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"Fischer Guy writes supple sentences that rarely call attention to themselves. They are as fluid and forceful as the river, uncommonly beautiful." - Ottawa Review of Books

"Fischer Guy's writing is strong, well paced, and evocative. The northern setting is rendered more through the characters' interactions than by excessive detail, which works to the novel's advantage. And the relationships, especially those between Hazel and Ruth, and Hazel and Doctor Lachlan, reinforce this." - Broken Pencil

"The arc of the narrative is a tragic one, and the turn of events shocking and distressing... Guy, fortunately, keeps the reader interested partly because she avoids setting up stereotypical opposites." - National Post

About the Author

Christine Fischer Guy is an award-winning journalist who reviews for the *Globe and Mail*, contributes to Ryeberg.com and themillions.com, and teaches creative writing at the School for Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto. Her fiction has appeared in journals across Canada and has been nominated for the Journey Prize. She lives in Toronto.

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