About Anne Kay

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Throughout her career in communications, London author Anne Kay wrote countless business and health-care-related articles. When she retired, she was free to explore her passion for writing fiction. Five years of research, writing and editing produced an historical fiction novel based on the life of Peter McEwan, her great-great-grandfather. Set against the rugged backdrop of the 19th Century, Anne's debut novel, *The Salt Man,* is a story of adventure, discovery, love and courage that spans two continents and three generations. It's a sweeping saga that traces how one man's quest for adventure would lead to a discovery that changed the face of many Southwestern Ontario towns for decades to come. *The Salt Man* launched in December 2023 with glowing reviews from journalists, authors, historians, and readers alike.

In 2022, Anne joined the London Writers Society (LWS) and became an active volunteer, generously offering her talent for writing and PR for an inaugural LWS fundraiser, *An Evening with Terry Fallis* in 2023 at Wolf Performance Hall. She joined the LWS Anthology Committee in 2024, helping to produce the Society's first collection of poems and short stories, *Out of the Woods: Voices from the Forest City,* selected by renowned author Emma Donoghue. Anne chose not to submit her work to the anthology, preferring instead to act as a First Reader Judge, and was instrumental in securing other First Readers/Judges from the local literary community. As part of the Anthology team, Anne collaborated — and offered well-seasoned guidance — to prepare the countless emails, magazine articles and news releases for the project. The anthology, released in June 2025, reached #1 on Amazon's "most gifted" list, and was voted one of the *Globe & Mail's* "Hot Summer Reads" in August and September of 2025. Consistent sales and royalties from the book continue to fund ongoing LWS projects. The project has elevated the work of LWS members and attracted many new supporters (membership has doubled since 2024).

In honour of her outstanding contributions to the London Writers Society, the *Anne Kay Award for Historical Fiction* was created in 2026.