

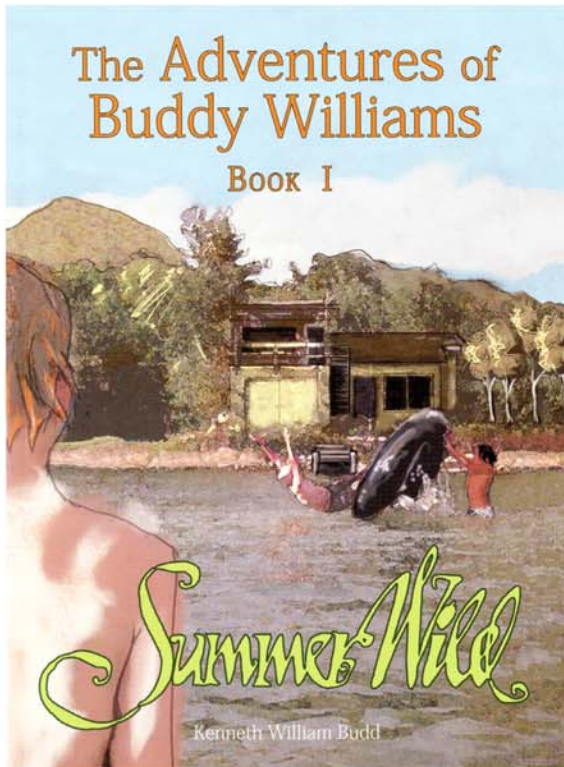
First book in juvenile fiction series by Prairies' author released

* SummerWild: The Novel

In this first of four books in The Adventures of Buddy Williams series, author Kenneth William Budd takes us back to the lakes of our youths. SummerWild will remind Canadian readers across the country of time spent at their own water wonderlands, whether for brief picnics, weekend stays or annual vacations. For readers on the Prairies especially, Budd's fictitious Pelican Lake, with its warm shallow waters, is the archetype of so many lakes within driving distance of home.

Born and raised until his teens in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Budd remembers fondly the experiences he had while spending summers at Cochin Beach on Jackfish Lake. Those memories became the impetus for SummerWild, which acts as a gateway for three later adventures in the series. FallGently, WinterFree and SpringRush. Set in the early fifties, the novels look at a different time in Canada, inviting readers to reflect on how our customs and values have changed - some dramatically.

In this first installment, eleven year-old Buddy Williams spends an adventurous summer at Pelican lake a beautiful setting just outside equally fictitious Buffalo Crossing, Saskatchewan. Flanked by his two accomplices, Riel Beliveau, a Métis lad capable of dealing with most dilemmas, and Mortimer "Mokey" Stackhouse, an amiable weakling mostly incapable of dealing with anything, Buddy is exposed to



hidden secrets and dangers in the outdoors, and faces harsh personal realities. An ignorance of the land and its possible ambushes, a shared fear of the elements because of a drowning accident, and a disregard for parental guidance - which seems to always lead to trouble - all conspire to cause mayhem.

Worthy of study in educational settings, SummerWild and the other novels are accompanied by Student Study Guides with Teacher/Parents Keys, co-authored by educator, Robert Marthaller. The themes and values evident in the books are appropriate for a wide range of maturities and skill sets, including

school grades five through nine, alternative programs, home-school students and advanced ESL studies.

SummerWild and its Study Guide are now available at Chapters Bookstores in the local interest section or by ordering it online at www.chapters.ca or www.summerwild.ca and Brooks Stationers.

A former teacher at Rolling Hills and Brooks, Ken Budd was a teacher of English, Creative Writing and Psychology before retiring from the classroom after twenty-five years, Kenneth William Budd now writes from his home on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia.



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