

WHY DO INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES MATTER?

“Independent bookstores have a relationship with their customers built on trust and respect. This work is personal, as personal as writing is to an author.”

Donna Morrissey

“Independent bookstores are creating communities—not just literary communities, but intellectual communities, a locus for independent thought.”

Michael V. Smith

“Long before Canadian writers became known internationally, the independent booksellers were devoted to encouraging Canadian readers and Canadian writers, and committed to forging the bond between them.”

Jane Urquhart

“Independent bookstores are at the heart of our literary life. This is where good writers and good readers meet. We should protect and cherish the independents the way we do our most precious national resources.”

Dennis Lee

“I revere and celebrate the independents because they are about literature, not merchandising, and hence stand in spiritual opposition to the times—much like the best of the books they carry.”

Steven Heighon

“For me, a local bookstore is like a neighbourhood’s anchor, what holds it in place. Without one, all you’ve got is a bunch of houses and shops, cut adrift.”

Nino Ricci



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