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# Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast

« TAKING POETRY PUBLIC ACROSS CANADA »



*A Memoir*

BY **Wendy Morton**

Wendy Morton has probably done more to change the relationship between poetry and publicity than any other living Canadian. Since 2001, she has relentlessly taken poetry out of bookstores and coffeeshops, out onto the street — *even into the air!* — bringing corporate sponsors, poets and audiences together in new and exciting ways.

In 2002, the poet and private investigator became WestJet's Poet of the Skies, reading poems on WestJet airplanes and writing poems for passengers. She has also partnered with corporate sponsors DaimlerChrysler, Fairmont Hotels, Prairie Naturals, and FujiFilm to bring poetry to people all across Canada, finding them in the places where they work, travel, and play.

This book takes its title from *Alice in Wonderland*, where the queen says to Alice, "Why sometimes, I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast." Wendy imagined one seemingly impossible thing when she thought that poets all across Canada could commit "random acts of poetry" on strangers — read them a poem and give them a book.

In 2004, 27 poets across Canada did just that — with the sponsorship of abebooks — and National Random Acts of Poetry Week was born. In 2005, 27 poets in Canada repeated the Random Acts of Poetry project, along with nine poets in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

The memoir of Morton's incredible journey, *Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast*, will be published in the spring of 2006 by Emdash Book Publishing. Including fourteen complete poems by Morton, the memoir outlines her journey from private eye to poet to WestJet's Poet of the Skies and DaimlerChrysler's Poet of the Road, along with other ways Morton has taken poetry public all across Canada. This accessible and exciting memoir is a journey into believing the impossible, and encourages dreamers of all sorts to make positive change based on flights of fancy.

Morton has published three other books of poetry, *Private Eye*, *Undercover* and *Shadowcatcher*, all by Ekstasis Editions, and has been an insurance investigator for 23 years.

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