



The Lakefield Literary Festival has an exciting line-up of six amazing authors attending our events this July. Over the next several weeks the Festival has partnered with the Lakefield Herald to introduce you to our authors and their books which will be featured over the weekend of July 17 and 18. All tickets are on sale now, available online and at Happenstance Books and Yarns in Lakefield. For more details, visit [lakefieldliteraryfestival.com](http://lakefieldliteraryfestival.com)



# A Look at the Lakefield Literary Festival Authors

## Property by Kate Cayley

BY MARNIE CLEMENT

Property by Kate Cayley is a story about several individuals who live on the same street. It follows them during a day that ends with a death of one of them.

It's not a book of actions. It's a book of thoughts.

Property gives a glimpse into the minds of some of the people who live on this street. The two most prominent characters are the stay-at-home halves of two families. These two are sort of friends, their kids are friends and their partners are friends when they have to be.

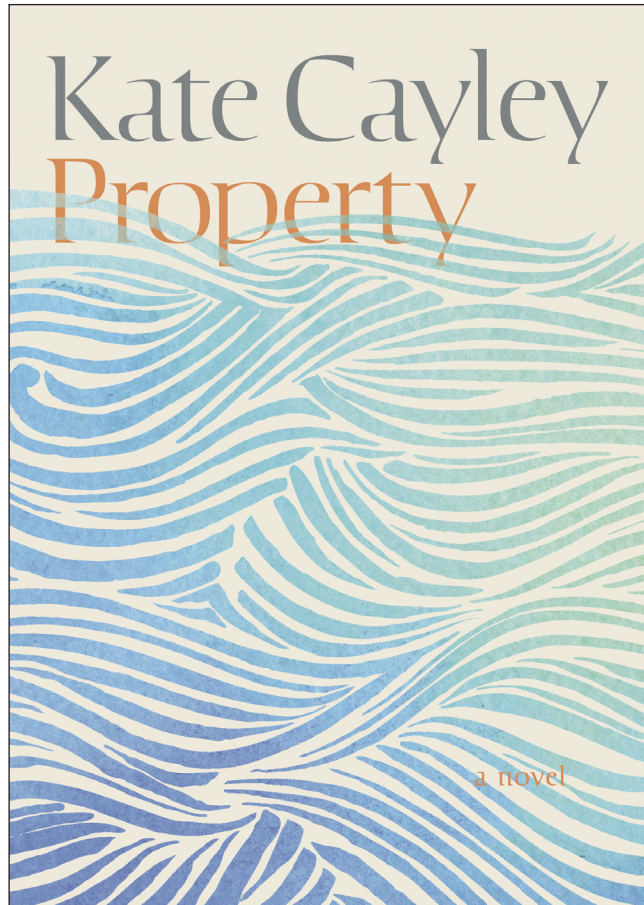
The day starts with the two breadwinners heading off to work and the two at home are left to prepare for a dinner party that will bring the two families together at the end of the day.

A lot of the focus of the book is from the perspective of these two stay at home parents as they go about their day preparing for the party and also from a construction worker who has a job in an empty house and who observes their comings and goings.

The book reveals the complex thoughts that navigate the relationships between friends, married couples, siblings, between teenage friends, parents and their children and sometimes with people who they have never spoken to but have observed and wondered about.

The heart of the story is the relationships between these individuals, with their families and with their neighbours.

Cayley has the ability to put herself into the minds of her characters. She portrays the thoughts of the charac-



ters who are different ages and have varied personalities. The characters range from a self-absorbed teenager to a very elderly woman who is pretty much stuck at home and left to observe her neighbours through a crack in her curtains.

At one point we even see the street from the perspective of the rats who live beneath it.

What each person is thinking is very different from how they act when dealing with each other. The ways they interact and what they say out loud often does not reflect their true feelings. The turmoil of their thoughts is hidden by generally calm exteriors that mask what is going on inside their heads.

The internal thoughts are sometimes frantic and the book is fast-paced. Each character goes through their day worrying, planning, judging and observing.

The book is very well written and the words flow beautifully.

We are briefly given a look at what the future holds for some individuals. There are a couple of paragraphs that give us a glimpse into their futures and then we are returned to the present.

From the beginning of Property we know someone will die that day and throughout the book there are scenarios that make you think you know who that will be. The words lead you in different directions but the story keeps you in suspense until the very end.

For those of you who turn to the last chapter when reading a book to find out what will happen, I recommend that you resist the temptation to look ahead. It will make the story more enjoyable.

When reading the book I had the impression that many of the people didn't really seem to like each other very much but each goes through the motions of friendship or love. It clearly confirms our real-life knowledge that even when everything looks great on the surface it doesn't mean that person's life is perfect.

When the death that we know is coming occurs near the end of the book you will know the characters well enough that you have a good chance of knowing how each of them will be affected.



## LAKEFIELD LITERARY Festival

Books and Tickets available at Happenstance Books & Yarns

Property by Kate Cayley will be featured on July 18 at 3 p.m.

Tickets also available online at [LakefieldLiteraryFestival.com](http://LakefieldLiteraryFestival.com)



## Franzen running for Harvey Ward Councillor in Trent Lakes



Peter Franzen

Peter Franzen is running for the position of Harvey Ward Councillor in the fall election. Franzen has had a great deal of experience in local government. He has served in different capacities before and after municipal amalgamation. He was ward Councillor in the Municipality of Galway-Cavendish, Deputy Reeve for Galway Cavendish which included serving three years on County Council, Har-

vey Ward Councillor and most recently Councillor-at-Large in the Trent Lakes Municipality making the length of service on the Council 16 years.

He has served on many sub committees. His first committee was on the Township Planning and Advisory Committee in the Galway-Cavendish Municipality. Other positions include being President of the Galway and Area Ratepayers Associa-

tion and Chair of the Trent Lakes Library Board. During his most recent years on Council Franzen was involved in the development of both the Buckhorn Medical Centre

and was on the committee which guided the formation of the Kinmount Medical Centre. Franzen states, "I deeply appreciate living in this area and love contributing my time

and abilities to improving life in the area. Because of my obvious history in the local government I believe that I can continue making important contributions."



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