

The Poetry of Picturebooks



with award-winning author
Kyo Maclear

*If you love children's literature,
picturebooks, and the way
beautiful language breathes,
this session is for you.*

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Room 050A McLaughlin College

Kyo Maclear is a scholar, essayist, novelist and children's author. A few of her well-known and well-loved books are *Bloom* (2018), *Birds Art Life: A Year of Observation* (2017), *The Liszts* (2016), *The Wish Tree* (2016), *Virginia Wolf* (2012), and *Spork* (2010).

Her books have been translated into fifteen languages, illustrated by artists such as Isabelle Arsenault, and are published in over twenty countries. They have attracted nominations for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction, the Trillium Book Award, the Governor General's Literary Awards, the TD Canadian Children's Literature Awards, the Amazon.ca First Novel Award, the National Magazine Awards, among other honours. In 2018 she won the prestigious Trillium Book Award in the English-language prose category for her non-fiction memoir *Birds Art Life: A Year of Observation*.

Maclear holds a doctorate in Education: Language Culture and Teaching from York University. Maclear is a faculty member of The Humber School for Writers and an associate faculty member of the University of Guelph Creative Writing MFA. She has presented at universities, schools and festivals around the world. We are honoured to welcome Kyo Maclear back to her *alma mater* for this session, "The Poetry of Picturebooks."



Illustration from *Spork* by Isabelle Arsenault