist and publisher. Over the past ten years he has refocused his attention on the creation of fiction. His first self-published novel, *The Boy Who Couldn't Die*, was chosen finalist in the prestigious *Indie Excellence Book Awards* the year it was published. This was followed by his second novel, *Buckskin Girl and Blackheart*. During the time he was creating his first two full-length novels, he was also penning several short stories. These were gathered into an anthology titled *The Chair*. A brief hiatus was followed by the author's novel, *The Astonishing Legend of Johnny P'tuu*, then in 2023 he published his fifth work, a novella titled *The Last Swans*.

For the past two years the author has been working on the manuscript for a humour novel titled *Runaway Grannies*, the subject of which is the positive embracement of aging. That manuscript became a book in September 2025 and was officially released October 3.

Currently residing in Lethbridge with his wife Jeanne, Rick has spent the greater part of his life in Southern Alberta and his writing reflects his attachment to these roots in both Alberta and British Columbia.