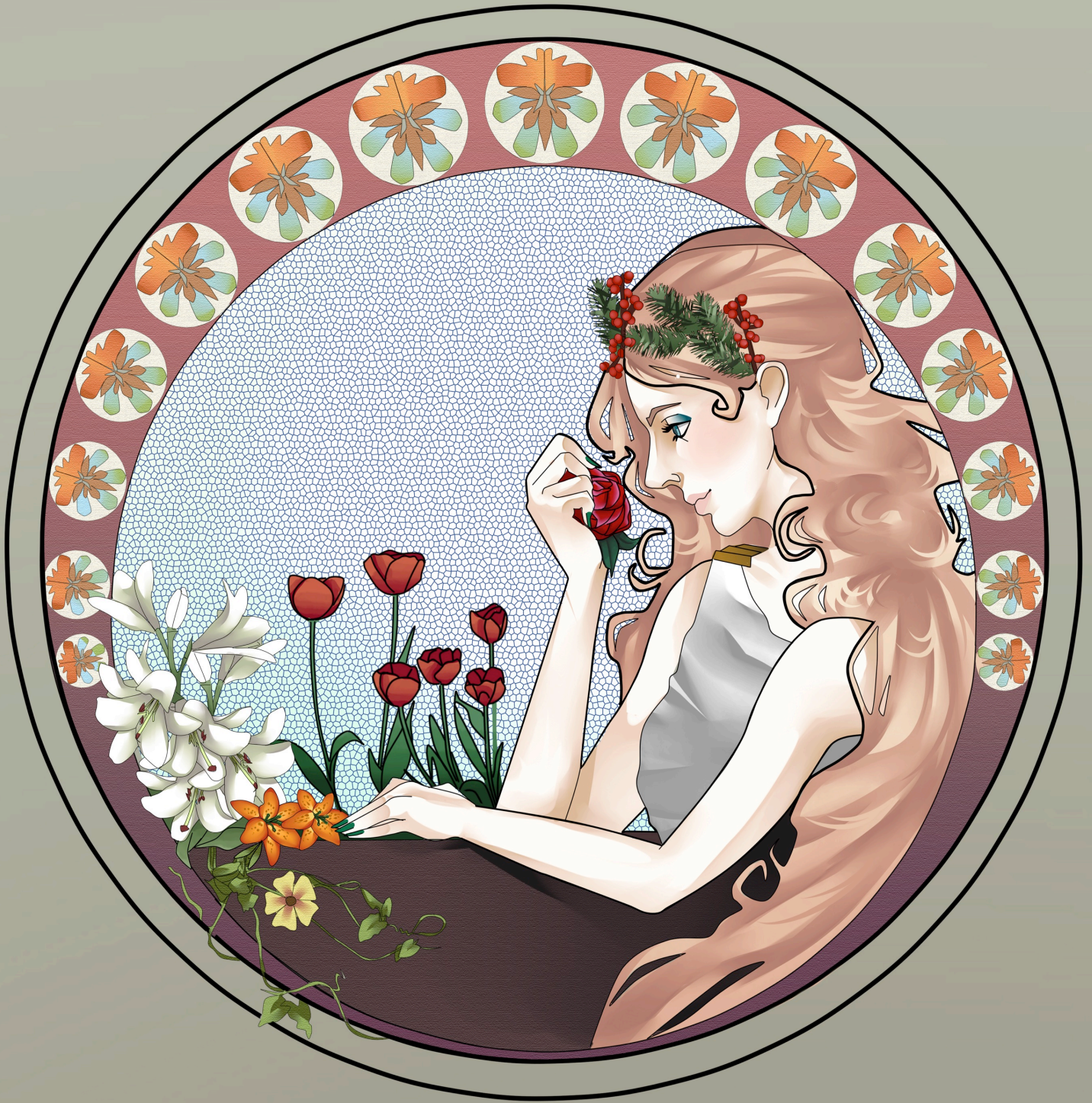


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Hello everyone,

Wow! It's certainly been busy these last couple of months at school, in the community and in the city. It seems as if there have been a thousand things going on at once. This has greatly benefitted us, the writers at *The Paperclip*, because we've managed to find many things that have inspired us to write articles. Whether it be Jim Carr's visit, International Women's Day on March 8th, or your dose of creative writing, *The Paperclip* has you covered this issue. We've worked hard on it, and we hope that you enjoy it!

Happy reading, and until next time!

MARIA NALLIM

Hey Kelvin!

