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Region: Avalon Peninsula

Willing to Travel: No

Available For: -Manuscript Evaluation -Readings
-Mentorship -Book Reviews
-Workshop Facilitation -School Visits
-Speaking Engagements -Essays
-Articles

Biography: Sharon Bala is the best-selling author of *The Boat People* and a member of The Port Authority Writing Group. After a first career in communications, she now earns her bread with words. Sharon spends an ungodly number of hours writing stories and would be pleased to look at one of yours. Her feedback is kind but, more importantly, constructive, insightful, and thorough.

Selected Publications: Non-fiction: Maclean's Magazine, Globe & Mail, The Newfoundland Quarterly Online

Fiction: The Journey Prize 29, Hazlitt, Grain, PRISM international, The Dalhousie Review, The New Quarterly, Maisonneuve, Room, and Riddle Fence

Selected Awards: Winner: 2020 NL Book Award, 2019 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction, 2017 Writers' Trust/ McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize, 2017 CBC Emerging Artist Award, 2015 Percy Janes First Novel Award

Finalist: 2019 Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award, 2019 Margaret and John Savage First Book Award, Canada Reads 2018, 2018 Amazon Canada First Novel Award

Long-listed: 2020 International DUBLIN Literary Award, 2019 Aspen Words Literary Prize.