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- Press Releases
- Advertising
- Slogans/Taglines
- SEO Content
- Photography

Biography: My writing persona is “The Newfoundland Inkslinger.” I first stepped into a newsroom - MUN's Muse newspaper- on September 11, 2001. I left MUN in 2002 and enrolled in College of the North Atlantic's journalism program, graduating in 2004. Before I landed my first professional job out West, I was a student reporter for local community newspapers and a volunteer columnist for the Telegram. I was a member of WANL for some time during this period as well. My first professional newspaper job was in the Northwest Territories. I moved on then to Lloydminster, Alberta, where I worked in restaurants and retail before landing a job with the Meridian Booster. Here, I worked primarily as a sheet-fed press operator and bindery finisher. Eventually my journalism background was noticed and I began to bounce all over the building. I covered various departments, such as editorial and advertising. It was here that I began my column series “THE NEWFOUNDLAND INKSLINGER.” The column was published simultaneously in the newspaper and my blog site. The “Great Recession” rumbled through in

2008-09, causing the layoff axe to fall on many co-workers and shut down our local newspaper printing press, outsourcing the work to Edmonton. I began to consider other careers in late 2009. I made the decision to return to Newfoundland in 2010 and shift into the sciences. My department at the Meridian Booster would eventually be shut down and my former co-workers all laid off in 2014. The newspaper was bought out by the local competition. I enrolled again at College of the North Atlantic, this time studying Environmental Technology in Corner Brook. During this time period, I contributed to local blog CornerBrooker and the Western Environmental Center newsletter. THE NEWFOUNDLAND INKSLINGER was on hiatus at this time. Less than a year after graduation, I landed a laboratory and safety job at the Come By Chance refinery, and eventually revived THE NEWFOUNDLAND INKSLINGER on its Blogger website. I also acquired a professional technologist designation. Things were going well until 2020... When the refinery shut down, the layoff axe got me. I was able to escape it in Alberta when I left of my own accord, but got caught off-guard this time. Floundering around, I eventually decided to try starting my own business. I dabbled in home inspections, but recalled my love for proofreading and editing. I re-oriented my business plan to offer proofreading and editing services, and decided to rejoin WANL for networking. I'm happy to be back. Ian Hutchings ITH CONSULTING www.ithconsult.com

Selected Publications: "Loss of the Aeolus", Telegram 2012 Cuffer Prize runner-up. Published in The Cuffer Anthology, Volume V.

"The Newfoundland Inkslinger," a self-published blog that began in Alberta and continues to run to this day.

Please visit <https://ithconsult.com/the-newfoundland-inkslinger/> – A portfolio of newspaper clippings from 2001-2010.