



# Kingfisher Days

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*Based on her Childhood Correspondence  
with R. C. MOIR*

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One summertime, in a hedge close to her family'd moved in after the cottage had burned down long ago. These would maintain her throughout her lifestyle.s cottage in Kenora, five-year-old Susan Coyne discovered an overgrown rock fireplace. Susan, a fanciful kid, made a decision to become keeper of the hearth, tidying it up and departing little gifts for the elves: handfuls of wild strawberries, daisy chains, and a little birchbark canoe. Overnight the gifts would disappear. One morning, there is a tiny piece of thoroughly folded pink paper wedged among the mossy stones: To Helen Susan Cameron Coyne: Greetings Her Majesty, Queen Mab, has instructed me to many thanks for making a house for all her people.s correspondence with a precocious little fairy princess, Nootsie Tah, and her indoctrination in to the world of the fantastic and little people. Hence began Susan' The letters from Nootsie Tah continued, and that summer months Susan developed two unique associations: one with a proud princess from a mystical land, and the other with a soft gardener with infinite wisdom and endurance. Her dad said it was the home of Uncle Joe Spondoolak, an elf who'



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This book defines what I love most about Canada I could but echo the words of the gentleman who wrote the first review for this book.!. Simply. I have attended a number of Soulpepper productions (the theatre company that she and her husband started), it really is a soul growing experience to see among their plays. Just like the Soulpepper theatre company, who does the same a lot more consistently. Small items. Just like the CBC's 'sometimes' greatness in bringing books like this to an target audience starved for artwork that touches your soul.The very best part to be Canadian? And like Susan Coyne, who if she had been raised somewhere else in the globe, may do not have written this wonderful book.. Reading Kingfisher Times, I am happy they did not. Totally Captivating! I haven't read the reserve yet,

but I am listening to it being read by Susan Coyne herself on the CBC. Normally I've virtually no time for fairy tales, Harry Potter, Lord of the Bands etc.. Not love individuals who review a book without reading it! I'd normally never do this but I couldn't resist. The reading on the air was a lot more than wonderful, enough so that despite the fact that I am a rock hard cynic and a scientist I was totally captivated. I too listened with great interest to the CBC's captivating creation where the writer warmly and intelligently go through this wonderful book....., that I suppose makes me a grumpy old man, but I was totally entranced by the CBC production. If you want to remember innocence and what it had been like to become a child and carefree. WOW! This is not a book I would have chosen for myself.... Kingfisher Days, is much more than that. When I was young and we were new in this country, I sometimes wished that my parents and I would have emigrated to New York or Paris or various other 'exciting' place instead of Toronto. We couldn't put it down. This is essential read..... However, I just finished reading it for my bookclub and I have to admit.... I acquired borrowed it from my regional library and I've just purchased it. A truly refreshing and captivating read that mere words cannot describe. WARNING: This is the play predicated on the out of printing book! As a 41 year older business owner living and employed in downtown Toronto, I seldom get shifted by fairy tales. Be Forewarned!! We purchased 5 copies of the thinking it was the book, but instead we discovered that it's the play based on the reserve. The book has gone out of print.

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