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After And The Birds Rained Down, a stunning meditation on aging and freedom, Jocelyne Saucier is back with her unique outlook on self-determination in this unsettling story about a woman's disappearance.

Gladys is born aboard a train as it winds its way through northern Ontario's most remote regions. On these same rails, she spends rapturous years in the company of her siblings and the other children she meets at each stop. On these rails, she finds love.

"Once you've known happiness, it's impossible to believe you'll ne- ver know it again."

But what prompted this ardent optimist, now in the winter of her life, to jump from train to train and evade all attempts to bring her home? The question haunts her friends, as well as a railroad activist who will not be deterred. Someone, somewhere, must know what drove Gladys to leave Swastika far behind.

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Jocelyne Saucier was born in New Brunswick and lives in Abitibi, Quebec. Her book And the Birds Rained Down has won several awards in Canada and France, including the Prix des cinq continents de la Francophonie, making her the first Canadian to win the award. The English version of the work was a CBC Canada Reads Selection in 2015.



