

The Emily Isaacson Institute

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Christmas | With Canadian Poet Emily Isaacson

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas! May you be blessed this season with the gift that came to earth two thousand years ago in the form of a baby. May you find truth in the ongoing gifts of those who still follow the path of a Saviour...

Gift Book Release: A Familiar Shore

During the time of the Iron and Clay Empire, a saint who melts the snow with his feet sets out to preach to the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver in *A Familiar Shore*. His Goliath is poverty and injustice, yet his sling holds only one stone, a minstrel who is a prolific songstress. A poet and florist named Sea, and her daughter Rain, tell of a brush with nature in years of reparation from cancer. Sea chronicles her journey as she meets Raven, a former prostitute, by the sea in Tofino, and a medicine woman of the Stó:lō band, the People of the River.

Emily Isaacson features the woman identity in her art depicting the survival of an ancient people in the Northern Hemisphere. Her storytelling of the sacred circle to preserve the traditions and ways of the four medicines and the four directions includes both free verse and prose poetry. Her palette of postmodern hues etches her lyric and verse into a glorious classical composition, accented by ocean thunder, and with solitude as its rest.

Eventually, the prophets will come to Mission. They will meet the First Nations People in all their ceremony at the longhouse. Will this be a prophetic moment when heaven touches earth? Twelve nations will play a role in this waiting for the healing.

Poetry Endorsements

This lyrical mythic collection with its motifs of healing and nurturing will transport you to places you have never been, in the company of surprising characters and creatures.

—Violet Nesyoly
Author of *Destiny's Hands*

About the Author

Emily Isaacson is a postmodern poet and author who lives in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. Isaacson founded the Emily Isaacson Institute, where she teaches creative writing. She is trained in restorative justice and instructs others to use skills of conflict resolution, circle keeping, and healing through forgiveness.

A Familiar Shore Book Site: www.afamiliarshore.com

Book Launches: Coming next February!

Official release date will be February 17, with local events at Greater Vancouver bookstores to follow. Books will be available for purchase starting in December, through our online bookstore. Get your copy for the holidays!

Book Trailer: YouTube under Voetelle or on the book site.

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Poems from A Familiar Shore...

Caelum

The sculptor's chisel stayed poised
in the heavens, with a bust of marble
still in midsentence, the head of a woman
appearing with white eyes of immobility,
hair streaked with fine powder,
and the mouth of gentrification.
Her words seemed trivial and inane,
the density of bone an enigma
of her statuesque form,
the notes of theory before her
as a cookbook for the food of angels.

How did I set a fine banquet?
My philosophy was an ideology in copper
that chastised many as a scourge
above the realm of earth and its archetype;
the olden tree shall not now slay me—
no curse shall rest in me,
I yet secure a deeper tree.
I shall live and enlighten
the dark with food and wine,
new each day—a carved table
at the elaborate end of time.

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There was first a word of pardon, then the healing
of the wound. First there is the asking, then the
receiving. The old Gregorian melodic line rises
and falls as the breathing of the human chest.

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Emily Isaacson, A Familiar Shore

The Emily Philosophy

Sometimes the best way to pioneer a new way of life, a new philosophy, or a new concept is to depict life with a different outcome in story form. Emily Isaacson is a storyteller at heart, who seeks to share her rich and diverse life experiences with her readers. She has been writing almost three decades now, and is using her art to benefit various non-profit organizations. Emily Isaacson has published over 1800 poems. She has combined them with art, photography, and music online for a multimedia effect. She has reached hundreds of thousands of people from 45 nations with her message of poetry and art.

Emily Isaacson's new book *A Familiar Shore* deals with the issue of cancer and aboriginal healing. It is a timely issue, and addresses the questions of life and death, of survival and healing, and the circle around all of natural medicine in a community context.



The Emily Isaacson Institute Est. 2005

The Emily Isaacson Institute was founded in 2005, and is located in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, Canada. The Emily Isaacson Institute is dedicated to literature, the arts, and medicine, in the tradition and ways of the natural earth, preserving the legacy of Emily Isaacson, her art, writings, and healing modality, nutritional science. The Institute prioritizes first, the creation of postmodern poetry, and second, the distribution of literature. To learn more about the Poet Isaacson's postmodern work that shaped the Institute, visit our online tapestry of websites.

The Institute is engaged in inspiring youth to become guardians of the Sacred Circle, using restorative justice principles. Emily Isaacson has trained in Restorative Justice in both Mission and Abbotsford. She teaches others on the road of reparation using circle keeping. She gives others permission to speak and share their stories with the talking piece.

Emily Isaacson is a local nutritionist at the Nutrition Wellness Clinic. Here she offers holistic health appointments. Visit with the nutritionist at a coffee shop consult, clinic appointment, or home visit in the Fraser Valley. She specializes in working with and preventing eating disorders in children and adults.

Emily Isaacson served as professional photographer of British Columbia (PPABC) from 2010-2012. She exhibited in 2010 at the Mission Arts Centre, and was on the board of directors of the Mission Arts Council for three years.

Voetelle is the online art gallery where Emily Isaacson presents her scenic historical landscapes of the Fraser Valley.



Emily Institute Sites

Find our complete list of sites when you visit the Emily Institute online:

www.emilyisaacsoninstitute.com www.nutritionwellnessclinic.com



Light A Candle

Emily Isaacson founded One Million Burning with the mission to endorse full-spectrum lighting and towards civil conscience. Visit the website to learn more about the connection between your health, the environment, and fluorescent light. This advent season, as you light a candle, remember the symbolic nature of light has meaning in both a spiritual and physical sense. Do so in remembrance of One Million Burning. www.onemillionburning.com