

THINGS TO DO



Calgary International Reggae Festival



Barrie Dragon Boat Festival



Quebec City International Festival of Military Bands

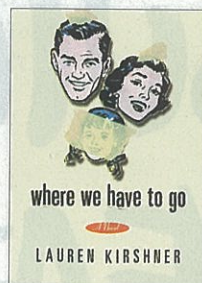
- ▶ **52nd Anniversary Miramichi Folksong Festival.** Enjoy five days of singing, dancing and fiddling. Aug. 3 to 7. Miramichi Civic Centre, Miramichi, N.B. www.miramichifolksongfestival.com
- ▶ **Digby Scallop Days Festival.** Get your fill of scallops, as well as scallop shucking, music, fireworks and other family fun. Aug. 5 to 9. Digby, N.S. www.digbyscallopdays.com
- ▶ **Calgary International Reggae Festival.** Get down with the beat during the three-day Caribbean music extravaganza. Aug. 13 to 15. Calgary. www.calgaryreggae festival.com
- ▶ **Blueberry Bluegrass and Country Music Festival.** The 24th annual bash presents Lizzy Hoyt, Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives, Alecia Nugent and other musicians. July 31 to Aug. 2. Homecoming Park, Stony Plain, Alta. www.blueberrybluegrass.com
- ▶ **Saskatoon Fringe Theatre Festival.** Innovative theatre, cutting-edge music, off-the-wall buskers and other artists strut their stuff at various indoor and outdoor venues. July 30 to Aug. 8. Saskatoon. www.25thstreettheatre.org
- ▶ **Barrie Dragon Boat Festival.** Come to the shores of Kempenfelt Bay and cheer on your favourite dragon boat team. Proceeds support the Barrie Public Library and local charities. Aug. 22. Barrie, Ont. www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca
- ▶ **Quebec City International Festival of Military Bands.** Military bands (with lots of bagpipers!) from around the world perform. And don't miss the military tattoos. Various venues, Quebec City. Aug. 25 to 30. www.fimmq.com

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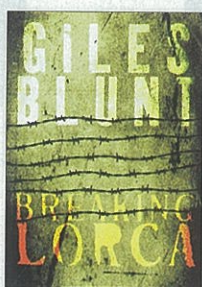
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BOOKS TO READ

Kudos to two Canadian authors!



• **Where We Have to Go** (McClelland and Stewart, 2009) by Lauren Kirshner
For Lucy Bloom, coming of age is not exactly a string of blissful rites of passage into adolescence. The cracks in her parents' marriage have expanded into wide-open crevasses and Lucy is surrounded by absurd characters, including Crashing Wave, her father's lover, who works as an exotic dancer. Lucy's circumstances are enough to break your heart, but they'll also make you bust out laughing – Kirshner's wry humour will see to that.



• **Breaking Lorca** (Random House Canada, 2009) by Giles Blunt
A native of North Bay, Ont., Blunt has carved himself a spot among North America's best crime novelists. Set in El Salvador in the 1980s, *Breaking Lorca* wrestles with a dark subject: torture. The gripping novel also explores the courage of Lorca (the main character), who's accused of supporting the guerrilla movement, and the cruelty of her torturer, whose soul is shredded by the role that has been thrust upon him.

DVD TO WATCH



She's All Grown Up!

Anne of Green Gables – A New Beginning (Sullivan Entertainment)
Award-winning actor Barbara Hershey portrays the adult Anne Shirley, now a grandmother who's concerned about her grown children, especially her son, a soldier who's gone missing overseas. At the same time, Anne is besieged by memories, particularly of her long-absent father. The cast also includes Shirley MacLaine, Rachel Blanchard and Hannah Endicott-Douglas as the young Anne Shirley. Watch for cameo appearances by cast members from the TV series.

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