We're really excited to be back with another issue, right in time for the beginning of a new term and the rising optimistic air of spring! Certainly, writing full-length articles is not easy when often life seems to be moving so fast that you can't keep up, but everyone here at *The Paperclip* has managed to dedicate an impressive amount of effort (and of being punctual with deadlines, give or take). In addition to that, we have also organized a book drive for this past week, and that has also been a success! Readers, we hope this issue will make you think and reflect- and perhaps even give you inspiration for your own next big piece of writing!

GRACE MA

Suddenly caught by a fear of missing out on your chance to contribute to the next issue? Fret not, my friend.

***The Paperclip* Team is always excited to bring new members under its wings. We're looking at you: writers, photographers, artists, dreamers, thinkers, humans. If you fall under at least one of these categories, join us Fridays, Room 63 at Lunch!**

See you there!

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-Wisława Szymborska-

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JIM "CARRTICLE"

EAC Hosts the Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources

by Julia Miles



As you most likely know, on October 19, 2015, Winnipeg South Centre elected Mr. Jim Carr as its member of parliament in Canada's 42nd federal election. A member of Canada's Liberal Party, Carr proceeded to be chosen by Prime Minister Trudeau to be one of the ministers in his diverse cabinet. On November 4th it was announced that Mr. Carr had been appointed Minister of Natural Resources.

Kelvin's Environmental Action Committee was interested to hear first-hand how the Liberal

government planned to uphold the variety of promises that had been made during the campaign concerning our environment, so EAC's president, Elijah Dietrich, invited the Honourable Jim Carr to Kelvin for a question and answer session and a discussion. The minister was interviewed by a panel consisting of three EAC members: Elijah Dietrich, Julia Miles and Sila Rogan.

The primary focus of the interview was the environment and the environmental policies of our new government. Minister Carr touched on the new review processes being implemented, plans to

generate more jobs in the clean energy sector, and emphasized the importance of the relationships with Canada's First Nations peoples and their involvement in the creation of new procedures and construction projects. He also outlined the agreement made at COP21 last December and explained how, by focusing on the areas outlined, Canada would not exceed its emission targets. Carr acknowledged the crucial role scientists and their research play in today's society and went on to state that the government will be making all of these findings, as well as their own agendas, public whenever possible.

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Minister Carr was articulate and detailed in all of his answers, not only thoroughly answering our questions but also touching on additional areas to provide more information. EAC was honoured to host him and grateful for this opportunity. We hope the future will bring more chances to work with him. There is something to be said about a politician that takes time out of their schedule to meet with students and answer their questions.

Climatologists and environmental scientists with the IPCC have concluded that in order for the mean global temperature to warm less than 2° C, the level beyond which scientists agree catastrophic climate change will be irreversible, no more than approximately 485 billion tonnes of CO₂ can be emitted into the atmosphere, globally. This is known as the *carbon budget*. In turn, this means 60 to 80 percent of the world's fossil fuel reserves must remain unburned and in the ground.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WAGE GAP. SCRATCH THAT, LET'S TALK ABOUT FEMINISM IN GENERAL TOO.

by Maria Nallim

Feminism: the social, political and economic equality of the sexes. It's not a hard concept to grasp and many people believe in it. Yet, not as many choose to identify with the movement. Why is that? Why does the word bring to mind something negative for so many people, rather than a progressive and positive change in society?

In theory, we live in a progressive society and generation that is making changes that will bring with them gender equality. In theory. There are many who say that we no longer need to discuss feminism because all it does is polarise people, that it is an issue that will solve itself if left untouched, and many actually believe that there is no longer a need for feminism, or at least in Canada there isn't. Right. We need look no further than the wage gap to know that this is not true.

To say that the wage gap no longer exists in Canada or that it is exaggerated is false. While it may be true that it is not as large as the difference as in some developing countries, it is an important difference nonetheless. An article released in the Huffington Post in the summer of 2015 showed that the wage gap in Canada is an important issue. In Canada, a woman (on average) earns \$0.82 for every \$1 a man makes. That is an 18% difference. That is approximately a little over \$8000 a year in wage difference, according to one of the researchers interviewed in the article. \$8000 is a lot of money, and the difference is even larger for minority women and women living with disabilities. The article continues to state that "although many reports

have attributed the gap between men's and women's salaries to mothers taking time off for childcare in their career-building years, Catalyst notes that even just one year out of university, there's still a 6.6 per cent gap between what women and men earn." To place those percentages on an international scale of comparison, Norway has an 8% wage gap and Japan has 29%. There various other sources that confirm these statistics, and all indicate that Canada could be doing much better. A lot of countries could be doing much better, in fact, considering that in 2015 the Washington Post published an article that stated the average global difference in women's earnings was somewhere between 10% and 30% less than men's, and that many jobs continue to be segregated.

