

Canadian Authors Association Presentation

Wednesday, October 12th, 2011

Bob Mackay and Ben Nuttall-Smith: Journey to publication

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

Place: Alliance for Arts and Culture, Suite 100, 938 Howe St., Vancouver.

Cost: CAA Members free; Non-members \$10; Students (with student ID) \$5

Two professionally published writers, with other published members of the Canadian Authors' Association, share the publishing process from manuscript completion, through the travails of editing and rewriting, and the lengthy search for the right publisher, to that amazing announcement: "We'd like to publish your book." And where do we go from here? **If we can do it, so can you.**



Robert William Mackay enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy and achieved an undergraduate degree in mathematics and physics at the University of British Columbia following high school. Robert achieved a science degree in 1963, then served 3 years on HMC Ships Margaree, Ottawa and Saguenay before being despatched to England for submarine training.

He subsequently taught high school before returning for a law degree. Robert practiced law in Vancouver and Surrey, retiring after over thirty years, in order to research and write his first novel, *Soldier of the Horse*.

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Ben Nuttall-Smith taught Music, Theatre, Art, and Language until he retired in 1991. Ben is publicity chairperson for the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Authors Association, Fraser Valley representative for the Federation of British Columbia Writers, Editorial Board member for the Canadian Poetry Association quarterly magazine *Poemata* and member of the Canadian Writers' Union.

Publications include an historical novel (*Blood, Feathers and Holy Men*, Libros Libertad, January 2011), three books of poetry (*Word Painting*, *Splashes of Light* and *Scribbles from Afar*) and a 3500 word illustrated children's book (*Henry Hamster Esquire*). A second novel, *Secrets Kept / Secrets Told* will be published by Libros Libertad January 2012.

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