

BIOGRAPHIES — Two versions for Introductions

Barbara Greenwood was born, grew up and has always lived in Toronto. Her interest in the history of her home town led to the writing of her first published novel, ***A Question of Loyalty***, which is set during the Rebellion of 1837. This title is used in many Grade 7 and 8 classrooms.

2004 marked the tenth anniversary of another popular title, ***A Pioneer Story: The Daily Life of a Canadian Family in 1840***, which has won the Ruth Schwartz Award, the Mr. Christie's Book Award and the Children's Literature Roundtables' Information Book Award.

Among her other titles, ***The Kids Book of Canada*** was shortlisted for the Silver Birch Award; ***The Last Safe House*** won the Roundtables' Information Book Award, was shortlisted for several Readers' Choice Awards across Canada and has appeared on many "Best of..." lists including the Smithsonian Magazine ***Best Books of the Year*** List. ***Gold Rush Fever*** was shortlisted for four Readers' Choice Awards including Ontario's Silver Birch Award. Her most recent book is ***Factory Girls: A Story of Child Labour in 1912***.

As well as writing books, she writes a monthly book column for ***City Parent Magazine***.

Before becoming a fulltime writer, Barbara completed a B.A. at the University of Toronto, taught elementary school and raised four children. She lives in Don Mills with her husband, Robert, a physicist and retired university professor.

A Short version:

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