Now, to those who say that the wage gap is due to differences in employment, it is important to consider why the differences in employment exist. In underdeveloped countries, there are stigmas about women working, women working with men, women working in public places, women doing manual work, women doing intellectual work, etc. (there are many stigmas about women working). Some countries have laws that require the husband to give his consent for women to be able to work. The reasons for the differences in employment in countries less developed than Canada may seem a bit extreme in comparison, but when it comes down to looking at the issue in Canada and in the United States, the issues still exist. One of the most well-known cases is that of female CEO's. Globally, women make up less than 5% of all CEO's. No, it is not because women do not want to be CEO's. The statistics provided by Britain's Chartered Management Institute showcased that as the position becomes more important, the percentages of women occupying that position of employment decrease. Women hold 60% of positions as junior managers, 40% of middle managers, 20% are at senior level

jobs, and the percentage of women holding the positions of chief executives is a single digit number. Why is this?

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Well, one theory is that "glass walls phenomenon", defined in an article in the Washington Post as the "occupational segregation by gender". The article continues to explain that women are "boxed into certain roles and not necessarily for the right reasons." Women are considered as having good people skills, and so the belief is that they will be able to establish and 'extract' employee commitment and increase female consumer power. So in management positions, women managers are given jobs whose roles are considered to be 'female specialisms'. These roles often pay less and do not offer as many career promotion opportunities or prestige. Human resource management positions, public relations and communication positions, for example, consist of a majority of female employees. In job areas such as finance, research, operations and general management, the number of women who are managers decreases significantly. This would explain the minority of women who sit in a position of senior management- many women lack the necessary experience to do that job, which is logical, considering that many of the opportunities for employment, skill development and training were

often offered to their male counterparts. The biases and stereotypes about women and their ability to be leaders and availability to work also play a role. The author of the Washington Post article, Sharon C. Bolton, phrased it well: “It’s clear that the position of women in the global labour market is not a simple reflection of their actual skills and career choices. It is a product of institutionalized exclusion, which—though allowing the mass entry of women to certain occupations— is responsible for keeping them unequally positioned economically.” So for the conservatives who claim that the gender pay gap is a myth or exaggerated because women “choose less demanding jobs, or fail to negotiate for higher

salaries as vigorously as their male counterparts”, there you have it.

Many attribute the economic and social inequalities that women

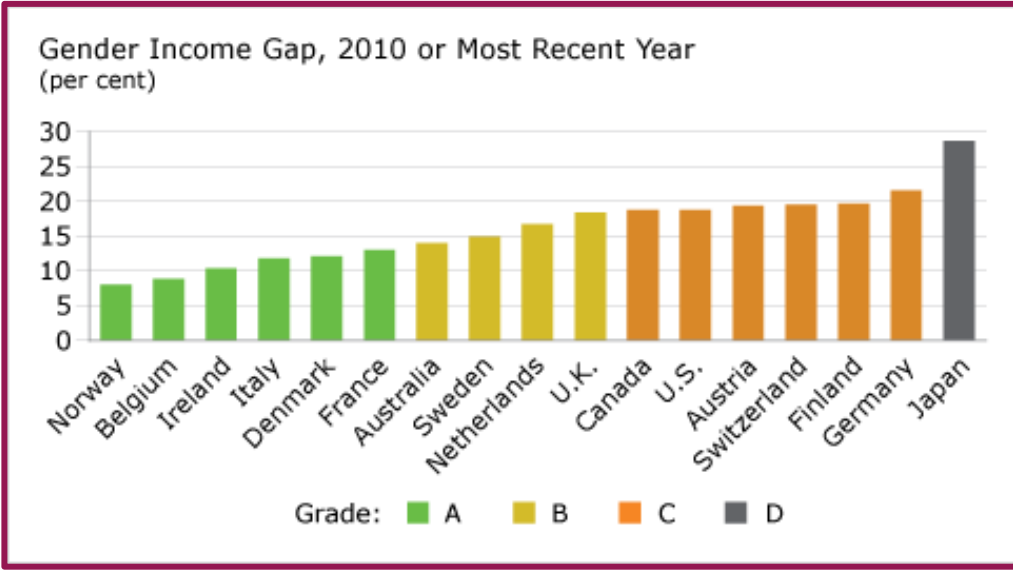
face to be due to the fact that women are often the ones to stay at home for a period after childbirth to take care of children, and there are also many single mothers. This is true, and it is great if a woman wants to stay home and care for her child. That is a personal decision. For others, however, there is no decision to make where there should be one. To put a child in day-care, as it stands today, is very expensive and many cannot afford to do so. If the cost of day-care was minimized or reduced, then it is likely that more women would participate in the workforce. That is one positive change that could have a large

