Best Summer Escape Read Alert!

Champagne with Celebs at London's Savoy Hotel? ...Nanaimo Girl Says "Oh Yes!"

Kelowna, BC, July 10—PR and publicity maven BC-born and bred Prudence Emery's memoir **Nanaimo Girl** hit all BC Costcos this week. Hungry for a moment with Louis Armstrong, Sophia Loren, Matt Damon, Paul McCartney, Charlie Chaplin, or a sweet gorilla? Welcome to **Nanaimo Girl**.

Prudence Emery's astonishing and entertaining memoir recounts countless escapades, celebrations and work at Montreal's Expo 67, the Metro Toronto Zoo, The luxury Savoy Hotel, with another thirty years doing film publicity for 120+ films, ten of these for David Cronenberg. The memoir's cast is exceptional, from Twiggy to Liza Minelli, from Sir Noël Coward to Denzel Washington, from Margot Kidder to Peter O'Toole, from Viggo Mortenson to Bruce Willis, to name very few.

"It's often jaw-dropping to read her recounting of a bygone era in the 1960s when the most famous people in the world dropped by the Savoy, when every night was a party, long liquid lunches the order of the day, everyone tending to end up in bed with everyone else, and political correctness meant not misspelling Pierre Elliott Trudeau's name." -Ron Base, Amazon Review

Born in Nanaimo into a family of eccentrics in 1936, Pru was sent to boarding school to become a lady (spoiler: did not happen), Pru escaped to London, England to explore a little art and a lot of the art of the party. In her 30 years in film publicity, Pru promoted massive stars, new stars, comedies, dramas and sci-fi. Nanaimo Girl, packed with fame and frivolity, is also a carefully recalled and savored account of Pru's life. Now fuschia-haired and 82, Pru resides in Victoria, BC, where she is always creating, always curious. This dynamo was, and remains, anything but prudent.

Nanaimo Girl garnered immediate attention when it was first published earlier this year. Due to its popularity, Nanaimo Girl is available at selected London Drugs, Save-on-Foods and BC Ferries gift shops and, for a limited time, at all 14 BC Costco locations.

"These are bleak times, so a memoir from someone who merrily defied expectations is welcome —a must-read book for spring 2020." -Susan G. Cole, NOW Magazine

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