

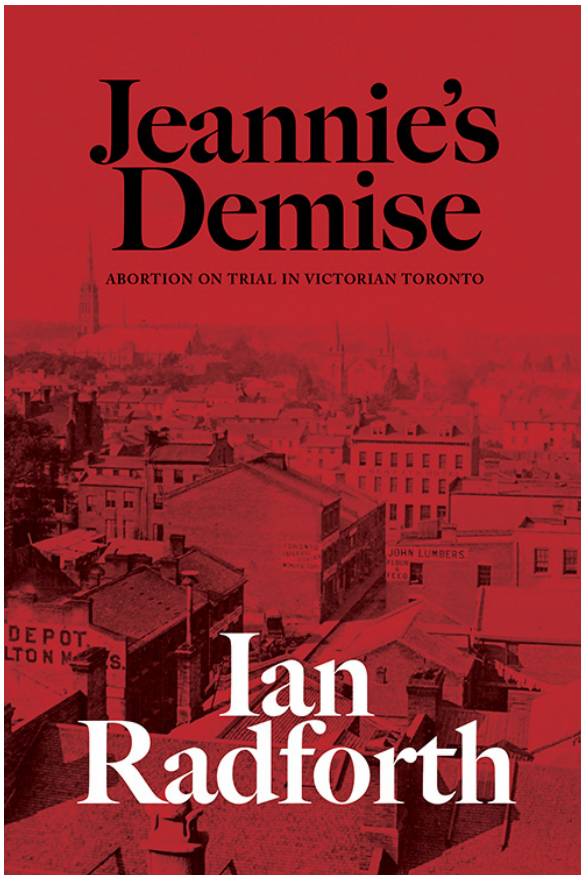


Ian Radforth's *Jeannie's Demise* Recognized with OHS Alison Prentice Award for Ontario Women's History

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The Ontario Historical Society proudly presents the 2021-22 Alison Prentice Award, which recognizes the best book in Ontario women's history published in the last three years, to Ian Radforth for his book, *Jeannie's Demise: Abortion on Trial in Victorian Toronto*, published by Between the Lines. Ian Radforth is a former Director on the OHS Board, and served as the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Chair for many years.

Jeannie's Demise is a history that transports the reader into late nineteenth-century Toronto, providing a glimpse into both its physical landscape and social realities. Beginning with the tragic death of Jeannie Gilmour in the summer of 1875 of an apparently botched abortion, it expands out to probe the larger context in which these events occurred, including shifting views on women's reproductive rights and the developing legal and political implications within the new nation. Radforth's exposition provides a close reading of the primary documents, bringing together newspaper accounts, official legal documents, city directories, and maps to provide a vivid account of the ripples this young woman's death made throughout Toronto and Ontario. It is remarkable for combining deep historical research with the readability of a true-crime drama.



The OHS Honours and Awards Committee congratulates Ian Radforth.

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