impact on the lives of women that would like to have the option to return to work.

Even the women in Hollywood, having been able to pave their road to fame, face inequalities and injustices. When Sony's email hack took place, it revealed that there existed a gender pay gap even among America’s most lovable people. The film *American Hustle* was in large part successful for its star-studded cast, which included Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper, Amy Adams and Jennifer Lawrence. All had frequent appearances and important roles throughout the film, and yet, Amy Adams and Jennifer Lawrence received smaller paychecks, of

about a 23% pay difference. The curriculum vitae of the female actresses is impressive, and yet the Sony email hack revealed

that they earned less than their male co-stars. There was no clear indication in the emails whether or not Jennifer Lawrence’s and Amy Adam’s paychecks increased later or not. Yet again, this other article argues, this information debunks any claims that the pay gap doesn’t exist, or that it does but is due to poor negotiating, less demanding jobs and taking time out of careers to care for children. Sally Kohn, a CNN political commentator and essayist, wrote in another Washington Post article: “here, we have a situation that negates all those excuses. In Lawrence, we have a highly talented woman who is single with no children, and — as evidenced by her success —



extremely hardworking. She likely has a team of agents, managers and lawyers who advocate for her best interests in production deals, representatives not only skilled at negotiations but presumably well-informed on prevailing compensation standards in the industry. And yet, she's still paid as though she's less valuable than her male co-workers, who performed the same job she did." The fact that the gender gap exists amongst the world's richest people, and to that extent, indicates that the wage gap exists for people who do not have such a high paying job, and the impact on their lives is probably larger, considering that someone who works as a cashier at a fast food chain generally does not have the millions upon millions of dollars that Amy Adams and Jennifer Lawrence have to fall back on.

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The disproportionate ratio of men to women in government around the world further emphasizes the ongoing need to battle gender inequality as well. Justin Trudeau, having appointed the cabinet in a gender-equal manner, should be applauded. Everyone on the cabinet is qualified and the message sent is a positive one. Only a week or two ago, however, an article was published which established that Canada has not yet reached gender equality in the House of Commons. The federal Liberal caucus whip, Andrew Leslie, says that the reason is because

"[they've] literally run out [of women]". There are 88 female Members of Parliament in the House of Commons (26% of the total), and 85 of them are eligible to sit on a committee. (While on the topic of Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government, it should also be mentioned that they have followed through on one of their campaign promises to launch an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, which is incredible!)

Studies place Canada near the top if not in the top spots (it depends on which lists you are looking at) when it comes to gender equality. It's true! Canada is one of the best places in the world for gender equality (and many other equalities). The information presented in this article is not intended to challenge that nor is it intended to make anyone depressed. It is intended to raise awareness on the fact that inequalities *do* continue to exist, and that they do in both indiscrete and discrete ways make an impact on people's lives. It is also meant to show that if Canada can still afford to improve when it comes to gender equality being at the top of the lists for gender equality, then feminism is still a prevalent issue, and is still needed. Think about how many countries come after Canada if it is ranked as the second best place in the world overall for women. Those are a lot of countries, folks. Change begins in mentalities and in societies. Let's try to make this society, and the ones all over the world, as just as they can be.

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HILL YES

by Belle Riley Thompson



With Obama's second term coming to a close, it is evident that 2016 will be an exciting year in politics. Democratic politics, especially in the United States is indisputably a popularity contest; but I don't think anyone expected quite the amount of 'campaigning' done in 2015.

One of the current front runners for the Republican Party, Donald Trump, trumped most reasonable people when he decided that he was a billionaire turned politician. His ideas include: deporting 11

million illegal immigrants, building a literal wall as a border between the US and Mexico, (making Mexico pay for this, obviously) and just genuinely being a complete embarrassment to western society.

