

## Howe Islander releases his third novel

Howe Island author Rick Doyon has written the third novel in what he calls his Upcountry series chronicling the fictitious exploits of a family in upstate New York.

Doyon, 63, a resident of Howe Island since 2013, has finished *The Beginning Game*, which is the final installment in his series.

His first novel, *Upcountry*, was published in 2010, followed three years later by *Thou Torturest Me*. The novels follow the trials of an upstate New York family named the Schumachers and their friends "as they experience violence, spousal abuse, prejudice, assault, heartbreak - and now, with *The Beginning Game*, intimidation, cruelty and revenge," the author said.

"It's a darker novel that delves into the criminal world of a young psychopath who is hell-bent on retribution, targeting those who he feels responsible for the 1,277 days he spent in prison," Doyon said in describing his latest novel.

Doyon said that Gananoque residents and others familiar with upstate New York will recognize the locales in his book. He uses such sites as restaurants, shops and the Opera House in Clayton as well as locations in Alexandria Bay and landmarks in Canton, Watertown and the Adirondacks. There is a reference to Gananoque and Howe Island, and the cover photo was taken by Doyon at Kingston Penitentiary.

Doyon, a former Ottawa journalist, speech writer and PR man, said he is now considering shifting his literary attention to the Howe Island area, possibly writing a historical fiction novel.

*The Beginning Game* is available in paperback at Beggars Banquet Books in Gananoque and at A Novel Idea in Kingston. It is also available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kindle, iBooks, Kobo, Nook and other online sites.

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