## BRENDA CRAIGDARROCH DOESN'T CARE IF YOU READ THIS BOOK

You wouldn't be the first to want to know about her, but Brenda Craigdarroch doesn't have the time or patience to tell you. She's got things to do: maybe not better things, but certainly other things.

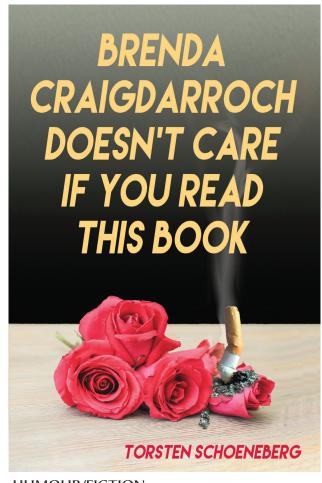
She's a hard woman to describe. She hates description, so does her best to defy it. In any case, it's pretty well known that she doesn't believe them, has an odd history with her dentist, doesn't post on social media, really liked that bitcoin miner from Winnipeg, won that honourary philosophy award, won't stop smoking, has a lot of keys, tries hard to forget things, irrationally fears dishwashers, feels it and makes a killer raisin cookie.

Brenda Craigdarroch Doesn't Care If You Read This Book. Really, she doesn't. Nor that the title is much too long. This absurdist short story cycle rendered in free verse explores the details of everyday existence for insight to unearth and then throw away casually, if responsibly.

Wry humour, keen observation and memorable characters make Torsten Schoeneberg's writing unforgettable. You'll laugh and be left wanting more.

JEREMY LOVEDAY, Victoria City Councillor, Founder/Director of the Victorious Voices Youth Arts Festival, spoken word poet ...flows easily as warm conversation: thought-provoking, relatable, punctuated with surprising moments of laughter ... recommended for reading aloud amongst friends over tea or wine and witty banter.

SUSAN CORMIER, Producer, Vancouver Story Slam and The Short Story Show podcast



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