

HACKMATAACK 2006

Lynne Kositsky

**author of *Rachel 4:*
*An Elephant Tree Christmas***

Lynne Kositsky was born in Montreal, Canada but grew up in England. She is an award-winning poet for adults.

She was a terrible student in school, always getting into trouble. When she became a teacher she could easily see her students' point of view as a result. She wrote poetry for many years while she was teaching and raising her busy family of five children, two dogs, a budgie, two gerbils and Samster the hamster. When it was quieter and her own children were grown up, she resigned from teaching to pursue writing children's and young adult novels full time.

She has so many stories in her head they are bursting to come out. She found Rachel's story quite by accident while researching about the Acadians of Grand-Pré.



Selected Awards

Candles, shortlisted Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction

Rachel: A Mighty Big Imagining, White Raven Award, nominated Hackmataack Award

Rachel: The Maybe House, starred review Canadian Materials Mag, Resource Links

Rachel: Certificate of Freedom, starred review Canadian Materials Mag, Resource Links

Rachel: An Elephant Tree Christmas, starred review Canadian Materials Mag, Resource Links