

**National Bestselling Author Ann-Marie MacDonald
Comes to Moncton for Intimate In-Conversation Event**

Moncton, November 2, 2022 - Last week, Ann-Marie MacDonald's newest novel, *Fayne* (Knopf Canada, October 2022), made headlines as the #1 *Globe & Mail* bestselling fiction book. The award-winning writer will be in Moncton on November 12 for a special intimate in-conversation event with Mount Allison University literature professor and researcher Andrea Beverley. The event is presented by the Frye Festival.

Ann-Marie MacDonald says every single one of her novels starts with an image. The one that opened *Fayne* was that "of a young person looking off into the distance into a boggy landscape", she told CBC's Tom Power during an interview on *q* (October 24, 2022). "There are countless stories in that clicketing secret world of wetlands, of moorlands", she continued. *Fayne* is a fictional estate straddling the border between England and Scotland. The author grounds her writing in this land, where she finds a strong personal connection. Indeed, Ann-Marie MacDonald's grandparents, from Scottish descent, spoke Gaelic at home. She brings this story to the Maritimes, where her parents are from.

In this late nineteenth century novel, thirteen year-old Charlotte Bell is being kept from the world due to a mysterious health condition. Strong and insatiably curious, she revels in the moorlands, and has learned the treacherous and healing ways of the bog from the old hired man, Byrn, whose own origins are shrouded in mystery. In this Victorian-era novel, Ann-Marie MacDonald explores themes of identity, gender, magic, and environmentalism. *Fayne*, which has been out since October 11, 2022, is garnering national interest, and reviews praising the 736-page volume are already piling up. Ann-Marie MacDonald, who is also a playwright, an actor, and a broadcast host, came under the spotlight over 20 years ago when her debut novel *Fall on your Knees* (Vintage Canada, 1997) was selected as an Oprah Winfrey Bookclub Pick.

Andrea Beverley, who teaches in the English Department of Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, will be hosting the event. She regularly publishes on Canadian women's literature, often drawing on archival research and feminist theory. "The Frye Festival is proud to welcome Ann-Marie MacDonald in Moncton for her national tour", exclaimed Ariane Savoie, the Frye Festival's Executive Director. "She is an important figure of Canadian literature and we are happy to provide Monctonians an opportunity to meet her."

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The event will be held at the Moncton Public Library, at 2 p.m. on November 12. Tickets for the event can be purchased for 15 \$ on the Frye Festival's website at www.frye.ca. Books will be available for purchase from Tidewater Books.

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The Frye Festival is the largest literary event in Atlantic Canada and a bilingual celebration of books, ideas and the imagination. Amounting to ten days of festivities, the festival takes place at the end of April and unfolds in the Greater Moncton region, in neighbouring communities, and, in the case of school visits, all over the province. A yearly programming of workshops and masterclasses is offered each year outside of the festival's official programming.

Media kit available [here](#).

Event:

Ann-Marie MacDonald In Conversation with Andrea Beverley
November 12, 2022 | 1:30 p.m. | Moncton Public Library
Wheelchair accessible
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