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The Story of The Vancouver Stories

"Listel Vancouver Hotel partners with Raincoast Books to create a bestselling book of bedtime stories!

ROBSON STREET – Vancouver is a diverse, thrumming metropolis and home to some of Canada's greatest writers past and present. In celebration of this rich, far-reaching talent, the Listel Vancouver Hotel and Raincoast Books have collected the city's best stories into the most definitive Vancouver anthology yet: *The Vancouver Stories*.

Since when do hotels publish books? The Listel Vancouver Hotel is up to their eyeballs in the arts! Not only do they have creative partnerships with both the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery and the Museum of Anthropology in their Gallery and Museum Floor guestrooms, they sponsor the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, the Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale and the Vancouver Arts Awards. They are also committed to literacy through their sponsorship of Literacy BC's Family Literacy Day (January 27). Did we mention their seven night a week jazz programming in O'Doul's Restaurant & Bar (check out their CD "Take Time" released in November 2003 featuring most of Vancouver's finest jazz performers)?

"We're constantly looking for ways to introduce Vancouver's dynamic arts scene to our guests," states Lise Magee, spokesperson for the Listel. "We've been doing a pretty good job of it in the visual and performing arts, but had been looking for an interesting way to do it in terms of literature for a while now. This collection was the perfect fit and we're thrilled to be able to introduce such accomplished writers – and their unique takes on our city - to our guests."

"We've all heard the usual clichés about Gore-Tex and mountains and pot," says Derek Fairbridge, Raincoast Books' editor of *The Vancouver Stories*, "The aim of this collection is to show the variety contained in Vancouver. We want visitors to our city to experience Vancouver from a different angle than a tour bus."

Writers in the collection include Malcolm Lowry, George Bowering, Douglas Coupland, William Gibson, Madeleine Thien and Alice Munro.

A copy of *The Vancouver Stories* can be found in every room of the Listel Vancouver Hotel – an ersatz Gideon's Bible. *The Vancouver Stories* is also available in bookstores across Canada.

Raincoast Books is a Canadian publisher and distributor based in Vancouver, BC. Raincoast Publishing produces a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults and children. Visit www.raincoast.com for more information.

Dubbed "Vancouver's Most Art-full Hotel*", the Listel Vancouver – a 129 room boutique hotel - is not only packed with original art but it also boasts a perfect location on the city's most eclectic shopping and dining street.

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