

Hampton woman gets a little satisfaction

Tale about Rolling Stones concert in anthology

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A Hampton woman's funny tale of the worries that accompanied her while attending a Rolling Stone's concert in her mid-30s, will be published in an anthology of first-person stories from authors across Canada.

Trudy Kelly Forsythe, a freelance writer from Hampton, is one of 18 contributors to the non-fiction book *Prose to Go: Tales from a Private List*, which is expected to hit bookstores on May 15.

"It was prior to the Rolling Stones coming to Moncton in 2005 and I was in my mid-30s and I realized going to an outdoor concert my concerns had changed," Kelly Forsythe said. "I was extremely worried about the bathroom facilities."

Forsythe, who was a staff writer for the *Kings County Record* in Sussex at the time, submitted a column for the paper that told of her pre-concert anxiety, which also included worries about getting to and from the concert site, the weather, the crowds and what she could or couldn't take onto the concert grounds. Forsythe said she talked to a couple, in their 20s, at the concert and wrote a follow-up piece comparing the two



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Writer Trudy Kelly Forsythe is excited a story of hers has been published in an anthology.

experiences. She said she combined the stories for the book.

"As a long-time Rolling Stones fan I was very excited about the concert coming but also realizing I was growing up because I was worried about the practicalities of going to the concert as opposed to just going," she said. "It tells how the experience went and it compares a 20-something to a 30-something experience... and how when the band starts playing it doesn't matter what age you are, it's just a good concert."

Barbara Florio-Graham, one of the

three editors of the book, said the book idea was born from a group email in which about 25 writers shared their ideas and information with one another. She said as the group of friends exchanged stories about the things they were doing or had gone through, there were several occasions when someone would recognize that the tales should be published. She said the idea took off from there and became a reality when Bridgeross Communications, a mid-size publisher in Ontario, agreed to publish the book.

Florio-Graham said all of the writers on her private email list were asked to contribute and the result was a book that combines humorous, dramatic and sentimental stories from writers across Canada, offering audiences a little bit of everything.

"There's something for everyone," she said. "It is a book you can dip into and out of... We wanted a book that anybody could pick up and take to the dentist or when they are travelling... We just think it's a book people will really enjoy."

Prose to Go: Tales from a Private List will sell for \$17.95 at bookstores in the United States and Canada.

"I find it very exciting," Kelly Forsythe said about her first piece being published in a book. "I've gotten to know so many of these people on the list. It's fun to have a collection of everyone's stories. It's a neat feeling."

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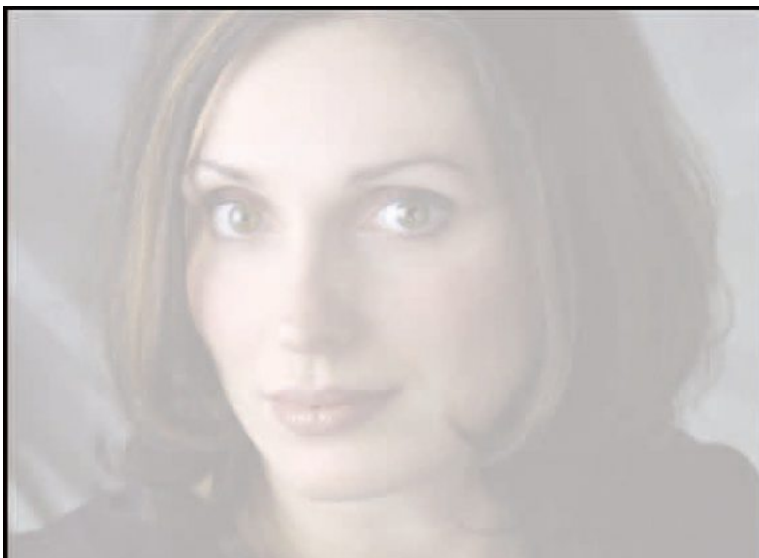
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