



The Hawk and the Hare: Based on a true story

by Janet Love Morrison

A Saskatchewan farm boy and an Indigenous scout become brothers-in-arms, fighting across Europe in the final months of the Second World War.

SUMMARY

In 1944, 21-year-old Private Ewen Morrison joins the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry in Sussex and meets his new platoon, including Reggie Johnson, an Indigenous soldier from Ontario's Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve. His new friend supplements the army's training with some of his own, helping to prepare Ewen for scouting missions against the enemy. Landing on Juno Beach, the men confront the brutal reality of war as they advance across northern Europe with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division. Reggie's bravery, skill and authority soon earn him a field promotion, but not necessarily the respect of all the men in his platoon.

Based on war diaries and official regimental records, *The Hawk and the Hare* is inspired by the real-life experience of the author's father.

SELLING FEATURES

Broad Appeal: Interest in stories of the Second World War continues to be strong across many demographics. Within this category, *The Hawk and the Hare* stands out as the only novel to recognize the significant contributions made by Canadian Indigenous soldiers. This book will appeal to military history buffs as well as readers interested in Indigenous issues and complex male relationships.

Topical Interest: The recent controversies in the UK regarding the Commonwealth War Graves Commission makes the issue of the racism in the military and the contribution from Commonwealth minorities in both world wars of current interest. July 9th marks the 77th anniversary of the liberation of Caen, France, by British and Canadian forces, including the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

Authenticity: The author conducted extensive research in England and Europe, worked closely with the regimental historian for the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and consulted Indigenous serving members, veterans and descendants. The book has been endorsed by numerous Canadian officers and was expected to figure prominently in official international ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day prior to the pandemic.

MARKETING & PROMOTION

Targeted Promotion: Video presentations will be prepared for schools; war and regimental museums and visitor centres; author speaker events for special interest groups and societies.

Secondary Markets: *The Hawk and the Hare* has twice been featured on Dutch television and, prior to the pandemic, orders had been placed by a number of museum and visitor centre shops in France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Digital Advertising: country-specific PPC ad campaigns.

Social media: PPC ad campaign targeting special interest groups in the UK

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