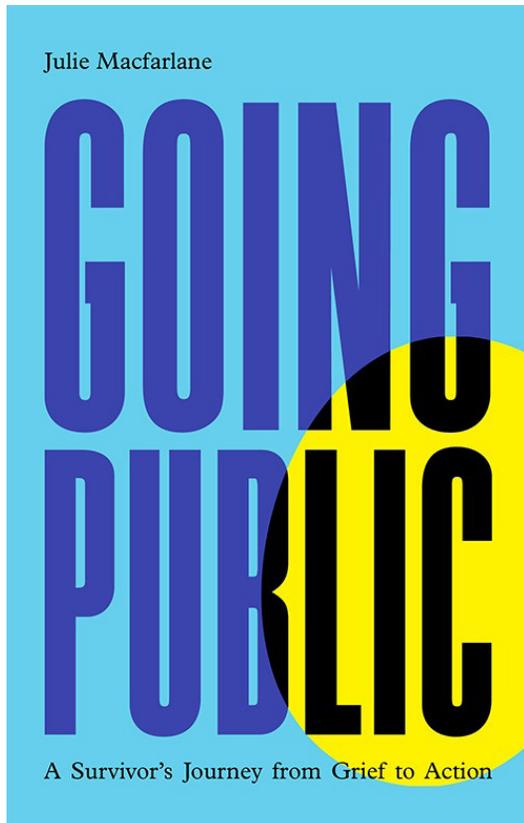


OHS Huguenot Society of Canada Award Recognizes *Going Public*: *A Survivors Journey from Grief to Action*

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The Huguenot Society of Canada Award honours the best book—or substantial article—published in Ontario within the last three years that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. The 2021-22 recipient is Dr. Julie Macfarlane for her book *Going Public: A Survivors Journey from Grief to Action*, published by Between the Lines.



Julie Macfarlane's *Going Public* is an incredibly personal and political story that is equally empowering in the disheartening face of “sexual violence as a part of our collective, societal conscience.” Macfarlane writes so clearly and engagingly both as a legal scholar and from her own experience as a litigant to challenge the misogyny pervasive in society. She destroys the myths of sexual violence and victims that are embedded in culture and institutions revealing how they further hurt victims and protect perpetrators. Macfarlane simultaneously provides a survivor's view of trauma and its effects, the difficult decision to go public and what is needed legally to challenge powerful institutions—in her case, the Anglican Church and the University of Windsor. This book has made a major contribution towards accountability, and most importantly, to changing the “entrenched culture of disbelief and denial” and institutional status quo. Indeed, it is a “blue print for activism on sexual violence” and how we shift “to a society that is committed to the respect and safety of girls and women.” *Going Public* is an extremely important and greatly needed resource during this transition.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2021-22 Huguenot Society of Canada Award to Dr. Julie Macfarlane.

Author Julie Macfarlane Responds to the Society's Selection



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