

April is National Poetry Month and we've got it going on!



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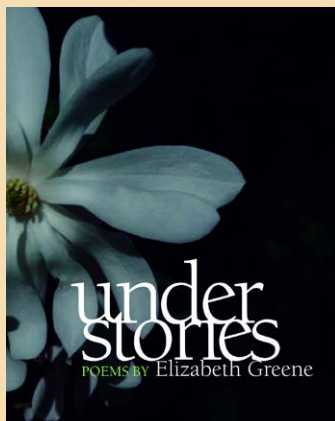


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Monthly Contest

What is the title of a new or recent Inanna volume of poetry?

Be the first to email reneeknapp@inanna.ca with your answer and win a copy of *Understories* by Elizabeth Greene!



NEW! *Understories* - poems by Elizabeth Greene
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Congratulations Vancy Kasper: *Rebel Women* shortlisted for Raymond Souster Award! Get 30% off all Inanna poetry titles until April 30th, author spotlight, our monthly contest, new book announcements, plus author events, media, and more!

Established in Canada in April 1998 by the League of Canadian Poets (LCP), National Poetry Month (NPM) brings together schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in Canada's culture.

National Poetry Month 2014

The year 2014 marks the 16th anniversary of National Poetry Month in Canada. For a sample of NPM events, go to the NPM section at www.poets.ca or check your local newspaper and magazine listings for details of events in your area.

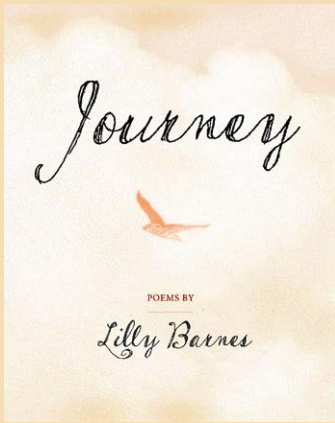
Just announced by The League of Canadian Poets (LCP)!

April 2014 Events:

April 4: Madeline Sonik, author of *The Book of Changes*, reads @ The Alchemy of Chance, Metro Studio, 1411 Quadra (at Johnson), \$15-\$50 (All Ages): 8:00pm - 10:30pm, doors at 7:15pm. Presented by Ambiguous Arts Festivals Society. [click here for details](#)

April 8: Vivian Demuth, author of *Bear War-den* (Inanna, 2015), reads from her recent poetry book, *Fire Watcher*, @ Art Bar Poetry Reading Series, Black Swan Tavern, 154 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON: 8:00pm.

April 13: Gail Benick, author of



New! *Journey* - poems by Lilly Barnes

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April 30th Inanna spring book launch featuring four fabulous new titles @ The Supermarket! [more info](#)



Author Spotlight

Lilly Barnes is the author of *Journey*, a forthcoming volume of poetry (Inanna, 2014), as well as *A Hero Travels Light*, a book of interrelated short stories published in 1986, and of the novel *Mara*, published by in 2010. Mara is the spine of the literary/music event called

Rebel Women by Vancy Kasper (Inanna Publications) **shortlisted for the 2014 Raymond Souster Memorial Award!** Winners of these awards will be announced during a special ceremony at the LCP Annual Poetry Festival and Conference to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in downtown Toronto on June 7, 2014. **Congratulations Vancy Kasper!**

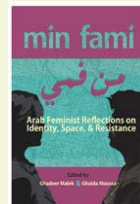
Inanna poetry sale!

Until April 30th! Browse [our website](#) and at check out, type in the code **POETRY** to receive your 30% discount!

New Inanna Titles for April 2014:

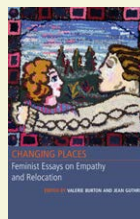
Min Fami: Arab Feminist Reflections on Identity, Space and Resistance (Ghadeer Malek & Ghaida Moussa, eds).

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"This book is extraordinary, passionate, and hopeful, even as it knows its work is battle and mourning as much as making a space for being and beauty."

Changing Places: Feminist Essays on Empathy and Relocation (Valerie Burton & Jean Guthrie, eds). [click here](#)



Whether scholarly or popular, today's commentaries on human dilemmas

The Girl Who Was Born that Way (Inanna, 2015), reads "A Letter to My 16-Year Old Self," @ OISE, University of Toronto, 12th floor Nexus Lounge, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON: 2:30pm.

