



Sandra Cormier's *Bad Ice* is the story of a hockey fan who prevents the murder of her hockey playing idol.

# Artist chooses Maple Leafs over hometown Canadiens

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Newmarket's Sandra Cormier has been a hockey fan since she was seven, fondly remembering sitting and watching game after game with her father.

She started as a Montreal Canadiens supporter — it made sense since that is where she lived — but when she moved to Ontario, she became a Toronto Maple Leafs fan.

"I think my father wanted me to be a boy," she laughed.

Her obsession for the sport and her pride in being a Canadian is what inspired her book *Bad Ice*.

Using the Greater Toronto Area as a backdrop for the story of a hockey fan who prevents the murder of her hockey playing idol by his girlfriend, Ms Cormier hopes to make readers feel the cold of the ice and draw a true picture of what it's like to be Canadian.

"It's a story of romance and suspense and I want people to feel love and hate for the characters," she said.

The majority of her writings come from daydreams, she admitted. Once she has an idea, she tucks herself into the corner of the family living room with a set of headphones to drown out distractions and begins to put her thoughts into words on her laptop.

She always loved English class in

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school, but decided she wanted to become an artist. She studied graphic arts at Humber College and moved on to visual arts instruction with hopes of becoming an art teacher.

When her dream fell through, she found herself working behind the counter at a camera store before becoming an advertisement creator.

"I realized I had to get a real job," she laughed.

But later on, she rediscovered her love for the written word and began to delve into her lifelong dream of being published, even though she continues to paint and do pet portraits in her spare time.

She is a writer who doesn't confine herself to one genre, having published her first book *The Space Between*, plus numerous e-books. She traveled with her family in her youth across Eastern Canada, Northern Ontario, Trinidad and Spain and would love to share the fascinating cultures with others through her writing in the future.

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