

# ***THE BOOK OF LIAM***

BY  
ALIX BABIAK

**Copyright c Alix Babiak January 9, 2019**

**All right reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording or other electronic or mechanical methods, without prior permission of the author, except in a case of brief quotations embodied in the critical reviews and certain non-commercial uses permitted under copyright law.**

**Printed and bound in St. Malo, Manitoba Canada by Alix Babiak.**

**Published by Down by the River Productions.**

***INSPIRED & DEDICATED  
TO***

***DR. ERIC SAGER  
ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY  
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA***

## **THE BOOK OF LIAM – PART 1**

**c Alix Babiak, January 9, 2019**

### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

**Liam McFee**

**Cassandra McFee**

**Margeaux McFee**

**Narrator**

**OVERTURE**

**(Lights go up on Liam McFee (dressed in a Royal Canadian Navy Captain Uniform) (Downstage Centre) (1968 Uniform)**

**Liam: (to audience says “Whirlwind” by Alix Babiak)**

**“Two young people  
The story is so sad  
So many times could have we saved the World  
They tried . . .  
Everytime it turned out so bad.**

**Chorus**

**It’s a whirlwind this life you know  
Sometimes high, Sometimes low  
Walking in Circle  
Trying to find a path  
Having ecstatic dreams  
Facing Reality  
Shown a Life like that.**

**One young person went to war  
The other took care of the children  
As the bombs in their home town soared  
Nobody knows what happened**

To the person who went to war  
They said the ship was shot down  
The fair person just kept taking care of the children  
And walks in sadness in their home town.

Chorus

The children grew up  
And had children of their own  
One person went to another war  
The other person just stayed at home  
It is said the ship was shot down  
And the other person with sadness in their eyes  
Just stayed right at home

Chorus

It's a whirlwind this life you know  
Sometime High, Sometimes Low  
Walking in Circle  
Trying to find a path  
Having ecstatic dreams  
Facing Reality  
Shown a Life like that . . .  
Yah, Shown a Life like that.

(Liam McFee finishes Lyrics by saying)

Liam: WORLD WAR 1 – 16 MILLION DEAD

(Blackout)

**ACT 1**

**Scene 1**

**(Lights go up on screen upstage centre. It says "World War 1 1914-1918")**

**(Dim lights – Spotlight goes up on Narrator who is downstage right)**

**Narrator: Liam McFee still wore the uniform with its torn lapels and burnt sleeves. In the moonlight that was streaming across the ocean, Liam's eyes were very bright. Liam's lips were slightly parted. Liam could not breathe through the nose. It was broken. Liam's face was burnt and all scratched up. Liam's hands were bleeding. Liam's ship lost for over a month. Will Liam ever get home?**

**Liam McFee never complains or talks of this. Liam just keeps on working for his country Canada and all the peace in the world.**

**(Spotlight goes off. Narrator exits stage right.)**

**(Lights go up. Back from the war Liam McFee is in a navy soldiers uniform and Cassandra McFee, a nurse and his partner both are 19 years old. They are sitting on a swing downstage centre)**

**Liam: (hands holding head then lifts head looking at Cassandra in grief) 16 million Dead.**

**Cassandra: I am surprised you made it home.**

**Liam: "The War to End all Wars". Darn, I am going to make this place a home again.**

**(lights go down then spotlight on Narrator to say "Over There Canada")**

Shawn get your gun, get your gun  
The bombs are flying, yes they're flying  
They're coming, yes they are coming  
Shawn get your gun, get your gun.

Chorus

Over There, Over There  
Look Over There  
That Canada is coming, That Canada is coming  
The Brave Canadian Navy and Army  
Say the Word, Over There.

Shawn get your gun, get your gun  
The bombs are flying. Yes, They're Flying  
They're Flying  
They're Coming, yes they're coming  
Shawn get your gun  
Get your gun.

Chorus

(Blackout)

Scene 2

(Lights go up. Liam and Cassandra are sitting on swing downstage centre)

Liam: Don't know if I should go back to fishing. Bumped into George from Salmon Run Fisheries and George offered me a job. I thought I could do more training to become a Captain of my own ship with the Canadian Navy. Just going up the ranks. Saw a lot, travelling overseas. Too much I think. I saw guns fired at merchant ships. Yah, Merchant Ships and those ships went down. Tried to save as many people as we could. Luckily my ship did not go down.



