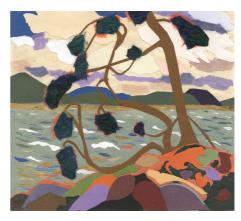
SCOOP FOR THE TOM THOMSON GALLERY!



A delightful new children's book offering a lyrical insight into the life of Tom Thomson is to be launched by the Tom Thomson Gallery in partnership with the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library in April. The story, told as if by Tom's dog Eulalie, describes Tom's last painting trip to Algonquin. With the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa among the first takers, the Tom Thomson Gallery are to be congratulated on their part in the book's appearance.

Ruth MacLean the illustrator and Catherine Wilson the author both have Scottish connections. Cathy lives on the island of Islay and Ruth's grandfather's family came from Islay. They were pioneer settlers in the area around Owen Sound. Ruth and Cathy have already collaborated on four other children's books. It was Suzanne Watson lately marketing manager at the Tom Thomson Gallery who offered the imaginative suggestion which brought about the inception of their new work, "Why don't you two do a book about Tom Thomson and his dog?" Ruth has used paper collage to interpret Tom's paintings during his last five year period in Algonquin. Cathy, who loves dogs, has done the line drawings of Eulalie that accompany the text.





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