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### **Robert Sutherland**

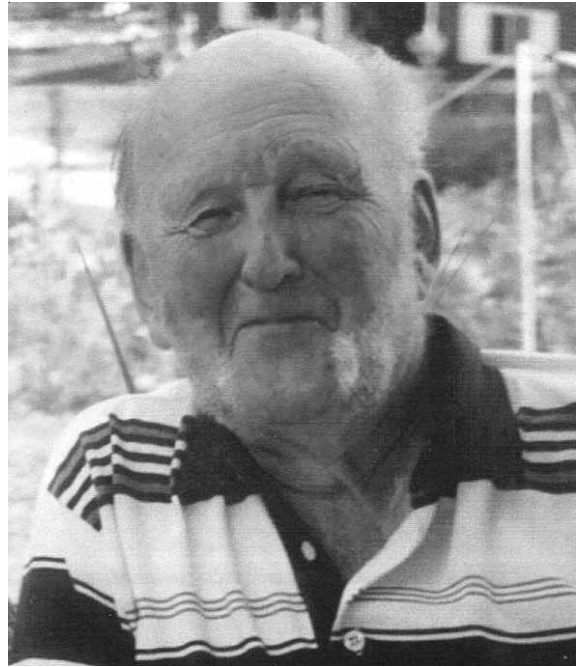
author of  
***The Adventures of Tommy Smith***

Robert Sutherland was born in 1925 in Priceville, Ontario. In his early years he lived briefly in Marion Bridge, Cape Breton and Scotland, then returned to Canada. During World War II he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served from 1943 to 46. While in the navy he met Charlotte Cameron of Glasgow, Scotland and married her in Toronto in 1948. Together they have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and one great-grand child. He currently resides in Westport, Ontario.

Robert was brought up in a reading family and always wanted to be a writer of the kind of stories he loved to read -- mystery adventures. He worked in the printing and binding business in order to feed his family. In the 1950's he had poems published in the Canadian Poetry Magazine and the Nova Scotia Book of Verse, as well as some historical sketches in the Presbyterian Record. Attempts at writing fiction

brought numerous rejection slips but on two occasions the editors added a pencil note: "Suggest you try writing for teenagers." He finally took their advice and has had twelve adventure novels published, some historical, some contemporary. His time in the navy gave him a love of the sea which plays an important part in most of his books.

"Writing can be like riding a roller coaster, with times of frustration and disappointment offset by the thrill of seeing one's name on the cover of a published book, and meeting eager young readers who have enjoyed reading your work. It is a wonderful life."



### **Selected Awards**

*The Secret Of Devil Lake*, nominated Red Cedar and Silver Birch book awards

*Son of the Hounds*, shortlisted Geoffrey Bilson Award and Canadian Library Assoc. Book of the Year Award; won CNIB's Torgi Talking Book Award

*The Adventures of Tommy Smith*, nominated Silver Birch Award, longlisted Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children Award

### **Some Other Books by Robert Sutherland**

*The Ghost of Ramshaw Castle*, Scholastic 1990

*Suddenly A Spy*, Scholastic 1992

*Death Island*, Scholastic 1994

*If Two Are Dead*, Scholastic 1997

*The Secret Of Devil Lake*, HarperCollins 1998

*A River Apart*, Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2000

*Greysteel's Ghost*, HarperCollins 2005