

Sharon Berg

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Region: Central/Burin

Willing to Travel: Yes

(Note: Travel of 3 hours or more distance from my home would need to include financial support for transportation and accommodation.)

Available For:

Manuscript Evaluations

Prize Adjudication

Editing/Proofreading

Readings

School Visits

Interviewing

Layout/Design

Biography:

Sharon Berg attended the Banff School of Fine Arts writing program in 1982 and was accepted to Banff's Leighton Artist Colony in 1987. She is an alumni of Humber College's Writing Program in 2007. She founded and ran the international literary E-Zine, Big Pond Rumours and its associated Big Pond Rumours Press which released chapbooks of Canadian Poets as prizes for the magazine's contests (January 2006 - September 2019). Sharon has published 5 full books and 3 chapbooks. Her work has been published in periodicals across Canada, in the USA, Mexico, the UK, the Netherlands, India, Germany, Singapore, and Australia. Sharon worked for many years as a public school teacher. She currently lives in Newfoundland where she operates Oceanview Writers Retreat in Charlottetown, Terra Nova National Park. In addition to her published work, she has several additional books (a debut novel, a 2nd short fiction collection, a YA novel, a 4th collection of poetry) that are currently seeking publishers.

Selected Publications:

Fiction Books:

2019 Naming the Shadows/Stories. (collection) Porcupine's Quill, ON, Canada.

Poetry Books:

2020 Stars in the Junkyard. Cyberwit, India. (124 page book)

2020 Before the Heart Went Down: Selected Poems by Robert Billings (editor) Cyberwit, India.

1984 The Body Labyrinth. Coach House Press, ON, Canada
1979 To A Young Horse. Borealis Press, ON, Canada Poetry Chapbooks:
2017 Odyssey and Other Poems. Big Pond Rumours Press, ON
2016 The Great Hoop Dance. Big Pond Rumours Press, ON 2006 Black Moths. Big Pond Rumours Press, ON Nonfiction Books:
2019 The Name Unspoken: Wandering Spirit Survival School. (cross-genre history) Big Pond Rumours Press.
2017 The Name Unspoken: Wandering Spirit Survival School. Chapter 15. (essay) Alternative Schooling and Student Engagement: Canadian Stories of Democracy within Bureaucracy. Editors: N. Bascia, E. Fine & M. Levin. USA: Palgrave/MacMillan.

Poet Interviews:

2021-23 2x month for 19 issues of Artisanal Writer.
Interviews in Event, Freefall Magazine, 2x The Miramichi Reader, & (ongoing regular appearances since 2022) The /tEmz/ Review

Audio Recordings:

2006 Sharon Berg: re-published audio recordings. (CD) Big Pond Rumours, ON, Canada.
1985 Tape 5. Gallery 101 Productions, ON, Canada. (audio tape)
1986 Black Moths. Public Energies Inc., ON, Canada. (audio tape)

Video Poems:

2023 Rainforest. 2023 Skin Deep/Batik. [YouTube](#).
2019 Personal Myths & Oracle: Lucid Dreaming, Setu Magazine online (India/USA).
2017 Personal Myths. Shown live at Blanche Nuit & Culture Days, London, ON, Canada. Sept. 29 & 30, 2017.
2009 Personal Myths. [YouTube](#).
2009 Oracle: Lucid Dreaming. [YouTube](#)

Selected Awards:

2022: International Book Awards Finalist, Poetry-General for Stars in the Junkyard Cyberwit (India)
2020: 2020 IPPY Award, Best Regional Nonfiction, Canada: East for The Name Unspoken: Wandering Spirit Survival School. Big Pond Rumours Press, 2019.
2016: Grit Lit Writing Contest, 2nd place for Poetry for The Willow.

Additional Notes/Comments:

Juror:
2023 Hamilton Book Awards & E.J Pratt Award for NL Writes Contests
2021 Poetry in Voice. Recital Competitions & South Simcoe Arts, Creative Works Contest & Hamilton Book Awards
2020 Poetry in Voice. Recital Competitions & Saskatchewan Book Awards
1981 Kawartha Sun Poetry Contest. Newspaper, Kawartha Lakes Writer in Residence & Literary

Festivals:

2019 Cardiff House, Cardiff, ON (October 6-14, 2019) followed by the Cardiff Literary Festival (October 12, 2019)