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**AUTHOR OF CANADIAN CLASSIC RELEASING NEW TITLE:
Come Walk With Me, A Memoir by Beatrice Mosionier**

BOOK'S PREMIERE TO TAKE PLACE IN BRANDON!

Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 13, 2009) -- In 1983, **Beatrice Mosionier** (then Culleton) blazed onto the stage of Canadian literature with the publication of her first novel ***In Search of April Raintree***. With searing clarity, Mosionier explored the struggle of two Métis sisters as they tried to make sense of the powerlessness, racism, and loss that loomed so large in their lives.

For years, readers have asked: How much of April Raintree's story is from the author's own life? ***Come Walk With Me, A Memoir*** is the answer to that question.

In *Come Walk With Me, A Memoir*, Beatrice recounts a life that often parallels that of her most memorable fictional character. Like April, Mosionier confronts great loss – of family, of innocence, and of dignity. However, whereas April is just beginning her quest for self-realization, Mosionier shares with us how she has found fulfillment – artistically, politically, and personally. She also includes the recovery of her powerful bond with her mother, a bond nearly destroyed by the family's separation in 1952.

FIRST READING OF *COME WALK WITH ME, A MEMOIR*

Beatrice Mosionier will be attending the OGAMAS Brandon Aboriginal Literary Festival at Brandon University, and introducing *Come Walk With Me, A Memoir* for the first time:

Friday October 16, 9:00-10:20am (Evans Theatre)

Children Powwow Dancers from New Era School (10 min.)

Dialogue: *Writing for Children and Young Adults*

Jordan Wheeler (chair), Beatrice Mosionier, Michael Kusugak,
Jennifer Storm, Drew Hayden Taylor

Friday October 16, 3:10-4:30 pm (Evans Theatre)

Literary Readings: *Imagining Other Worlds*

Jordan Wheeler, Jennifer Storm, Michael Kusugak,
Beatrice Mosionier, Warren Cariou

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ABOUT *COME WALK WITH ME, A MEMOIR*

Come Walk With Me, A Memoir is published by HighWater Press, an imprint of Portage & Main Press. Early reviews are testament to the fact that, once again, Beatrice's unassuming style and authentic voice make for an unforgettable literary journey, captivating the hearts and minds of those who venture into her book's pages:

"Fascinating to read . . . This memoir functions as a mini-history about Aboriginal and non-Native writers, about publishing and politics, offered by an important figure in the development of Canadian Aboriginal literature," says Paul DePasquale, from the Department of English at University of Winnipeg.

Come Walk With Me, A Memoir is hot-off-the-presses on October 15, 2009.

ABOUT BEATRICE MOSIONIER

Born in St. Boniface, Manitoba in 1949, Beatrice Mosionier was the youngest in a family of four children and placed in foster care at age 3. Following the suicides of her sisters, Vivian in 1964 and Kathy in 1980, Beatrice was compelled to take up writing. The result was the novel, *In Search of April Raintree*, published in 1983. The book remains one of Canada's most popular works of Aboriginal literature and launched the Manitoba literacy initiative *On the Same Page* in 2008. Beatrice previously worked as publisher of Pemmican Publications and has written more books of fiction, a play and a short film. She lives in Manitoba with her husband.

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