

Award-winning novel by Island resident is published!

For a Song, an award-winning fantasy fiction novel by Island resident, Peggy Hogan, was recently published by Double Dragon Publishing. This is Hogan's first published novel and she attributes this achievement to her win in the 34th Atlantic Writing Competition. She welcomes you to the launch of *For a Song* on Wednesday, November 5th, 6:30 pm, at The Haviland Club in Charlottetown.

"It still seems unreal to me, but then I see the beautiful book cover with my name on it and get a little weepy all over again. It's a dream come true," said Hogan.

The novel is about Blat (an unfortunate name for a singer) who stumbles upon an entire race of people that needs saving. He recruits a brilliant, manic-depressive scientist to help him. Their enemy is the sinister Brothers of the Watch whose leader wants what every evildoer wants: power over everyone and everything, and, through mind control, he has the wherewithal to accomplish this. Blat craves the love of a woman, who is a good friend and ignorant of his feelings. Whether he admits it or not, he will go to any length to impress her – even if he dies trying. To Blat's great advantage, the leader of the Brothers knows nothing of this kind of power.

"Readers of my book have ranged in age from 15 to 80," says Hogan. "'You rock!' was a comment from one young reader that I hold dear to my heart, and older readers rooted for the protagonist, were fully engaged by the plot, and fascinated by the world I had created - they wanted more."

An experience in Hogan's past was the inspiration for the story: "I volunteered at a long-term care facility and played music for the residents. During the first few songs, you could barely hear me through the shuffling and general hubbub. Then, like magic, the room grew quieter and people relaxed. You could see the tension melt away from their faces." It was this revelation that gave music a whole new dimension for Hogan. In *For a Song*, the protagonist discovers the very real healing - and hurting - power of music.

Peggy Hogan has lived in different places, has challenged herself with a variety of careers, and travels to places where she hopes to find something unusual. With a degree in English from St. Francis Xavier University and a lifelong passion for the written word, it was a simple segue to create fantasy fiction where the different, challenging, and unusual is expected at every turn. A few years ago, Peggy and her husband moved to beautiful New Glasgow, Prince Edward Island, where she is working on her next novel whose heroine lives just a few miles away in a small fishing village...

For a Song is available in Charlottetown at Bookmark and Indigo, and in e-book and paperback formats from the publisher's website www.double-dragon-ebooks.com.