

Peace River author comes home with latest release

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Peace River, Alberta author Talena Winters often writes stories set close to home, but with her latest release, she only had to venture out her front door.

“Life in the north is so different from anywhere else. I wanted to create a story world that showcased the beautiful scenery of the Peace Country and the way of life here,” says Winters.

Winters’s new title, *Every Star that Shines*, is the first book in her clean, sweet small-town romance series. While the town in the novel was renamed to Peace Crossing to allow the author to fictionalize the setting as needed, locals will recognize many of their favourite landmarks—such as Athabasca Hall, which features prominently in this first title (renamed to Mackenzie Playhouse).

“*Every Star that Shines* is about an aspiring Vancouver actress who returns home to Peace Crossing after getting cancelled over a YouTube video. While she’s back in town, she helps direct the local kids’ musical theatre production with help from the high school sweetheart who broke her heart by staying behind when she left. I wanted to pay homage to the fantastic Peace River theatre community while tackling tough real-life issues,” says Winters.

Winters took inspiration for the series from living in the community of Peace River for the past seventeen years, but especially from her four years interviewing and writing about locals in her role as a writer for regional magazine *Move Up*.

“I’ve been blessed to share the real-life stories of so many amazing people in the Peace Country. While all the characters in my books are completely fictional, I hope they reflect the resilience, resourcefulness, and warmth of the folks I’m privileged to call my friends and neighbours,” says Winters.

The book releases August 10, 2022. You can find more information at www.talenawinters.com/every-star.

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