

# HACKMATAACK

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### **Linda Bailey**

author of  
***Adventures in the Ice Age***



I grew up in Winnipeg, the eldest of three girls. As a child, I was shy and cautious—but I *wanted* to be an adventurer. I think that’s why I like to write adventure stories now. I did a lot of reading and loved all kinds of books — horse stories, mysteries, classics. I also loved to play “pretend” games in big groups of kids, especially cops-and-robbers and cowboys. When I was eleven, my family moved to the country. This was hard for me and I missed my city friends, but I liked playing in the woods around my new home.

When I grew up, what I wanted most was to travel. I spent two years travelling around the world by plane and by ship, and I lived for a while in Europe and Australia. When I came back to Canada, I worked as a travel agent. At twenty-eight, I went to the University of British Columbia, where I got two degrees—in English and Adult Education. For some years afterwards, I taught at colleges. Then, when my two daughters were born, I began to work at home, writing and editing educational materials. Those were the years that I fell in love with children’s books. My daughters and I went to all the storytimes. We haunted the libraries! I loved kids’ books so much, I began to write my own stories. After seven years of “learning how,” the magical day came in 1992 when my first book was published.

I live in Vancouver now, and I still love to travel. Some of my recent trips have been to the Grand Canyon, London, Paris, New York and Mexico. My daughters (Lia and Tess) are adults now and still love to read. I have a golden retriever dog (Sophie), and a cat (Daphne).

### **Selected Awards**

*How Can A Frozen Detective Stay Hot on the Trail?* Arthur Ellis (Crime Writers of Canada) Award  
*How Can A Brilliant Detective Shine in the Dark?* Arthur Ellis  
*Adventures in the Middle Ages*, Ontario Silver Birch Award 2001; B.C. Red Cedar Award  
*Adventures with the Vikings*, Hackmataack Award, Silver Birch Award  
*Stanley’s Party*, *Child Magazine* Best Children’s Book Award, (U.S.A.); Ontario Blue Spruce Award, B.C. Book Prize, Saskatchewan Shining Willow Award

### **Some Other Books by Linda Bailey**

*Adventures With the Vikings*, Kids Can Press 2001  
*Adventures in Ancient Greece*, Kids Can Press 2002  
*Adventures in Ancient China*, Kids Can Press 2003  
*What’s A Daring Detective Like Me Doing in the Doghouse?* Kids Can Press 1997  
*How Can A Brilliant Detective Shine in the Dark?* Kids Can Press 1999  
*What’s a Serious Detective Like Me Doing in Such a Silly Movie?* Kids Can Press 2002  
*The Best Figure Skater in the Whole Wide World*, Kids Can Press 2001  
*Stanley’s Party*, Kids Can Press 2003