Seen by a bulletin, this Versaille Treaty seems fishy with Germany. Who knows if Germany is going to pay back all the damage they have done. We definitely need a strong Navy. The Royal Canadian Navy only started with three ships and 350 men. We mostly were used to protect Allie Merchant Ships that brought supplies to Great Britain, France and to the front lines. Never saw many major battles. One huge battle we were in, was when a British Warship was attacked by three German boats. We hardly escaped. I ended up in the water and saved by another British boat.

Now I am back home. What am I going to do to forget about all this for awhile?  
Cassandra: You can stay right here with me. I'll work and support you. I'll even have your children . . . but I think you would get bored.

You go down to that mess hall and discuss this with few of your comrads. I have to check on some brocken soldiers at the hospital. I'll have supper ready for you when you come back.

(lights go down, pause, lights go up)

Liam: (to audience) I am going to become a Royal Canadian Navy Captain. (Liam has a big smile on his face.)

(Blackout)

### Scene 3

(spotlight goes up on Narrator downstage right)

Narrator: Liam McFee became a Navy Captain and had a ship. Cassandra McFee remained a Nurse at the Victoria General Hospital. They had two children, Liza and Callum. By 2019, they had many grandchildren and great grandchildren. (This legacy stuff you know) One great great grandchild, Margeaux McFee, is now 18 years old. Margeaux is a Canadian Captain with Navy Cadets (you know, all those youngsters). Margeaux teaches other Navy Cadets how to sail, how to survive and teaches and lives by The Canadian Navy Cadet mission to protect this Country. Margeaux has her own opinions of the

history of the major world wars and the current affairs of the day.

(Spotlight goes down)

(lights go up) (Margeaux McFee is in Navy Cadet Uniform. Margeaux reads "It's All About Hate" to her students (the audience).

Margeaux: World War 1 (clears her throat) "It is All About Hate"

The World as we know it came to an end in 1914. "The War to End All Wars".

(Wishful thinking)

There was an assassination of Austrian, Archduke Ferdinand and Partner by a Serb Nationalist.

**AND THE WORLD ALMOST CAME TO AN END!**

Chorus

Victor, Victor Walheim of Germany

Francis Joseph the First of Austria-Hungary

Ismail Enver Pasha of the Turkish Ottoman Empire

Tzar Nicholas the Second of Russia

And Lenin of Russia pulled out.

**ALL FULL OF HATE**

Wilhelm the Second of Germany (a facist) made Germany the greatest economic and military power of the World. The Turkish Ottoman Empire were called "the sick people of Europe". However, they had great power. You put Germany and Turkey Together,

**YES, IT WILL BE THE END OF THE WORLD!**

Chorus

The enemy is Germany, Austria Hungary (really angry at the Serbs), Italy (a Cwandry) and others. The other side was Britain, then Canada and France to name a few.

They say that many diplomatic strategies came to be, but didn't work out. When Lenin took over from Tzar Nicholas the Second,

**MANY SOLDIERS DIED BECAUSE**

## **WE ALMOST LOST THE WAR WHEN LENIN PULLED OUT.**

The other side almost lost the war also when Lenin pulled out of all the mayham. Tzar Nicholas the Second of Russia and his family were shot. Yah, the Russian Revolution. Thus, at this point, it could have been the World War that ended humankind. Yah, Lenin pulled out, while 210,000 casualites of Canadians were Victims of the War to End All Wars.

### **Chorus**

1918 was Armistice, negotiated by the Treaty of Versaille. The Spanish Flu gave rise and starvation was around the World.

The enemy lost but Victor Walheim the Second from Germany went into exile to plan more chaos.

The treaty of Versailles was signed along with the formation of the League of Nations. But like every contract or legal document, if you are bad losers, things are done behind your back. Germany had hidden money and got their people working and built another military might. This was worse than the First World War.

