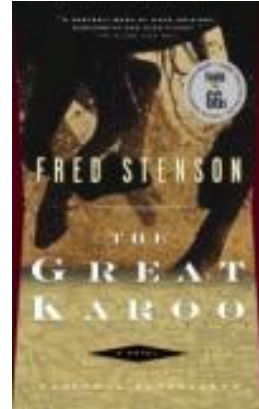


**Kalk Bay Books &
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The Great Karoo
by
Fred Stenson



A Canadian author brings us an unusual Boer War tale

From award-winning author Fred Stenson comes the story of Frank Adams, a young cowboy from Alberta's Chief Mountain country who joins the Canadian Mounted Rifles on their deployment to South Africa, fighting alongside British troops in the Boer War. In this alien land where the only familiar thing is his horse, Frank bonds with men from back home: Ovide Smith, a reluctant soldier, and Jeff Davis, the nephew of a famous Blood Indian chief, who is driven to prove himself in this white man's war.

Fred Stenson will be in conversation with **Donald Paul**.

When: Friday 29 October 2010

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Time: 6 for 6.30pm

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The Great Karoo chronicles the unlikely camaraderie of these three men and their steeds, in the face of unimaginable ignorance and indifference. Exhilarating and horrific by turns, it explores with passion and insight the lasting warmth of friendship and the legacy of devastation occasioned by war.

The Great Karoo is a novel about the participation of western Canadian ranchers and aboriginals in the Anglo-Boer War. Although the book is a fiction, it is based on the lives of actual participants and was written following an extensive research visit to South Africa.

Published in Canada in 2008 *The Great Karoo* was nominated for Canada's Governor General's Literary Awards and the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book (Canada & Caribbean).

Fred Stenson is the author of *The Trade*, which was nominated for the 2000 Giller Prize and won the inaugural Grant MacEwan Literary Award, the City of Edmonton Book Prize, and the Writers Guild of Alberta's Georges Bugnet Novel Award.

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