

Call for knitters: **FictionKNITstas** Spring 2013 tour



FICTiONistas is a national book tour organized by Canadian independent publishers. Established in 2006, the FICTiONista tour annually showcases the best of Canadian women writers.

We know knitting and books go together (hands up anyone who has employed weighty objects/ elastic bands to hold books open to knit and read at the same time). So we are very proud to announce the theme for the 2013 tour: **FictionKNITstas!**

Call for submissions: Can you dress a FICTiONista?

Each author will model a hand knitted garment (shawl, wrap, shrug, hat, bag...) *that relates somehow to her book*. The knitter may use an existing pattern that speaks to a character, theme, setting, object – or even the cover colours of the book. He or she may even be inspired to create a new pattern! **If you think you could be one of those knitters, we want to hear from you.**

The knitty-gritty: how it works

Each knitter will be assigned his/her own author and will receive a copy of the book to read. You will send us your chosen pattern and yarn choice and a cost estimate for these supplies. You and the author will connect via email to discuss ideas and measurements, and you'll knit the garment. We'll supply and send you the yarn. And you keep your garment after the tour.

If the tour comes to your city, you'll attend the event (to wild acclaim) and talk about your work. The authors will wear your garments at each stop. The publishers do a wide variety of print and online publicity, locally and nationally. You can give us an email list and we'll send a special invitation on your behalf. There will soon be a FictionKNITsta group on Ravelry for the knitters to connect and check in.

The tour: The FictionKNITsta tour will take place in **May 2013**. Provisional locations: Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Calgary, Winnipeg, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo.

Interested? Please submit: your name and home city, a contact email address, website/blog/Rav name if applicable, and photos of some recent knitting projects or designs. Tell us about your preferred kinds of knitting and why you'd like to be involved in FictionKNITstas. And ask us any questions you'd like for clarification, of course.

Submission deadline: Friday October 12th

Send submissions to Amber Goldie at marketing@coteaubooks.com

See www.fictionistascanada.wordpress.com for background on the tour.