## **THUS THE RISE OF HITLER**

**(Blackout)**

**ACT 2 – WORLD WAR II**

**Scene 1**

**(Lights on Screen Upstage Centre – On Screen “1939-1945 – World War II”)**

**(Lights Down, Then Spotlight goes up on Liam (Now a Captain in the Canadian Navy who is Wearing a Uniform))**

**(Liam says “Whirlwind” from Overture by Alix Babiak) (At end of “Whirlwind” Liam standing centre stage says in grief)**

**Leam: Yes Callum’s ship went down. MY GROWN CHILD’S ship went down.**

**(Blackout)**

**Scene 2**

**(lights go up) (Liam is sitting on a chair downstage centre and Cassandra is sitting on swing – both are holding their head in grief)**

**Liam: (holding back the tears) This war was the worst there ever was. Just ostrosities. A friend of mine walked into Oshwitz. Too horrible to describe. Walking into China was worse. It’s good they didn’t hit Canada. I bet we were going to be next on the chopping block. Then they invent the frigging Atomic Bomb. What are they going to think of next! Hiroshima will be suffering for a long long time.**

**Cassandra: Not Right! Just Not Right! Then we lost Callum. Our grown child. He looked so handsome in the Navy Uniform. Callum died bravely and did a lot for this country. Like you Liam . . . strong, brave and too sensitive. Followed in your footsteps, Captain Liam McFee. What are we left with? (with a mischievious smile on her face) Liza and the beautiful family and memories and pictures of Callum. You know we are better off than other people.**

Liam: Anyone can be in the depths of despair and you always, Cassandra, bring a smile to everyone's face. What would I do without you.

### Scene 3

(lights go up on Margeaux McFee downstage centre)

Margeaux: (Clears Throat) (To Audience) World War II – 1939-1945

In 1939, there was the devil, Hitler, who rose to power in Germany and was called the Third Reich. Hitler wasn't the only the devil. There was Mussolini, Stalin and the Emperor of Japan. All of them were trying to conquer and rule the world. Hitler took most of Europe, except Switzerland. Hitler tried Great Britain and almost succeeded. Stalin, along with Hitler, had most of the Netherlands. There was a fishy situation with Stalin of the U.S.S.R.

**THE WORLD ALMOST ENDED AGAIN!**

### Chorus

Victor Victor Valheim  
Hitler Hitler Hitler  
Bush, Cheney Bush, Hey Victor  
Trump, Trump, Trump, Hi Hitler?

**ALL FULL OF HATE**

The States, I mean the United States of America were only sending arms and money to whoever. They minded their own business until the Japanese blew up Pearl Harbor. They were dealing with suicide bombers. Then it got so bad that the United State invented the Atomic Bomb. 85 million dead in World War II because of these devils.

It was China that was hit the most. Nobody talks of China because it was so bad. The Japanese Emperor was the deadliest of them all.

Then came the Atomic Bomb. Hiroshima was destroyed. Hitler committed suicide. That wasn't the end of that. The others got away and Neo-Naziism spread around the world. To this date 2019 we can say good-bye to everyone who is not the arian race. That's most people around the globe.

There was hope back then with the Birth of the United Nations. Little good did that do looking at what happened after Hitler and the Third Reich.

- 1) The Korean War
  - 2) The Cold War
  - 3) The War on Terror – Bush, Cheney, Obama, Clinton, Obama and now Donald Trump – Alquida, Isis . . . should I go on.
- Hey Canada, You have another Trudeau . . . a marijuana hero.

**JUST DESTRUCTION OF ANY GOODNESS AND THE END OF THE WORLD . . .**

Victor, Victor Valheim  
Hitler Hitler Hitler

**ALL ABOUT HATE!**

**Blackout**

### **ACT 3**

#### **Scene 1**

**(Light go up to Screen Centre Stage – Sign says : The Cold War 1947-1962)**

**(Light go down)**

**(Spotlight goes to Narrator Downstage right)**

**Narrator: Liam spent his life as Captain for the Royal Canadian Navy with his ship the H.M.C. Brody. Liam Barely made it through the Korean War. He saw it all. In 1968, there was a big organizational change in the Canadian Armed Forces. They united to become one. Navy, Army and Air Force. Let's just say everyone lost their individuality. Liam's uniform turned to green. A Big disappointment. Liam retired that year and died inside at that time. Liam died a sorrowful man in 1970. Cassandra passed away a year later. They left a legacy of McFees across Canada. Margeaux McFee tells a history of it all in 2019 as a Navy Cadet Captain to her students.**

