

# Diversify Your Shelves

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#### DIVERSITY IN PUBLISHING

10%

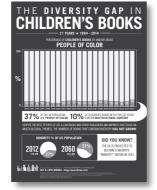
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of children's books over the last
21 YEARS contain multicultural content

2012 New York Times Bestsellers we're by People of Colour









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#### **PUBLISHING CANLIT**

\$2 billion
PUBLISHING INDUSTRY



80%

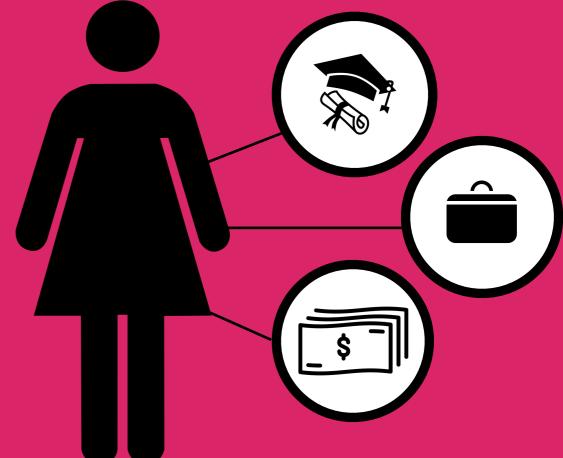
of Canadian writers earn incomes that place them below the poverty line

2 7% of writers are making LESS than they did in 1998.

"These results represent a cultural emergency for CANADIANS."

# AVERAGE CANADIAN BOOK BUYER

- Middle-aged woman
- \$75,000/Year
- Professional
- University-educated



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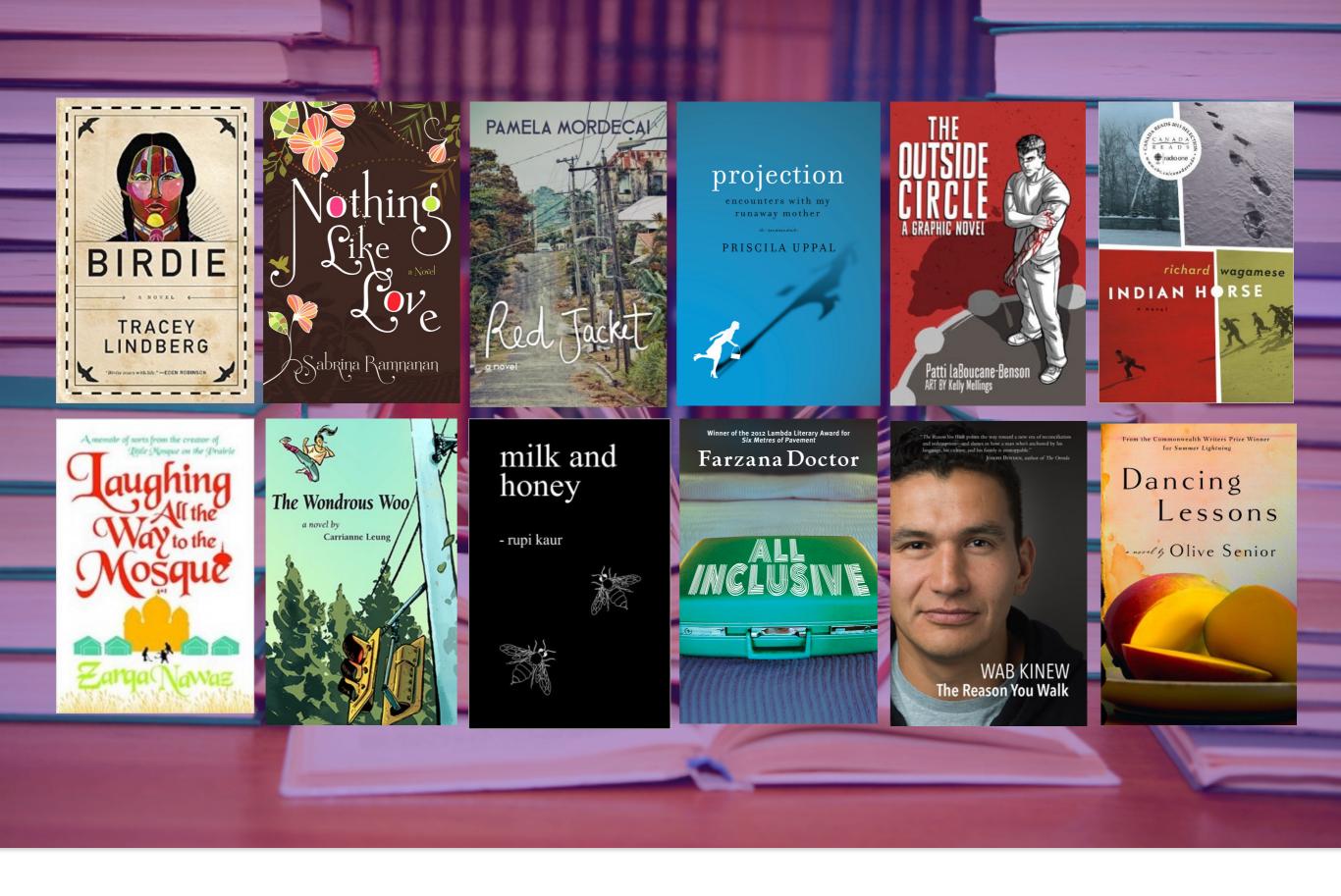
### WAYS TO DIVERSIFY



