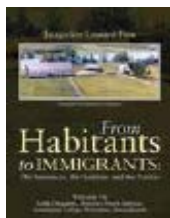


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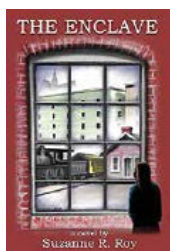


Jacqueline Lessard Finn '49 published her retirement project book *From Habitants to Immigrants: The Sansoucy's, the Harpins, and the Potvins*. She had several book talks and signings happening in her local public libraries in spring 2019. She proudly shares that she is 90 years old, and this project took 15 years to research, write, and publish.



Rose-Marie Robichaud '67/'71G and **Diane Marie LeBlanc Finn '68** were roommates at Rivier and have been friends ever since. Now in their 70s, they have both embarked on new careers writing and publishing children's books. Rose-Marie taught French for many years and continues to tutor students. She had written her first book long ago, but only recently collaborated with an artist and publisher to bring *Dee's Pig* to life. Her second book, *Dee's Extraordinary Rooster*, is expected by year's end.

Diane taught elementary school in Plymouth, MA, for more than 30 years and operated Colonial Lantern Tours with her husband, providing historic tours by candlelight. Her first children's book is titled *The Secrets of Plymouth Rock*. Inspired by the book's success, a complementary music CD and activity book are also in development.



Suzanne R. Roy '70 published *The Enclave* in July 2019, a novel she began writing 40 years ago and returned to after retiring from a 30-year career as an independent compliance consultant. She taught English at the University of Maine in the 1970s and later wrote the children's television series "*La Bonne Adventure*." She also wrote several one-act plays, including *Tradition*, which was showcased in New York City in 1996, and *Caretakers*, which was named Best Play of the Year at the 2005 Ararat One-Act Play Festival.



John Tuohey '78G co-wrote *...But Few Were Chosen*, a novel published by Vandamere Press in 2018. It follows the early lives of the authors as they deal with harsh, alcoholic circumstances and their eventual escape to a Franciscan seminary. It was there that they discovered a life without chaos and started on a path that saved them. In 2018, John completed his goal of biking in all 50 states, ending on Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska.



Vincent Donovan '91G released his second novel, *A Difficult Crossing*, in October 2018. He is also the author of *Chasing Mayflies*. Vincent is a two-time quarter finalist in the highly competitive "Amazon Break-through Novel Contest." For more than 27 years, he worked in various leadership positions in the biopharmaceutical industry.



John Sibley Williams '08 won the 2018 Orison Poetry Prize for his fourth poetry collection *As One Fire Consumes Another*. A nineteen-time Pushcart nominee, he is also the recipient of the Backwaters Prize, Laux/Millar Prize, and Wabash Prize, among others. John is currently teaching literary arts at Portland Community College.



Jesse Harless '16G, founder of Entrepreneurs in Recovery™, released his book *Smash Your Comfort Zone with Cold Showers: How to Boost Your Energy, Defeat Your Anxiety, and Overcome Unwanted Habits* in November 2018. His book offers a simple solution to reinvigorate a sense of wonder and self-determination in those who feel stuck, tired, or uninspired. In addition to writing, Jesse is a professional life coach, group empowerment facilitator, and mentor for people in addiction recovery. ■