

# Betsy Trumpener

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## Skills Summary

- Multiple award winning radio storyteller and experienced CBC journalist
- Committed to building connections with and broadcasting diverse voices from people in western Canada, the provincial north, Indigenous communities, and industrial towns
- Experienced mentor and trainer with M.Ed. in Adult Education
- Skilled user of Dalet, Polypoly, I-News, Google Suite, and CBC's journalistic policies
- Critically acclaimed author
- Engaging, warm, collaborative, and creative, with a critical eye

## Awards

- National RTNDA Network Award Long Feature - "Still at Sea", *The Current*. 2014
- National RTNDA Award - "Facing Fentanyl: A Young Addict and his Mom." 2017
- National RTNDA Award Feature - "Rehab at the River: Water Ceremony." 2016
- National Adrienne Clarkson Diversity Award - "The Paralympics", Ntl Radio News. 2010
- National RTNDA Long Feature - "Last Call: Fetal Alcohol." [with Robert Doane] 2010
- Jack Webster Award -- "The Coffin Carver," *The Current*. 2007
- Jack Webster African Fellowship Program. 2006 - Produced stories in Malawi and Tanzania
- Multiple BC/Regional RTNDA Awards for Radio Features and Breaking News

## Work Experience

2001 - PRESENT

### Reporter/Editor, CBC News, British Columbia

- Sole CBC field reporter for the top 2/3 of British Columbia for radio and digital
- Champion original stories that are locally important and nationally significant
- Promote voices from Indigenous and diverse communities, and critically reflect on improving our coverage
- Produce longer form documentaries for *The Current*, *The Sunday Edition*, and others
- Backfill national radio reporter, covering BC news, the 2010 Paralympics, and Arctic Winter Games
- Collaborate with numerous programs and platforms while juggling multiple priorities on deadline, as an independent, self starter in remote location
- Plan for, pitch, write, produce, and mix sound rich, character driven stories
- Mentor and vet new colleagues in radio writing, reporting, pitching, and audio features.

2013 - 2016

### CBC Radio Host, Daybreak North, British Columbia

- Co-hosted and self-operated CBC's top rated morning radio show in north central B.C.

Current

## Writer

- Author of “The Butcher of Penetang”,
- Finalist for Danuta Gleed and ReLit Literary awards
- Awarded Canada Council, Ontario Arts Council, Toronto Arts Council grants
- Publications include *The Guardian*, *NOW Magazine*, & *The Globe and Mail*
- Western Magazine Award - Best Columnist - for “*North of Unreal*”
- Creative writing teacher and mentor

## Adult Educator, Toronto

- Taught at George Brown College, coordinated a writing and newspaper project in a homeless shelter, facilitated job transition for laid off factory workers from immigrant communities, and co-managed inner city literacy program.

## Education

- Master of Education, OISE, University of Toronto
- Bachelor of Arts [Honours], Trent University

## Other Training

- CBC documentary and radio feature training and project handling with Joan Webber, Dick Miller, Kathryn Gretsinger, Karin Wells, and Karen Levine
- CBC Mentorship Training
- Indigenous Cultural Competency Training with Carrier Sekanni Family Services
- Magazine Writing, Ryerson University
- Workshop training in clown arts, improvisation, puppetry, and forum theater

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