

GARY NEWHOOK MAKES A RACKET



Gary Newhook is a writer from Paradise, Newfoundland, who now resides in Kilbride.

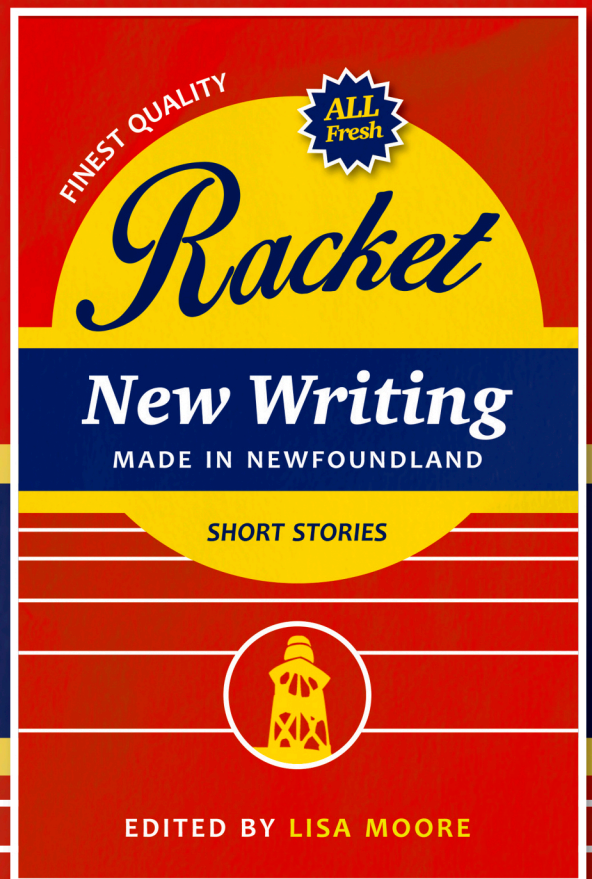
All Natural Ingredients

His first break came when MUN Drama produced his play *Snails* in 2010 followed by a win in the Statoi Young Playwriting Series. His work has previously appeared the online publications *Defenestration* and

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Every Day Poetry and on paper in *Ahoy!* and *Paragon*. He is a member of The Port Authority writing group and has a fondness for growing potatoes and being in the woods.

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Susan Sinnott:

What's your pet peeve in a novel or short story?

I hate it when something just feels like a chore to read, you know? I feel like most people who read fiction after they are done their schooling do it for fun. I think that's important to keep in mind as a writer. The reader is not obligated to read your work, so they better get some enjoyment out of it. That doesn't necessarily mean the work has to be funny, some people enjoy sitting down and reading a tragic love story, it just means the person reading your work shouldn't feel like you just wasted their time. Part of the art of writing is getting the reader into your story. Without the reader you just have a diary entry, not a short story.

Morgan Murray: Why do you write?

I dunno. It's not very fun. I probably just hate myself. That being said, I really like having written something. I get the same satisfaction from writing what I feel is a good piece of fiction that I do from fixing something around the house, or sitting down to a meal that consists of food I grew myself. It feels pretty shitty when something turns out bad, though.

Jamie Fitzpatrick:

What are the five most recent items in your browser history?

My first impulse is to make a porn joke, but I'm told that's too cliché, so I'll just play it straight:

- 1) cordwoodmasonry.com because I think this is a super interesting building technique, and I want to try it out. However, I'm worried about how the Newfoundland climate would affect cordwood. Anyone have any experience? Send me a tweet @gary1985
- 2) Gmail because email is exciting stuff.

- 3) CBC News because I'm the type of jerk who picks fights in the comment section for fun. I even argue with people I agree with.
- 4) A Wikipedia entry for Scottish folk hero Rob Roy MacGregor that came up when I did a Google search for a different Rob Roy (Who happens to be one of the foremost authorities on cordwood masonry).
- 5) Rotten Tomatoes because I am a giant nerd who likes to read reviews of movies after I see them and try to find a critic whose opinion of the movie comes closest to matching my own.

Sharon Bala:

Unrelated to writing—What's one rookie mistake you'll never make again?

Thinking I am smart. I am not smart. No one is really very smart. Some people are just good at pretending to be smart. Also, don't hate people for being dumb. That is super-dumb because everyone is dumb. Both of these are rookie mistakes if you're trying to be happy. It's better to just accept that most people have no idea what they're doing than it is to try too hard to look intelligent and enlightened. I feel like the façade would make you bitter over time.

Melissa Barbeau:

What is your favourite word and why?

My favourite word is *moist* because so many people hate it. I like to root for the underdog.

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