

# Rooted on the farm

Carolyn j Morris grew up on the family farm – part of the McQueen-Vue Farms in Nottawa. She was familiar with hard work from a young age. Barn chores, before catching the school bus at the end of the laneway, were not uncommon for the youngest McQueen girl.

During her thirty-two years in the classroom, Morris has always managed to teach a bit of agriculture along with phonics and numbers. She's been known to show up at school with a cow and calf, a

pony, a goat, lambs, chicks and ducklings. She's definitely not afraid to get her hands dirty!

Morris is no longer in the classroom every day; she focuses her energy on reaching more families by visiting libraries, bookstores, elementary schools, and senior residences. Her passion for storytelling reaches the young and old alike.

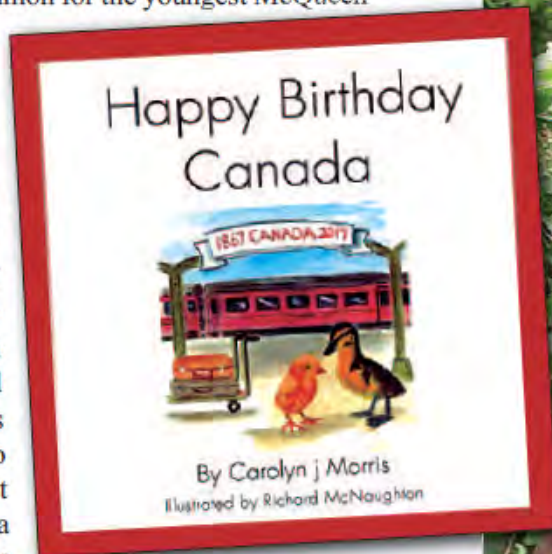
In the spring, Morris takes her chicks or ducklings to her author visits and speaking engagements. "There's nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles, the gentle hands, and hearing the soft whispers of joy when I share the baby chicks."

Morris has written four Spruce Valley novels, set on the farm and enjoyed by all ages, but it's her four new Railfence Bunch children's books that are all the buzz! The adorable and curious characters, Chick and Duckling, have an adventure in each of Morris' stories. Her latest book, *Happy Birthday Canada*, has the two young characters traveling through the regions of Canada in celebration of the sesquicentennial. Grey County's Richard McNaughton illustrates the gentle tales with charming watercolour scenes.

Beginning in August, Morris spends her weekends at various agricultural fairs before ending her circuit at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November.

For more information on Carolyn j Morris, check out her website at [www.railfencebooks.com](http://www.railfencebooks.com).

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Carolyn Morris will read from her book "*Happy Birthday Canada*" at the opening ceremonies for the Angus Farmers' Market on June 22nd.



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Author, teacher and speaker Carolyn Morris reads from her new book to a public school classroom in Scarborough.