But let's get real, on the Democratic side we are all a bit *too* familiar with Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders... or are we? Clinton, former US Secretary of State and a successful advocate for women, children and the LGBTQ community. And Sanders, another old man who yells and flails his arms like

he's conducting an orchestra for pre school kids. Am I biased? Probably. Am I wrong? No. You see, as a strong feminist saying this about a man, I will most likely be perceived as a whiney nag. But if a man said similar things about Hillary, he would probably be thought of as funny and accurate. I genuinely think Clinton is the most qualified person for the job. After graduating from Yale Law school, she went door to door in New Bedford, Massachusetts collecting stories regarding the lack of schooling from children with disabilities. This helped contribute to the passing of the legislation that required the state to provide quality education for students with disabilities.¹ In 1995 she gave a historic speech at the UN's conference on women in Beijing. She famously affirmed that "women's rights are human rights,"² a message that resonated with women around the world.

"As Hillary stated: 'We know when girls have access to quality education in both primary and secondary schools, cycles of poverty are broken, economies grow, glass ceilings crack and potential is unleashed.'"

Globally, Hillary, in conjunction with the Clinton Foundation have committed \$600 million to help disadvantaged girls attend secondary school. As Hillary stated: "We know when girls have access to quality education in both primary and secondary schools, cycles of poverty are broken, economies grow, glass ceilings crack and potential is

unleashed."³ As Secretary of State, she introduced the Global Health Initiative: to help countries provide strong maternal and infant health care services by investing \$63 billion dollars on behalf of the United States. These are just a few examples.

"Well folks, I'm here to tell you that you *can* care about gender on the ballot."

But alas, even my most feminist friends have said things like "yeah, I definitely like Bernie a lot more," "there's just something about him," or my personal favourite "she's just not the right woman for the job." Sanders indeed has some awesome ideas, like free college tuition and socialist economic views. These radical and seemingly un-achievable promises have taken millennial voters by storm. And one of the things young people have seemed to agree on is that you should not care about gender on the ballot.

Well folks, I'm here to tell you that you *can* care about gender on the ballot. As Jessica Valenti for the Guardian said: "Only in a sexist society would women be told that caring about representation at the highest levels of government is wrong."⁴ People are pushing gender so far on the back burner that it's starting to melt. The truth is, women simply need to be represented more than we currently are in this patriarchal society. I believe president is a great place to start.

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INTERVIEW WITH LAURIE FARIA STOLARZ

by Jess Pelletier



I had the amazing opportunity to

interview the internationally recognized author Laurie Faria Stolarz, who has independently written three book series. She is an American author known for her young adult fiction novels, such as the *Blue is for Nightmares* series and her *Touch and the Dark House* series. This amazing author attended Emerson College and Merrimack College (both located in Boston).

If you go to her webpage, you can find out about who she is and what she enjoys. For example, did you know she prefers dark chocolate? The darker the better, apparently! She is just like all of us high schoolers too - in her hobbies section, she specifies one of her many hobbies is napping.

I contacted her through Facebook, and she agreed to let me email her. I asked her a series of questions and I was thrilled to receive a positive response. It all happened so fast! In less than twenty-four hours I got the chance to talk to one of my favourite authors.

"*Bleed* and *Project 17* are companion books to one another. I also wrote one of the books in the Amanda Project series," she told me, telling me about a few of her books that weren't from a specific series of her own. I asked where she has gotten and continues to get her inspiration from, since these books are anything but normal:

"My inspiration comes from all over - things I read in the news, reality TV, research I do, stories I hear, etc., etc. I always have my ears and eyes open for compelling story material that's fresh and new."

I proceeded to ask her what when she knew she was going to become an author.

"Writing is what I've always done - since before I could even write, I was telling stories to whomever would listen. It's always been a part of who I am."

My final question for her was: how on earth she had come up with these stories without getting writer's block? I'm a writer myself, and the amount of times that I've run into writer's block is unbelievable!

"I do a synopsis first - one that details who my character is, what he or she wants, why he or she wants it, what that person needs to learn in order to get it. I go through the story structure, mapping out the plot and twists, as well as the other characters in the book. Then I begin to write. I find that having a map of where my story is headed keeps me from getting writer's block."

