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About the Author

Michael Hiebert likes to write surprising stories that cross genres, and are often mysterious. He is a two-time winner of the prestigious Surrey International Writers' Conference Storyteller's Award and has been listed in *The Best American Mystery Stories*, edited by Joyce Carol Oates. Michael lives in Canada with his family, a dog named Chloe, and enough books that it is no longer fun to move. Visit him at www.michaelhiebert.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/M.R.Hiebert, and on Twitter @Hiebert_M.

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