



## THOMAS TROFIMUK: *biography*

**Thomas Trofimuk** is an Edmonton-born writer who writes poetry, short-fiction, and novels. His first novel, **The 52nd Poem**, was published by *Great Plains Publications* in the spring of 2002. The book went on to win a few awards including the 2003 Alberta Novel of the Year and the City of Edmonton Book Prize. A second novel, **Doubting Yourself to the Bone**, was published in the fall of 2006 by *Cormorant Books* and has received high praise from critics—including being named as one of the top 100 *must read* books for 2006 by the *Globe & Mail*.

In 2009, Trofimuk's third novel, **Waiting for Columbus**, will burst onto the international stage, with a Canadian (*McClelland & Stewart*) and US (*Knopf-Doubleday*) release. In 2010, the book will be released in the UK (*Picador*), Serbia and Brazil. The book will also be released as an "audio book" in the US through *Blackstone Audiobooks* (2009).

Trofimuk is a founding father of Edmonton's *Raving Poets* movement and he's an irregular reviewer for the *Edmonton Journal* book page. His poems and short stories have been published in literary magazines and journals across Canada, and broadcast on CBC radio.

Trofimuk is happily married to his first reader, Cindy-Lou. And in fact, they do have children—a couple of fine young men in their early 20s, and a daughter.