

## Biography of Bruce L. Willis

I began to read, which led me to think about writing. For the most part, it was nonfiction, history and legal articles. I started writing fiction in 2016 with the *Klondike Detective: Murder on King Solomons Dome* and followed up with another four books in the series. My thesis on the Environmental Effects of the Gold Rush and my work as the Water Board chair gave me the knowledge about the Yukon Gold Rush, a background to my first book.

This book is about me, a funny memoir of growing up in Canada in the fifties and sixties. This book covers the first fifteen years of my life, starting in 1951, when I first recalled what happened. This was how I viewed the world as a child and teenager. It is also an homage to the time when I grew up and to my family, relatives, food, toys, things, and important events.

I graduated from Acadia during the medieval period, 1966 to 1970, McGill (L.L.B) and Western, master's in history. I became a lawyer in Toronto and moved north to Hay River, in the Northwest Territories, then to Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory. I travelled on the court circuit from Baffin Island to Old Crow, first as a member of the Northwest Territories Law Society and then with the Yukon Law Society. Later, I was a trial lawyer and then specialized in administrative law. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1987, in my eleventh year in practice as president of the Yukon Law Society, the Federal Government awarded me a Queen's Counsel. After 44 years as a lawyer, I moved from active practice to inactive practice as a member of the Law Society of Yukon in 2020.

My teaching began at Seneca College in 1975, then continued at Sheridan College in 1976 and Yukon College in 1981, now Yukon University, where I am still teaching. I taught the master's in public administration law courses at the University of Alaska (South-East).

I am married with two wonderful daughters. I have the most understanding and beautiful wife who encouraged me to write. I am still a resident of Yukon but spend most of my time in the mountains of Costa Rica in spring-like temperatures and with no mosquitoes and still love to read.