

North Shore Writers Festival: Unsettling Fiction with Sam Wiebe, Linda Cheng, Erica McKeen, & JJ Lee

This is an in-person event

Date April 26, 2025

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Horror and thrills can be an effective way for an author to unsettle the reader — but also draw them in and make the story more impactful. Join Sam Wiebe, Linda Cheng, and Erica McKeen, three authors of different genres who weave dark elements into their work. They will discuss writing unsettling fiction with JJ Lee.

Presenter bios:

Sam Wiebe is the author of the Wakeland novels, one of the most authentic and acclaimed detective series in the Pacific Northwest, including *Invisible Dead*, *Cut You Down*, *Hell and Gone*, *Sunset and Jericho* and *The Last Exile*. His other work includes the bestselling *Ocean Drive* and *A Lonesome Place for Dying* under the pen name Nolan Chase.

Linda Cheng was born in Taiwan and spent her childhood moving between cultures and continents. She received her BFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and worked as an art director across South Carolina and Georgia where she developed a deep love for sweet tea, grits, and Southern Gothic stories. She currently resides in Vancouver.

Erica McKeen is the author of *Tear* (2022) and *Cicada Summer* (2024). Her work has won the Rakuten Kobo Emerging Writer Prize, been chosen as a finalist for the ReLit Awards, and been a *Globe and Mail* best book. Her stories have been published in numerous literary journals and

anthologies, including *PRISM international*, *The Dalhousie Review*, and *What Draws Us Near*. She lives in Vancouver.

JJ Lee is the author of *The Measure of a Man: The Story of a Father*, a memoir nominated for multiple prestigious awards. He also edited the nonfiction anthologies *Better Next Year* and *Upon A Midnight Clear*. JJ teaches creative nonfiction and has written for various magazines, including *ELLE Canada* and *Nuvo*.

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