

## BETH GOOBIE

Beth Goobie, author, poet, and playwright, was born in Guelph and attended the GCVI from 1974 to 1978. She was very involved in school activities including drama, Christians Alive, the Library Club, and the Concert, Intermediate, and Stage Bands in which she played the clarinet and the piano. She was the first girl ever to join the Chess Club. She maintained a high academic standing throughout her years at the school.

In 1983 she received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Winnipeg and a gold medal for the General English Program. At the same time she finished her Bachelor of Religious Studies from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, also in Winnipeg.

Ms. Goobie has had many poems and stories published in literary magazines across the country. Her first book of poetry, *Scars of Light*, won the Pat Lowther Award in 1995 for the best book of poetry by a Canadian woman and was short-listed for the Gerald Lampert Award. Her poems have also won a number of awards singly in long poem and prose poem competitions.

Her moving first novel, *Mission Impossible*, was published in 1994 and won the R. Ross Annet Award for Children's Literature a year later. It was also short-listed for the prestigious Governor-General's Award for Children's Literature in 1995. *Mission Impossible* is set at the GCVI. Ms. Goobie is the author of 25 books now, an avid Saskatoon Food Bank volunteer, poetry slammer, and percussionist in a community band.

Besides these accomplishments which have earned her such an impressive list of awards, Ms. Goobie has done commissioned work for both stage and film. She is also well acquainted with CBC radio, as her radio plays and poems have often been broadcast to listeners around the country. Beth Goobie has made, and will continue to make, a valuable contribution to the arts in Canada.

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