

THE PACIFIC FESTIVAL *of the* BOOK | Press Release

On May 9th, Jim Christy, author of *Nine O’Clock Gun* and *Scalawags*, will be appearing at the Pacific Festival of the Book in Victoria.

The Pacific Festival of the Book is a dynamic city-wide festival featuring readings, performances, spoken word and art exhibits. On May 9th the Church of St. John the Divine will host an all-day festival from 10am to 4pm featuring author readings, panels, and a publisher market place.

**All Day Book Fair, May 9th, 10am-4pm, \$5.00
Church of St. John the Divine
1611 Quadra Street, Victoria, B.C.**



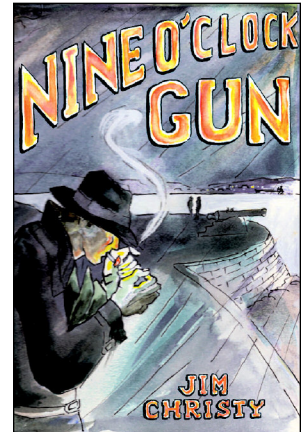
Jim Christy is a writer, artist and tireless traveller. The author of twenty books, including poetry, short stories, novels, travel and biography, Christy has been praised by writers as diverse as Charles Bukowski and Sparkle Hayter. His travels have taken him from the Yukon to the Amazon, Greenland to Cambodia. He has covered wars and exhibited his art internationally. Raised in inner-city Philadelphia, he moved to Toronto when he was twenty-three years old and became a Canadian citizen at the first opportunity. A resident of British Columbia’s Sunshine Coast for many years, he currently resides in Toronto.

In *Nine O’Clock Gun*, published by Ekstasis Editions, Gene Castle, hard-boiled Private Eye is back in his room at the faded Rose Hotel, back at his table at Ramona’s Cafe, but the woman in his life has taken her seamed silk stockings and walked. Vancouver is as dangerous as ever, though, and Castle’s just the man to solve the string of murders striking a little too close to home. Christy’s feel for the language of the street and the spirit of the times sets the stage for crime fiction that is intelligent and absorbing.

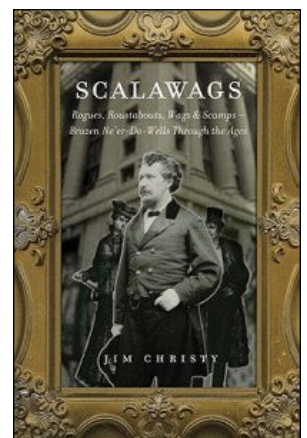
In *Scalawags: Rogues, Roustabouts, Wags & Scamps*, new from Anvil Press, you will encounter gamblers and adventurers, con men and con women, rodomontades and ragamuffins, outright fools and outrageous liars. *Scalawags*, the lot of them. The wild, amazing—almost unbelievable—lives of those who dared to really live.

Jim Christy’s old Vancouver is a shadowy landscape brought to life through his sad sack losers, his half-bad strivers looking for an angle, and innocents who should, as Robert Parke put it, know better. A dark, quirky and humane journey through the old Pacific port city where cultures and motives collide.

Sparkle Hayter, author of *Naked Brunch*



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