April 16: Susan McCaslin, author of **Into the Mystic: My Journey with Olga** (Inanna, fall 2014), reads @ SFU Harbour Centre's Teck Gallery, 515 W. Hastings St., Burnaby, BC, 12:00pm.

April 19: Elizabeth Greene, author of **Understories**, reads @ Poetry Gala (hosted by Barry Dempster), Richmond Hill Pubic Library, 1 Atkinson St, Richmond Hill, ON, 1:00-4:00pm.

April 24: Lisa de Nikolits, author of **A Glittering Chaos**, reads @ Crime Writers of Canada event, Indigo, Manulife Centre, 55 Bloor Street West, Toronto, 7:00pm.

April 26: Carrienne Leung, author of **The Wondrous Woo**, and Lisa de Nikolits, author of

"Jazz for Mara." Lilly Barnes is also the author of five books for children, and of poems published in seven editions of **Variety Crossing Anthologies**. She was an Arts Journalist for CBC radio for many years, as well as senior script writer for the Mr. Dress-Up show for which she received the 2007 Gemini Award: the Margaret Collier Award for writing, for Outstanding Body of Work. A fifteen-part jazz series for CBC radio's Ideas saw her research and interview some of the biggest names in jazz. Including: Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Lena Horne, Dexter Gordon, Charles Mingus, Dizzy Gillespie and many others. Lilly Barnes was married to the late Canadian composer Milton Barnes and has two sons, Micah and Daniel. She lives in downtown Toronto, in an old house full of stories and music. [Click here for details about her new book](#)

Recent Media

A Force Such as the World Has Never Known reviewed by The Interfaith Observer [here](#)

The Wondrous Woo (Carrienne Leung) reviewed by *Schema* [here](#)

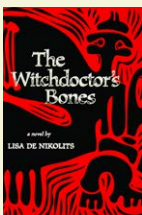
The Wondrous Woo (Carrienne Leung) reviewed by *Buried in Print* [here](#)

Arresting Hope co-editor, Ruth Elwood Martin interviewed on Mainland Radio [here](#)

The Long White Sickness (Cecelia Frey) reviewed by *FreeFall Magazine* [here](#)

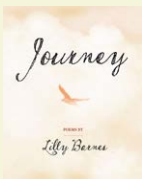
increasingly invoke empathic ways of understanding. In *Changing Places*, eleven authors, based mostly in Canada, show how their positions and perspectives have been changed by working against the grain.

The Witchdoctor's Bones - a novel by Lisa de Nikolits [click here](#)



"Beautiful, sexy, exciting, mysterious, dangerous and twisted..." a suspenseful page-turner that will bewitch you until the end."

Journey - poems by Lilly Barnes [click here](#)



This book of poetry brings you the journey of a life lived in turbulent times. Its many stories are distilled from personal experience, honed and deepened into the shape and rhythm of poetry.

Understories - poems by Elizabeth Greene [click here](#)



Understories is an exploration of things visible mostly to the inner eye and memory, things below the surface. The book began as a riff on Mark Strand's brilliant title, "Planet of the

The Witchdoctor's Bones, read @ Raw Sugar Cafe, 692 Somerset St W., Ottawa, ON, 4:00pm. Hosted by Octopus Bookstore.

April 30: Peterborough launch of **Class Acts** by Katerina Fretwell @ Barbeside Salon Reading Series, 131 Hunter Street West, Peterborough, ON, 4:00pm.

April 30: Toronto Inanna collective spring launch featuring **Midsummer** by Carole Giangrande, **The Witchdoctor's Bones** by Lisa de Nikolits, **Journey** by Lilly Barnes, and **Understories** by Elizabeth Greene @ The Supermarket, 268 Augusta Avenue, Toronto, ON: 6:00pm. [click here for details](#)

About Inanna Publications:

As you browse our books, we hope you will find a multiplicity of voices, particularly fresh new Canadian voices, that speak to your heart and tell truths about the lives of the broad spectrum and endless diversity of Canadian women. [more](#)

Lost Things," and it is an exploration of loss, but also of recovery through memory and language.

Midsummer - a novella by Carole Giangrande [click here](#)



Midsummer is a story of family ties and fortune, and of finding peace as life nears its close, high above the historic place where nonno's story began.

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