My interview with Laurie Stolarz went amazingly and it was an honour to speak with her. I recommend checking out her books and different series. Here's a quotation from her *Touch* series to end this article:

"Love isn't rational, it's instinctive"

-Laurie Faria Stolarz, *Deadly Little Secret*

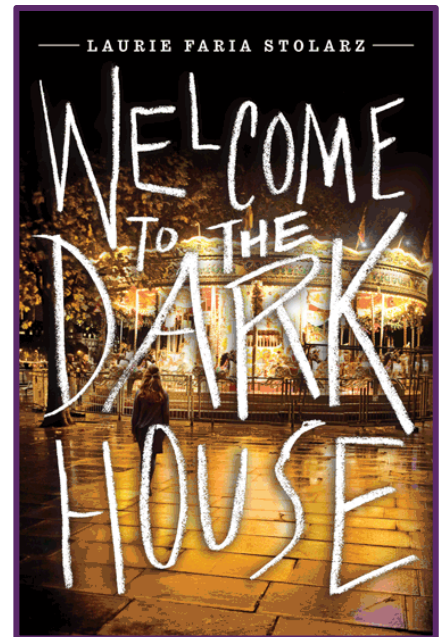


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JUST PICK THREE

by Grace Ma

Acknowledge the comfort, embrace the discomfort.

1.

It's a dog eat dog world out there.
Exhibiting: my head belittling my tail.

2.

Beyond failure, insufficiency, boredom
there is the exponential consent to the robot.
To have the stare stolen first,
then to submit to the nausea of petrified motion.
Why does the human endeavour
so readily allow the eyes to fix and burn
until they are astonishingly bright,
bright with nothing.

3.

But should I live with a primary reality?
The days seem pulled towards conventions
The shells of out-standing moments eroded
from my foreign treatment.

Distinctively, my reality is too inconsiderate.
Quantity of time should not determine
the direction in which I lean my rationality,
in which I dedicate my sense of belonging.

Do I not, belong to the world?
Do I not, breathe on the irregular patterns,
sing during the silences
and laugh with my most fleeting friends?

To treat all reality with most freedom and relevancy.

DID YOU KNOW?

by Abby Clarkes

1. You breathe on average about 5 million times a year.
2. Months that begin on a Sunday always have a Friday the 13th in them.
3. One fourth of the bones in your body are in your feet.
4. It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it.
5. The present population is expected to rise to 15 Billion by the year 2080.
6. The largest recorded snowflake was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.
7. Coca-Cola would be green if the food colorant wasn't added.
8. "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

Source: <http://www.livin3.com/50-cool-and-weird-fun-facts-that-you-should-know>

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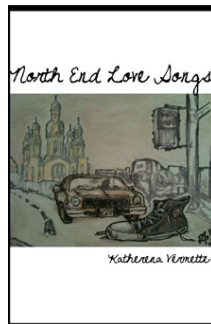
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by Katherena Vermette

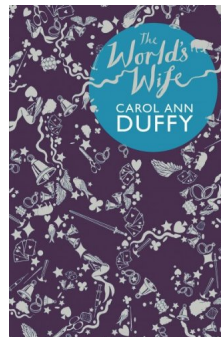
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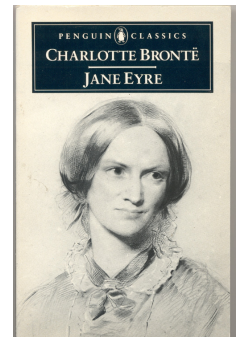
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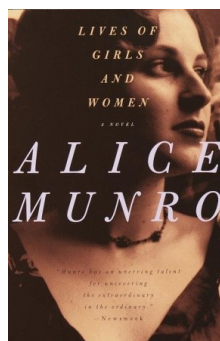
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Classic
Novel



Lives of Girls and Women

by Alice Munro

Canadian,
Novel/Stories



A Room of One's Own

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British,
Essay



Shakespeare's Wife

by Germaine Greer

Australian,
Non-Fiction

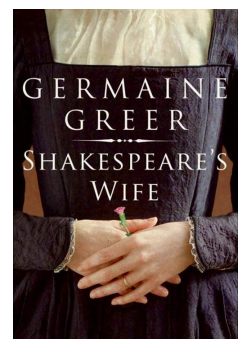


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KELVIN,

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO
THE PAPERCLIP'S FIRST (AND CERTAINLY NOT
LAST),**

BOOKDRIVE!

The Children's Section

by Sophie Lawall

It taught me
That even if I don't fight
I can still be strong
That even the smallest person
Matters to someone
To speak up because
My ideas count
To push through until
Things go right

And it taught me
That even on the darkest of days
I can always
No matter what
That I can always find a light

WITH YOUR HELP, WE'VE RAISED OVER

100 BOOKS!