

PRAISE FOR JENN THORNHILL VERMA'S "COD COLLAPSE"

"Verma's thoughtful and thought-provoking book combines personal, familial, and societal experiences with historical and contemporary accounts of the fishery. She has produced a remarkably engaging blend of memoir, history, science, and humanism.... Verma aptly and emotionally describes the collapse as one of the greatest collective traumas in the history of Newfoundland." —Jeffrey A. Hutchings, Atlantic Books Today

Why did it happen, how did it hurt the province, and what has developed across Newfoundland and Labrador since? In exploring these questions, Jenn Thornhill Verma has sculpted a family memoir embedded in broader socio-cultural perspectives that range from a capsule history of 15th century exploration to the practices of present-day fishers where women captain their own enterprises, juggling the requirements of licences and certificates from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada and Industry Canada.—Joan Sullivan, The Telegram, Saltwire Network

"Thornhill Verma moves expertly between historical fact, qualitative interview, and personal reflection. Stories of resilience and ingenuity rest alongside accounts of hardship and death."—Gemma Marr, The Miramichi Reader

"The book is a sombre and accurate depiction of a province that is a shadow of its former self.... (And) Verma wisely attempts to make the political personal in Cod Collapse by focusing on the moratorium's effect on her family..."—Brad Dunne, Literary Review of Canada

"A fascinating story of historical survival, resilience, and—for a younger generation of the province—successful pushback against stereotypes. The interviews with members of several generations create a deeply textured portrait of Newfoundland and Labrador which I wish all Canadians could read." —Costas Halavrezos, Book Me Podcast

"I was born and raised in the heyday of the inshore cod fishery in a small outpost in Newfoundland and witnessed first-hand the wreckage caused by the stroke of a pen and the cod moratorium. Cod Collapse is a walk down memory lane for me and shines an illuminating light on the greatest disaster our province has ever endured." —Alan Doyle, author/musician

"We usually read about the collapse of the northern cod fishery in the language of statistics. Catch levels and quotas tell the broad story of ecological catastrophe. How remarkable, then, to have this perspective reversed. In Cod Collapse, Jennifer Thornhill Verma examines the impact that both cod and cod's absence have had on a single family – her own."—David Macfarlane, author