**Liam McFee still wore the uniform with it's torn lapels and burnt sleeves. In the moonlight that was streaming across the ocean, Liam's eyes were very bright. Liam's lips were slightly parted. Liam could not breathe through the nose. It was broken. Liam's face was burnt and scratched up. Liam's hands were bleeding. When will Liam go home?**

**(Blackout)**

#### **Scene 2**

**(Lights go up on Margeaux downstage centre and reads "It's All About Hate")**

**Margeaux:** The Cold War is a state of military and political tension after World War II. This was between the Western Block (the United States of America, it's Nato Allies) and powers in the Eastern Block (The Soviet Union, it's allies in the Warsaw Pact and later what is now called the People's Republic of China). In

**2019, some Historians believe that the Cold War never ended. Communism vs. Democracy and Monarchy.**

**The Cold War began with the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the Berlin Blockade. These were events between 1945 – 1948. The U.S. versus the U.S.S.R. Heard of the Berlin Wall?**

**Chorus**

**Stalin, Stalin, Stalin – Joseph Stalin  
Cheing Kai-Shek – Guess from Where?  
Yah, We had Victor, Victor Valeim  
Now we have Trump, Trump, Trump  
And of Course  
Hitler Hitler Hitler**

**ALL FULL OF HATE**

**And then, of Course, the Korean War that ended in 1953.**

**Get This:**

- 1) The Cuban Missile Crisis**
- 2) The Vietnam War**
- 3) Richard Nixon tried to make friends with China. I don't know which one. There was another China in Taiwon**
- 4) We cannot forget the Middle East. The Arab-Israeli Conflict still goes on now.**

**Then came the peacemakers. Ronald Reagan and Gorbechev. Reagan said "Take Down This Wall" and there was peace between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. for a very long time. Germany was divided between East and West Berlin**



and Berlin became one again. Then came the fall of the Soviet Union. The Serbs against the Croations came along with it all. When does it ever End?

Chorus

Victor Victor Valheim

Hitler Hitler Hitler, Hy Hitler

Stalin, Breshnev close to the Above

Then Came the Islamic Fundamentalists

Don't forget Israel and the Middle East

**RACISM HAS BECOME AN ACCEPTED THING . . .  
EVERYONE IS ALL FULL OF HATE!**

**Amidst the Darkness, There is Some Light:**

**When Your World Comes to an End**

**Is there Hope?**

**You Still Have Your Own Circle**

**Of People That you Love**

**When You Make Them Happy**

**It Brings A Sense of Contentment**

**And Peace Within Your Heart.**

**Yah, There is Hope In Your Circle**

**If You Don't Have Anybody**

**Reach Out and Touch Someone**

**Talk of the Future**

**Figure Out in Your Own Way**

**How to Fix Things For Yourself**

**You Can't try To Fix Things For Everyone**

**I Think They Just Have To Figure Out Themselves**

**Without Pain, Without Glory**

**Only Unconditional Love**

**Deserved by Few in Your Life**

**A toast to my Great Great Grandparents Liam and Cassandra McFee.  
YAH, IT IS THE END!**

**(Blackout)**

**LIAM – PART 2**

**LAURIE  
(CANADA AS A PROTECTOR)**

***c Alix Babiak October 12, 2020***

**Cast of Characters**

**Narrator**

**Laurie McFadden**

**Fern McBride**

**OVERTURE**

**(Lights go up on the Narrator standing centre stage)**

**Narrator: (to audience)**

**Two Young People**

**The story is so sad**

**So many times could have we saved the world**

**They tried . . .**

**Everytime it turned out so bad.**

**Chorus**

**It's a whirlwind this life you know**

**Sometimes high, Sometimes low**

**Walking in a Circle**

**Trying to find a path**

**Having ecstatic dreams**

**Facing Reality**

**Shown a life like that.**

**One young person went to war**

**The other took care of the children**

**As the bomb in their home town soared**

**Nobody knows what happened to the**

**Person who went to war**

**They said that the person was shot down**

**The other young person just kept taking care of the children**

**And walks in sadness in their home town.**

**Chorus**

**The children grew up**

**And had two children of their own**

One person went to another war  
The other just stayed at home  
It is said that the person who went to war  
Was shot down  
The other with sadness  
Just stayed right at home