- VISIBILITY Newsletters/Displays
- RECOMMENDATIONS Blind Date
- INTERACTION Visits/Skype

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#DiverseCanLit

#ThisIsCanLit

#### THINGS TO BE MINDFUL OF



- TOKENISM Diversity Panels, etc.
- MERITOCRACY Giller Effect
- SEPARATISM Recommending by culture/race

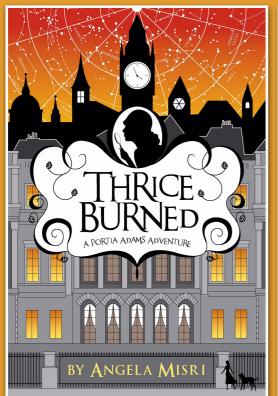
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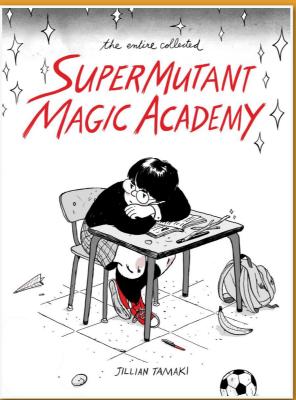
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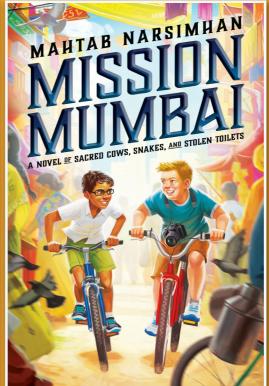
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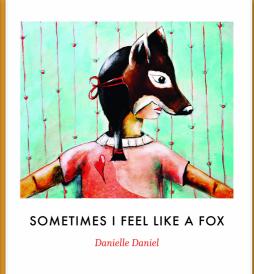


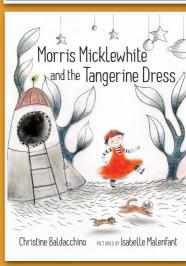
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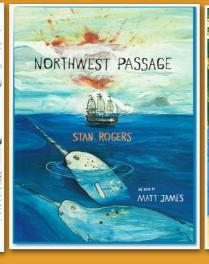


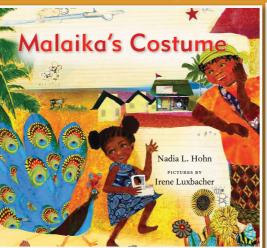


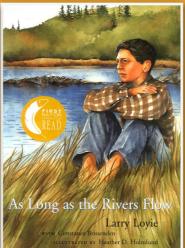


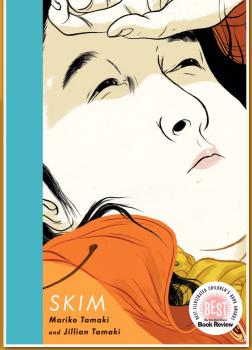








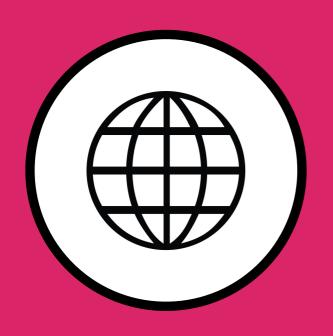




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