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

**TOURING NORTHERN MANITOBA
October 18-21, 2009**

Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 15, 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.

NORTHERN MANITOBA TOUR

Beatrice Mosionier is traveling to Northern Manitoba next week as part of the Aboriginal Writers Tour, along with Jordan Wheeler and Michael Kusugak, to the following locations:

THE PAS

Sunday, October 18, 7:00pm – The Pas Regional Library
Monday, October 19, 9:00am & 11:20am – Margaret Barbour Collegiate

FLIN FLON

Monday, October 19, 7:00pm – Flin Flon Public Library
Tuesday, October 20, 8:50am – Hapnot Collegiate

THOMPSON

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30pm – Thompson Public Library
Wednesday, October 21, 9:00am – RD Parker High School

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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. The book is hot-off-the-presses October 15, 2009. 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.

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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