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NIC Instructor Celebrates Launch of Third Book

North Island College is proud to present critically acclaimed author, poet and NIC Instructor, Matt Rader, who will read from his latest collection, *A Doctor Pedalled Her Bicycle Over the River Arno* on April 13th at the Comox Valley campus. House of Anansi Press writes, "Rader seeks out limits, borders, and frontiers...in order to test their validity. This is an astounding collection from a thrilling voice in poetry."

Wildflowers and weeds, hostels and hostiles, parenting and the shadowy history of grandparents: In *A Doctor Pedalled Her Bicycle Over the River Arno* Matt Rader's unassuming, deeply spirited, and expansive poems show us again how contemporary lyric can go such a long way toward revealing our true homes to us at the moment we find ourselves most nakedly un-housed.

"Rader has quickly gone from being a poet to watch to one of *the poets to watch*," states ARC's Zachariah Wells. The author of two previous collections of poetry, *Living Things* and *Miraculous Hours*, which was a finalist for the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award and long-listed for the ReLit Award, Rader's poems, stories, and nonfiction have appeared in journals and anthologies across North America, Australia, and Europe. His work also boasts nominations for numerous awards, including the Journey Prize, the National Magazine Award, and two Pushcart Prizes.

Rader has appeared several times at [The Vancouver International Writers Festival](#) and his poems have been read on numerous radio programs including CBC's [North by Northwest](#) and [The Arts Tonight](#). A resident of the Village of Cumberland, Rader holds an M.F.A. from the University of Oregon, and currently teaches creative writing at North Island College.

NIC's English Department and the Write Here Readers Series is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts and the House of Anansi Press in hosting the book launch and reading of Matt Rader's *A Doctor Pedalled Her Bicycle Over the River Arno*. The reading will begin at 7:30 pm in the Stan Hagen Theatre.

This special event is free to attend, open to the community, and will feature a celebratory pre-reading wine and cheese reception in the Theatre foyer at 7 pm. For further information about the book launch, please contact Susan Auchterlonie at 250-334-5271.



NIC instructor Matt Rader reads at his book launch April 13 at the Stan Hagen Theatre.

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