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*Bryan Prince Bookseller is pleased to launch our new **Authors After Hours** series
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CATHERINE BUSH

Reading from **ACCUSATION**

DOUGLAS GLOVER

reading from **SAVAGE LOVE**

CATHERINE BUSH is the author of three novels. Her second novel, *The Rules of Engagement* was a national bestseller and was chosen as a *New York Times* Notable Book and a *Globe and Mail* Top 100 Book. Her third novel, *Claire's Head*, was shortlisted for Ontario's Trillium Award. In the 1990s, she was involved in the making of a documentary about the actual Circus Ethiopia. Catherine Bush lives in Toronto.

ACCUSATION: An accusation, regardless of truth, has its own life when let loose in the world. While in Copenhagen, Sara Wheeler happens upon a touring Ethiopian circus called Cirkus Mirak. Later, she drives its founder, Raymond Renaud, through the night from Toronto to Montreal. Such chance beginnings lead to later fateful encounters, as renowned novelist Catherine Bush artfully confronts the destructive power of allegations. With *Accusation*, Bush again proves herself to be one of Canada's finest authors as she examines the impossibility inherent in attempting to uncover "the truth." After a friend of Sara's begins a documentary about the circus, unsettling charges begin to float to the surface – disturbing tales of sexual and physical abuse at the hands of Raymond. Accounts and anecdotes mount, denunciations fly, and while Sara strives to untangle the narrative knots and determine what to believe, the idea of a singular "truth" becomes slippery. Her present search is simultaneously haunted by her past.

Travelling from Canada to Ethiopia and Australia, *Accusation* follows a network of lives that intersect with life-altering consequence, painfully revealing that the best of intentions can lead to disaster.

DOUGLAS GLOVER has worked in the newsrooms of daily papers in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Quebec, before publishing *Precious* in 1984. His byline later appeared in the book pages of *The New York Times*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Boston Globe*.

He is the author of two works of literary criticism, including *The Enamoured Knight*, a recent book on Don Quixote, and nine books of fiction, including *16 Categories of Desire*, *A Guide to Animal Behaviour*, *The Life and Times of Captain N.*, and the best-selling historical novel *Elle*, winner of the 2003 Governor General's Award for Fiction. *Elle* was also a finalist for the Commonwealth Writers Prize and was on the short list of finalists for the 2005 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. The book is now available in a new, reader's guide edition. Born and raised in southwestern Ontario, Douglas Glover now lives near Saratoga Springs, New York.

SAVAGE LOVE marks the long-awaited return of one of Canada's most lauded and stylistically brilliant authors. Glover skewers every conventional notion we've ever held about that cultural-emotional institution of love we are instructed to hold dear.

Peopled with forensic archaeologists, horoscope writers, dental hygienists, and even butchers, Glover's stories are of our time yet timeless; spectacular fables that stand in any era, any civilization. Whether he is writing about sexually ambiguous librarians or desperadoes of the most despicable kind, Glover exposes the humanity lurking behind our masks, the perversities that underlie our actions.

Absurd, comic, dream-like, and deeply affecting (on the molecular level), these stories revel in inventiveness yet preserve a strict adherence to the real. Glover directs his focus to moments when things seem too incredible to be supported, pointing us to truths that exhibit human nature in contexts we all recognize.

Savage Love heralds the return of a master, with laugh-out-loud stories of the best kind, often completely unexpected, rife with moments of tragedy or horror. This is Douglas Glover country, and we are all willing visitors.

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