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RANDOM HOUSE CANADA TO PUBLISH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR MICHELLE GOOD'S NEXT TWO BOOKS

Toronto, December 11, 2025 – Sue Kuruvilla, publisher of Random House Canada, is thrilled to announce the forthcoming publications of two new books from Michelle Good, the award-winning and bestselling author of *Five Little Indians*, cementing a new publishing relationship with the imprint***. Eliza Sunshine***, the highly anticipated second novel from Good, will be published on August 18, 2026.

Drawing on the real history of her own family, in *Eliza Sunshine* Michelle Good has created a powerful family saga of three generations of Cree women. The story spans more than a hundred years, from Swan, who barely survived the slaughter of the buffalo and the decimation and displacement of her people through disease and colonial violence, to her granddaughter Eliza, who thought she'd sidestepped the obliterating force of residential school only to make life choices that distanced her from the teachings of her beloved Nokhum. And finally, to Eliza's daughter Ella, who embraces her Cree ancestry and fights for Indigenous women who are still the target of sexual violence and murder.

Good's editor, Anne Collins, says, "Michelle Good is only three generations removed from a Cree woman who was twenty before she saw a white man. Her novel eloquently brings home the brutal realities her characters—and her own family—faced, but it is also a love song to their strength and resilience—all of them, even Eliza, who tried to protect herself and her children from racism by setting herself apart from her people."

Following the novel in 2026 is new non-fiction coming in Spring 2027:
The Pretendian Compendium: The Complex Phenomenon of Indigenous Identity Fraud.

In this collection of original essays, Michelle Good will offer a multi-perspective, deep analysis of Indigenous identity fraud in all its complexity and far-reaching effects.

While the notion of identify fraud seems like it should be simple—either you're Indigenous or you're not—it isn't. *The Pretendian Compendium* seeks to capture the complexities of the issue as it demonstrates how this form of fraud is a direct attack on Indigenous identity. Along with her own essays, Good has commissioned pre-eminent thinkers in the field: individuals whose own lives have been upended by pretendianism, experts on Indigenous identity, academics and writers who were at the helm of investigative exposés or who offered in-the-

moment analysis of some of the most shocking revelations of fraud, including Veldon Coburn, Michelle Cyca, Darryl Leroux, Pamela Palmater, Ingrid Sochting, Caroline Tait, Elle-Maija Tailfeathers, Kim Tallbear, and Jean Teillet.

Michelle Good says, "Wrongfully claiming Indigenous identity is as much an implement of the colonial toolkit as any other act of oppression designed to obliterate Indigenous identity and with it our unique place legally, socially and culturally in the North American landscape. The contributors to this collection each bring a deeper understanding of the many forms Pretendianism takes and the profound and lasting harms it visits on Indigenous peoples."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

MICHELLE GOOD is a Cree writer and a member of the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. After working for Indigenous organizations for twenty-five years, she obtained a law degree and advocated for residential school survivors for over fourteen years. Good earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at the University of British Columbia while still practising law and managing her own law firm. *Five Little Indians*, her first novel, won the Amazon First Novel Award, the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction and Canada Reads, among many other honours. Her most recent book is *Truth Telling: Seven Conversations about Indigenous life in Canada*, a national bestseller and finalist for the 2023 Balsillie Prize for Public Policy.

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