Chorus

It's a whirlwind this life you know  
Sometime High, Sometimes Low  
Walking in a Circle  
Trying to find a Path  
Having Ecstatic Dreams  
Facing Reality . . .  
Shown a life like that . . .  
Yah, Shown a life like that

(lights go down)

**ACT 1**

**Scene 1**

**(Lights go up on Narrator standing downstage right)**

**Narrator: Margeaux McFee's Grandchild, Fern was also a Captain for the Navy Cadets and went to the University of Victoria to get a Social Work Degree. Fern saw everything, You know, the down and out children, families, drug addicts, criminals and don't forget the mentally ill. Fern saw worse things that Liam McFee saw in war. It wasn't until Fern McBride met Laurie McFadden that Fern could find peace when Fern came home.**

**Laurie was a soldier in the peacekeeping forces of the Royal Canadian Armed Forces. The nose was broken first by the comrades, then by an Egyptian, then a person from Cyprus, then a person from the Congo and all Laurie wanted to do was come home. You think Liam McFee saw it all. Laurie McFadden was not on the sea but on land. There was nowhere left to run.**

**Both wanted to protect their country. Like a giving Canadian, all Laurie McFadden wanted was peace.**

**(Lights go down)**

**Scene 2**

**(Lights go up)**

**(Laurie in a Royal Canadian Peacekeeping Uniform stands downstage centre)**

**Laurie: (to audience)**

**There is a port called Victoria**

**On a Western Bay**

**A lonely soldier went on leave**

**And found a sight he couldn't believe**

**There was a person in this harbor town**

That really caught the eye

Fern you're a fine person  
What a good life we could have together  
That is, if I didn't have to leave this town  
With a chance, it would be forever.

(Lights dim)

(Fern McBride is in a Royal Canadian Navy Cadet Captain Uniform and is speaking to a class, Fern is downstage centre and lights go up)

Fern: (to audience) (clears throat)

In 1939, there was a devil Hitler, who rose to power in Germany & was called the Third Reich. Hitler wasn't the only devil.

Laurie: (from audience) You've got that Right!

Fern: (stunned) There was Mussolini, Stalin and the Emperor of Japan. All of them were trying to conquer and rule the world. Hitler took most of Europe, except Switzerland. Hitler tried Great Britain and almost succeeded. Stalin, along with Hitler, had most of the Netherlands. There was a fishy situation with Stalin of the U.S.S.R.

EVERYONE JUST TOOK COVER!

Laurie: (from audience) Your Darn Right!

(Fern leaves stage left all frazzled)

(Narrator walks from stage right to downstage centre)

Narrator: And that is how Fern McBride met Laurie McFadden. Laurie wore his uniform and looked so handsome. In the dim of the lights, Laurie passed Fern a note. Their eyes met and Laurie McFadden knew that they would be together forever.



Yes, like Liam McFee, Laurie saw it all. Laurie lives his life alone again now, a forgotten hero. All Laurie wanted was peace and to protect his country. Covid 19 has done Laurie in and the rest of the world.

It was still trying times after the Second World War. I am sorry to say in 2021, it will be a never ending war. There is no turning back.

Thus our story will continue in 1947.

### Scene 3

(Light go up and Fern is standing centre stage in her Royal Canadian Navy Cadet Uniform. Fern speaks to the audience as the class)

**Fern:** The first United Nations Peacekeeping Mission was UNTCOK or the temporary mission in Korea in 1947. (To this day all isn't working) There were several civilian and military personnel of the Royal Canadian Armed Forces. The first military observers were in 1948.

A Canadian Peacekeeper would try to keep treaties, save the people by providing food, shelter and clothing. They would come between two enemies and try to stop fights and violence from breaking out. Chaos could break loose at any minute. The Challenge was keeping the peace because they were all full of hate.

Canada protected through the years such countries and territories as Egypt, Israel, India, Pakistan, the Congo, New West Guinea, Indonesia, Cyprus, Nambia to name a few.

(Fern says under her breath) Oh Yah, Lester B. Pearson . . .

