



Thursday, December 4 (Toronto) – Book Clubs for Inmates (BCFI) shares with pride and gratitude their holiday fundraising campaign, “Canadian Authors for Book Clubs for Inmates.” Led by the voices of 40 Canadian authors and luminaries, this campaign calls for donations to support the growth and momentum of BCFI programming across Canada.

Throughout the month of December, visit the BCFI Instagram and Facebook pages (@bookclubsforinmates) to watch video messages from incredible Canadian authors who support our cause and share the belief that books have the power to transform lives.

Participating authors include Elamin Abdelmehmoud, Margaret Atwood, Ashley Audrain, Linwood Barclay, Eddy Boudel Tan, Randy Boyagoda, Ian Brown, Stephen Brunt, Morgan Campbell, Jamie Chai Yun Liew, Michael Crummey, Terry Fallis, Chris Hadfield, Maggie Helwig, Catherine Hernandez, Holly Hogan, Polly Horvath, John Irving, Emma Knight, Vincent Lam, Shari Lapena, Tracey Lindberg, John Lorinc, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Kyo Maclear, Anne Mahon, Minelle Mahtani, Stephen Marche, Linden MacIntyre, Lisa Moore, Matthew R. Morris, Heather O'Neill, Carol Off, Anthony Oliveira, David A. Robertson, Stephanie Sinclair, Kevin Sylvester, Jen Sookfong Lee, Tanya Talaga, and Jesse Wentz.

“To have so many Canadian authors stand with us is profoundly moving. Their voices remind the people in our book clubs — people living through some of the hardest days of their lives — that they are still part of a larger human story. Our rapid growth this year has shown how deeply books are needed inside, but it has also placed enormous pressure on our limited resources. This campaign gives us the chance to keep that lifeline open, one book and one reader at a time.”

—*Tom Best, Executive Director, Book Clubs for Inmates*

The videos will also be made available on the BCFI website (bookclubsforinmates.com). All donations to BCFI are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

ABOUT BOOK CLUBS FOR INMATES (BCFI):

Book Clubs for Inmates (BCFI) is a Canadian charity that brings books, connection, and hope to prisons nationwide. Through our volunteer-led book clubs, we create spaces where incarcerated people can engage with literature, build empathy, and find their voice. Our ChIRP storytelling program helps parents maintain meaningful bonds with their children through shared stories, even across prison walls. And through our ambitious library rebuilding initiative, we are working to restore prison libraries with books that reflect real lives and real hope. Together, these programs support personal growth and help people prepare for a brighter, more successful future.

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