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Short Bio: (55 words)

Elinor Florence is a journalist whose career spans five provinces, from editing daily newspapers to writing for Reader's Digest Canada. Most recently she published her own award-winning community newspaper. Elinor grew up on a Saskatchewan farm, a former World War Two training airfield, and now lives in the mountain resort town of Invermere, British Columbia.

Long Bio: (195 words)

Career journalist Elinor Florence grew up on a Saskatchewan grain farm, a former World War Two training airfield near North Battleford.

She launched her career at her hometown newspaper, followed by the Western Producer in Saskatoon, the Red Deer Advocate, the Winnipeg Sun and the Vancouver Province. Along the way she even did a stint of freelancing in Los Angeles.

After a year in northern Mexico, where her husband was construction manager for a gold mine, her young family moved to the mountain resort town of Invermere, British Columbia. For the next eight years, she was a regular writer for Reader's Digest, specializing in the "heart" stories.

She returned to her newspaper roots when she purchased a fledgling local weekly, the Columbia Valley Pioneer, and turned it into a much-loved community standard.

Four years ago, Elinor sold the newspaper to pursue her lifelong goal of writing fiction. Her first historical novel Bird's Eye View, about a young Canadian woman who joins the air force and studies aerial photographs, will be published by Dundurn Press of Toronto in October 2014.

Married with three grown daughters, Elinor loves village life, historical research, old houses, and flea markets.