The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Lester B. Pearson was a Nobel Peace prize winner and a Canadian Hero. Pearson brought Canada to a world power. Pearson was the founder of Modern United Nations Peacekeeping. Also for Canada, he brought in for us Canadians, medicare, old age security, Canada Pension, Unemployment Insurance and Family Services as we know it today.

**NO. . . US CANADIANS ARE NOT USUALLY FULL OF HATE**

(Fern exits stage left and Narrator enters to downstage right)

**Narrator: (to audience) Laurie, went on leave from peace keeping missions and would attend Fern's lectures all the time. He would pass a note and they would meet later. One day, one of the notes said "Will You Be My Partner for Life!". Thus Fern became Fern McBride McFadden.**

**Laurie was in the Sinai Desert, in Cyprus and lastly Rhuwanda. Oh Yes, the nose was broken first by his comrades, then by an Egyptian and then lastly a Tsusi. All Laurie McFadden wanted to do was to go home. What a Thankless Job.**

**(Lights go down)**

#### **Scene 4**

**(Lights go up, Narrator is downstage Right)**

**Narrator: Laurie McFadden, when retired, lives in Victoria, British Columbia with his wife Fern McBride McFadden. Laurie was with the army for over 50 years. Fern worked as a Social Worker for the army for many many years. They had no children.**

**Fern, one day, in older years suffered from dementia and had a bad heart.**

**Laurie remained healthier than a horse. When Laurie could not take care of Fern anymore, Laurie put Fern in a Nursing Home. This broke Laurie's heart.**

**Laurie would go visit Fern for most of the day, then walk through China Beach, sit by the ocean for hours and then go home to an empty house.**

**Then came the Covid 19, where Laurie could no longer visit Fern at all. All Laurie could do was to go to China Beach, walk through the paths and sit by the ocean.**

**Every day Laurie would go home to an empty house. For hours in the dark Laurie would look at a picture of Fern. He would hear Fern Saying "I will wait for you until you come home. When you get back, you can help me with my lectures to the Cadets and interrupt me whenever you want."**

**This always put a smile on Laurie's face. He would shut the light and dream about that day in Heaven, when they could do that again.**

**Oh, our forgotten heroes. How we have forgotten the Laurie and Fern McFadden's of the world. (BLACKOUT)**

**THE BOOK OF LIAM – PART 3**

**LENI  
(CANADA AS PART OF THE SAVIOURS)**

***c Alix Babiak, December 15, 2020***

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

**Narrator**

**Leni**

**OVERTURE**

**(Lights go up on the Narrator standing centre stage)**

**Narrator: (to audience)**

**A young person**

**The story is so sad**

**So many times that Leni could saved the world**

**He tried . . . .**

**Everytime it turned out so bad.**

**Chorus**

**It's a Whirlwind this life you know**

**Sometimes high, Sometimes Low**

**Walking in a Circle**

**Trying to find a Path**

**Having Ecstatic Dreams**

**Facing Reality**

**Shown a Life like that.**

**The young person went to war**

**All the citizens of his country**

**Kept everything Going**

**Nobody knows what happened to the young person**

**They said the plane was shot down**

**But lived to tell a story of peace and goodness**

**Of the Canadian Spirit**

**Watch those fighter planes soar.**

**Chorus**

## **ACT 1**

### **Scene 1**

**(Lights go up, Narrator Standing Downstage Centre)**

**Narrator:**

**Leni was born in 1983 in Chilliwak, British Columbia, Canada. Leni was a distant cousin of Liam McFee. Leni McFee joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1999. He was one of those brave Canadian Jet Airfighters who protected the U.S.A. after the World Trade Tower Bombing. This invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which deemed the attacks to an external attack on all NATO members (which were many) under the idea of collective defense. Also, all flights going in and out of the U.S.A (this is after the attack on the World Trade Towers) were redirected to Canadian Soil where the planes had safe haven. This is Canada as a Protector. Leni was a Canadian Hero. They also like Leni in the U.S.A.**

**During the time of the second Iraq war (Leni wasn't there for the first) between Nato and Iraq, Leni's plane was shot down. Leni was transported to an Army Hospital in Chilliwak, British Columbia. Leni's lips were slightly parted, Leni's clothes were tattered, Leni's nose was broken and Leni lost the use of his legs.**

