

# The Emily Isaacson Institute

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Christmas | With Canadian Poet Emily Isaacson

I will look for you in a poem, knowing that we would meet some day.  
If I cannot find you there, I will look for you in a sonnet.  
– Emily Isaacson

## New Novel: *City of Roses* by Emily Isaacson

"To compose means to bind and to loose, to play an instrument is to learn and unlearn. One must quickly learn a new melody, and unlearn all intrinsic forces that would oppose it. There is a safety in singing, and the night is not so fearsome when pierced by even one song... So were the voices of those like candles in the night."

Rose returns to City of Roses after many years for the filming of a German movie. She learns the stories of the other girls at the mansions that comprise the eating disorder clinic, including that of Ebony Velvet. Ebony is a naturalist and poet who was held in a psych ward on the mainland. Ebony will pay the ultimate price in this gripping story of her journey through the system and the healers she encounters. Seeking after a family and community response to mental illness requires the understanding of a mind that can sing in darkness. This account, based on a true story, is a window into the human mind, mental illness, and the struggle for survival.

## *City of Roses* Book Site and blog

Now available in bookstores, and online bookstores worldwide. You can purchase the book, visit the book site or the blog to taste a sample of Emily's novel.

[www.cityofroses.potterspress.net](http://www.cityofroses.potterspress.net)

[www.emilyisaacson.blogspot.ca](http://www.emilyisaacson.blogspot.ca)

## About the poetry book *A Familiar Shore*

*A Familiar Shore* is the story of Sea and her child Rain, her journey as a poet and writer, and her battle with cancer. Sea chronicles her healing journey as she meets Raven, a woman by the sea in Tofino, and a medicine woman of the Stó:lō people. The stories of four women are interwoven with their poetry, parables, and myth. They eventually discover what binds them together and what heals.

Emily Isaacson is a postmodern poet and author who lives in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. This is her eighth book of poetry. Read more info or view the book trailer at [www.afamiliarshore.com](http://www.afamiliarshore.com)

## Isaacson's three books that came out this year...

*A Familiar Shore*, *City of Roses* and *Victoriana* are now available for purchase in bookstores, online bookstores, and locally at House of James and The Reach Gallery Museum. Get your copy and buy one for a friend!

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## Poem from Isaacson's book VICTORIANA ...

### From Castle and Cottage

In the mist of snow  
at midwinter,  
Christmas-red running  
down the candles,  
stars white and breathless  
at the sparkle of lights  
on snow  
and icy silver.

Pontresina  
rosy lilts,  
bright-clothed  
in the embroidered flowers  
of tradition,  
light and warmth  
to the pealing alpine valley.

Where the true color  
of a thousand years  
scratched, lingers,  
children joyous singing  
we chase the winter away  
and coals  
are the brightest, sweetest light.

Allelu...  
March the streets, ringing.

~  
Emily Isaacson, *Victoriana*

EII Online Bookstore: [www.emilyisaacsoninstitute.com](http://www.emilyisaacsoninstitute.com)

## **The Emily Isaacson Institute Est. 2005**



The Emily Isaacson Institute was founded in 2005, and is located in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, Canada. The Emily Isaacson Institute is dedicated to literature, the arts, and medicine. In the tradition and ways of the natural earth, we preserve the legacy of Emily Isaacson, her art, writings, and healing modality, nutritional science. To learn more about the Emily Isaacson's verse that shaped the Institute, visit the Clay Road Portal (see below).

The Clay Road Portal invites open dialogue on literature and poetry art forms. Emily spoke at The Reach Gallery Museum on February 19 for the release of her 'A Familiar Shore' poetry book. She taught about the principles of aboriginal medicine and the journeys of four women. Emily said, "I take my poet's voice out of the poet's box. My poet's voice speaks." She encourages everyone to listen to their inner poet so they will know how to live in and interpret the modern world.

Emily Isaacson was nominated this year for the Christine Caldwell Arts Advocate award, with the Abbotsford Arts Council. She remains active in the arts community, both locally and internationally.

This year, many read Emily's poem of the day on her blog Victoriana, which was released as a book of verse during CreatiValley arts week at The Reach Gallery Museum in September. Now you can purchase it at our online bookstore, soon to be available globally.

[www.victorianapoetry.blogspot.ca](http://www.victorianapoetry.blogspot.ca)



### **Emily's Clay Road Tapestry**

To visit the new Clay Road Tapestry and Clay Road Portal sites:

[www.clayroad.net](http://www.clayroad.net) [www.clay-road.com](http://www.clay-road.com) [www.literature.clay-road.com](http://www.literature.clay-road.com)



### **Join One Million Burning**

Emily Isaacson founded *One Million Burning* on Good Friday in 2013. Now you can show your solidarity to her mission to endorse full-spectrum lighting and its health effects. Children in particular benefit from the balanced color spectrum in full spectrum light bulbs. Join the Facebook group, light a symbolic candle, or visit the website: [www.onemillionburning.com](http://www.onemillionburning.com)