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Biography: Jay McGrath is an author, originally from Branch, and currently residing in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador. Born into a community of storytellers, Jay has been putting pen to paper his whole life and enjoys writing fiction. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and History, a Bachelor of Business Administration, and a Master of Arts from Memorial University.

His debut novel, *We'd Rather Fight Than Eat* was published by Flanker Press in 2023 and was listed on The Telegram's Must Read List for that year. Flanker Press released his second book, *Hurricane House*, in the summer of 2025.

Jay was a judge for the 2024 Sheree Fitch Prize for Teen Writers out of New Brunswick and a judge for the St. John's Kiwanis Club High School Short Story Award in 2025 and 2026. He is a former member of the Board of Directors for Writers NL and has hosted many of their Inkpod podcast episodes.

Selected Publications:

We'd Rather Fight Than Eat (Novel, 2023) Flanker Press

Hurricane House (Novel, 2025) Flanker Press