**(Lights Dim and go up on Narrator Standing Downstage Centre)**

**Narrator:**

**Yes, Leni McFee wore the uniform with it's torn lapels and burnt sleeves. In the moonlight that was streaming across the sky, Leni's eyes were very bright. Leni's lips were slightly parted. Leni could not breathe through the nose. It was broken. Leni's face was burnt and scratched up. Leni's hands were bleeding and Leni was sent home.**

**(Lights Dim and come up again on Narrator Standing Downstage Centre)**

Leni spent many months being rehabilitated in Savoy Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario. Savoy Hospital is one of the many hospitals that are used for our War Heroes. Leni's legs were shattered, therefore, he was disabled for life.

After being discharged from Hospital Leni applied for more Training. Leni decided to stay with the Royal Canadian Armed Forces. He studied aviation and weapon control. He was one of those guys, like in the Sinai Desert, that was just sitting there and calling out commands to the rest of the NATO forces. While at school, Leni enjoyed ice fishing, general fishing, fly fishing. Yes, all kinds of fishing. Leni was a hoser aye and really liked beer. The typical Canadian. Leni also sat on a sled, pulled with Huskys during a dog race. You could also see Leni with all the comrades sitting drunk on the back of a sleigh pulled by Clydesdales. They would all sing a song like this:

"When the bloomin' war is over,  
Oh, how happy I will be;  
When I get my chivy clothes on,  
No more soldiering for me.  
No more pack-drill,  
No more flying and shooting  
So a fair person I can see.  
No more asking for a pass  
We will tell the Sargeant-Major  
To stick it up his ass."

Some of Leni's comrades were met overseas, some while Leni was in training and some of the friends he knew before. Leni was also the best looking who liked a lot of fun.

On leave, Leni would be on leave (of course living on the barracks). Eventually Leni got a desk job and found an apartment in Ottawa, Ontario. Leni thought the Ottawa Valley was the place to be. The Mountains of British Columbia just made him claustrophobic. That said, Leni became proficient at cooking.

Leni would go to the grocery store on the same day of the week, at the same time. Yes it was the Covid 19. Leni would see a beautiful person at the store,

masked. You could see only the beautiful person's eyes and the golden, auburn hair. He really wanted to meet this person. A young hobo one week, came into the grocery store with no money and was hungry. Leni saw the hobo and gave the hobo a twenty.

The beautiful person tapped Leni on the shoulder and Leni invited the beautiful person for dinner. Remember Leni was a good cook. This is how we'll end our story amidst the Covid 19. They had lifted some restrictions. Yes, we have to use our imagination during the Covid 19 where people spend a lot of time alone. Just use your imagination. It is still the Covid 19 and let's say, Leni and that beautiful person lived happily ever after.

Just another Day for You and Me in Canada  
Is it Just another Day living in Paradise?

(Leni enters stage right while the Narrator exits stage left) (Leni is in a uniform, in a wheelchair with a Sign saying "The End") (Leni wheels to Centre Stage and BLACKOUT)



***THE BOOK OF LIAM – PART IV  
WORLD WAR IV & IT'S WEAPONS  
LENI & LOU***

*c Alix Babiak July 15, 2020*

***Dedicated to Kade Andrew Babiak (alias Darth Kaders)***

Cast of Characters

Narrator

Overture

(Lights go up, just spotlight on Narrator Downstage Centre and rest of stage is black)

Narrator: (Don't Punish Me With Brutality – Lyrics by Alix Babiak )

DON'T PUNISH ME WITH BRUTALITY  
TALK TO ME, SO YOU CAN SEE  
A DIFFERENT WAY TO STOP THE HATE  
JUST BE PATIENT AND WAIT  
THAT YOU'LL SEE A BETTER WAY  
TO BE FREE AND GET WHAT YOU NEED  
AND THEN YOU WILL SEE, WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON  
YAH, DON'T PUNISH ME WITH BRUTALITY  
THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN GO'IN ON  
THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN GO'IN ON

