

# CURRICULUM VITAE (abbreviated)

## LYN HANCOCK

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### EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS (COMM): Simon Fraser University, 1981  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION: Simon Fraser University, 1977  
TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE: B.C. Dept. of Education, 1977  
LICENTIATE DIPLOMA IN SPEECH AND DRAMA (L.R.A.M.): Royal Academy of Music, London, England, 1961  
LICENTIATE DIPLOMA IN MIME AND MOVEMENT (L.R.A.M.): Royal Academy of Music, London, England, 1961  
LICENTIATE DIPLOMA IN SPEECH AND DRAMA (L.T.C.L.): Trinity College, London, England, 1959  
LICENTIATE DIPLOMA IN SPEECH ARTS (L.A.S.A.): University of Western Australia, 1957  
ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN SPEECH ARTS (A.S.D.A.): University of Western Australia, 1955  
TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE Education Department of Western Australia, 1956, Graylands Teachers' College (dux)  
LEAVING CERTIFICATE: Perth Modern School, Western Australia 1954. Graduated with distinctions in history, geography, biology, and speech.  
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE: Princess May Secondary School, Western Australia, 1952. Graduated with nine distinctions

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2009 Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award (Simon Fraser University)  
2006 Diamond Willow Award, Rocky Mountain Book Award  
1997 Northwest Outdoor Writers Association Writing Award  
1995 Outdoor Writers of Canada, Photography Award  
1992 Northwest Territories Arts Council Grant for Writing Finalist in Western Magazine Awards  
1991 Outdoor Writers of Canada, Magazine Writing Award  
1990 Outdoor Writers of Canada, Best Magazine Photo; Second Best Newspaper Photo  
1987 Francis H. Kortright Conservation Award for Excellence in Outdoor Writing, Looking for the Wild  
1987 Department of External Affairs choice of books

- 1987 Canada Council Explorations Grant
- 1983 American Express Travel Writing Award for Excellence in Travel Writing
- 1981 American Express Travel Writing Award for Excellence in Travel Writing (Canadian competition)
- 1978 Francis H. Kortright Conservation Award for Excellence in Outdoor Writing, There's a Raccoon in my Parka
- 1977 Authors' Literary Guild choice, There's a Raccoon in my Parka
- 1977 Doubleday Book of the Month Club choice, There's a Raccoon in my Parka
- 1976 British Columbia Television Scholarship
- 1976 Simon Fraser University Open Scholarship
- 1975 Canada Council Explorations Grant
- 1973 Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, There's a Seal in my Sleeping Bag
- 1972 Book of the Month Club alternate selection, There's a Seal in My Sleeping Bag
- 1950-56 Student Teacher Bursary for graduating elementary school students based on academic excellence
- 1948-54 Numerous awards for literary and scholastic achievements

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1964-Present Self-employed as free-lance writer, photographer and lecturer throughout Canada and the United States and Australia. Engaged in research at Simon Fraser University. Written, co-authored or edited eighteen books and written over several thousand articles and photos published internationally.
- 1957-69 Employed as full-time teacher at the following:  
 1967-69 Monterey Elementary School, Victoria, BC  
 1966-67 Lord Kitchener Elementary School, Vancouver, BC  
 Chosen to initiate an enrichment programme for Vancouver School Board
- 1964-66 Maple Grove Elementary School, Vancouver, BC
- 1962-63 Lachine High School, Montreal, Quebec.  
 Specialized in English, history, and the production of the school play for the drama festival
- 1961 Ladbroke High School, London, England
- 1960-61 Moorfields Elementary School, London, England  
 Specialized in teaching slow learners at a school for the educationally subnormal
- 1957-60 Kent Street High School, Western Australia.  
 Developed a curriculum in Spoken English
- 1969-78 Part-time teacher in both elementary and secondary schools

in London, England; Victoria, Vancouver, Burnaby,  
Fort Nelson, Summerland, British Columbia  
Lecturer to various adult groups and university students  
on writing, conservation, and education. Workshops  
given in language arts at Simon Fraser University  
1964-73 Secretary, animal caretaker, writer, and filmmaker at the  
Wildlife Conservation Centre, Saanichton, BC  
1954-59 Principal of a privately-owned Academy of Speech and  
Drama in Western Australia  
1964-Present Guest appearances on radio and television programmes

#### **MAGAZINES:**

Published in Wave Length Magazine, Above and Beyond, Up Here: Life in Canada's North,  
Nature Canada, Canadian Geographic, BC Outdoors, Pacific Yachting, Alaska, Skyword (now  
Canadian), National Geographic New York Times News Service, Western People, Readers'  
Digest and many more.

#### **NEWSPAPERS:**

Published in Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Victoria Times-  
Colonist, Ottawa Citizen, The West Australian and many more.

#### **FILMS:**

Co-produced Coast Safari, Pacific Wilderness (two hour feature films), and a series of 13 CBC  
TV documentaries for a nature programme, Klahanie.

#### **REFERENCES**

"Author Lyn Hancock is the stuff of which daydreams are made." Valerie Dunn, The Mirror

"Highly recommended to organizations wishing to host an author," Paula Lefavre, Red Deer  
Public Library

"The best animal stories I have read." Women's Own

"Wonderfully readable details...an eloquent plea for wildlife." Publishers' Weekly.

Looking for the Wild is excellent, gets better with every page, handles details and dialogue so  
well we feel we know her and her characters intimately." Roger Tory Peterson

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