THAT WAS THEN. . . JUST LIKE NOW  
1920-2021  
ALL THE ELDERS HAVE SEEN PLENTY  
NOW THE COVID 19  
BUT THERE WAS THE SPANISH FLU  
BLACKS VERSUS WHITE AND EVERYONE HATES THE JEWS  
RIOTS ON THE STREETS  
EVERYONE CAN GO HEAR THE DRUM BEAT  
STARVATION, BAD WEATHER  
NO MORE HAPPY TOGETHER

YAH, MERCY MERCY ME

(lights dim and come up)

## ACT 1

**NARRATOR:**

**AS YOU REMEMBER, LENI MCFEE HAS A DESK JOB WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMED FORCES. LENI SPENDS A LOT OF TIME DRINKING WITH HIS FRIENDS, FISHING AND RIDING ON BACKS OF SLEIGHS. THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW. THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WITH AUBURN HAIR THAT LENI COOKED MANY MEALS FOR.**

**LOU MCFEE, A SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES SPENT (AND STILL DOES) MANY HOURS AT THE ARMY BARRACKS, CONSULTING SARGEANTS AND GENERALS ABOUT THEIR INFANTRY MEN, PILOTS AND SUCH. HE HAD MANY BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE AND DRANK A LOT OF BEER, ESPECIALLY WITH LENI.**

**HOWEVER, WITH THE COVID 19, THEIR LIPS WERE SLIGHTLY PARTED, THEIR UNIFORMS AND CLOTHES WERE TORN, THEIR NOSES WERE BLEEDING AND THEY WERE FORCED TO WORK FROM HOME AND STAY HOME (LIKE EVERYONE IN CANADA. REALLY, AROUND THE WORLD) THEN TO TOP IT OFF, FORCED TO TAKE TWO VACCINES (AND THAT ISN'T FINISHED YET). LENI REFUSED TO THE VACCINES. HE WAS ONE OF THE MANY DUE TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS COULD NOT TAKE THE VACCINE. YES, LENI LOST HIS JOB.**

**LENI HAS SEEN THE WORST KIND OF BATTLES, DISABLED IN THE AIR FORCE (SHOT DOWN), WORKED SO HARD TO GET BACK ON HIS FEET (WHICH HE NEVER DID . . . IN A WHEELCHAIR FOR LIFE), WORKED OVERSEAS SHOUTING COMMANDS FOR PEACE IN A SHACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SINAI DESERT. HE THEN TOOK HIS KNOWLEDGE TO OTTAWA, ONTARIO, ONLY TO BE SHUNNED FROM ALL OF HIS COUNTRY (CANADA). WHAT WAS LOU TO DO WITH HIS COUSIN, FRIEND FOR LIFE, THE ONE OF A KIND LENI MCFEE? IS THIS THE WAY WE TREAT OUR HEROES? I GUESS IT IS . . . LOOK AT JESUS CHRIST.**

LOU WOULD AND STILL DOES BRING LENI GROCERIES, BEER AND CHEER. WHAT ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL PERSON. THE PERSON MOVED TO THE OTTAWA, VALLEY.

ONE DAY, LOU WAS BRINGING (THE BEST WAS CHEER) ALL KINDS OF THINGS FOR LENI. HE FOUND LENI COLLAPSED IN HIS APARTMENT, WITH THE TV BLARING, HIS COMPUTER GEARED TOWARD ANOTHER VIRTUAL REALITY GAME AND LOUD MUSIC IN THE BACKGROUND. YES, WORLD WAR 1V AND ITS WEAPONS.

LOU GAVE LENI MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSITATION. LENI'S HEAD WAS BLEEDING. YES, LENI'S LIPS WERE SLIGHTLY PARTED, LENI'S CLOTHES WERE TORN AND IT SMELT LIKE DEAD BODIES IN THE APARTMENT. LENI, FINALLY OPENED THE EYES AND LOU CARRIED LENI'S BROKEN BODY TO BED. LOU TOOK TWO WEEKS OFF AND LENI WAS UNDER LOU'S CARE FOR LIFE.

LOU, FIRST HAD TO TURN OFF THE TV, THE COMPUTER AND THE LOUD MUSIC. THEN LOU HAD TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT LENI'S APARTMENT. LOU ALSO USED ALL HIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF HIS SOCIAL WORK WAYS. TONS OF WALKS LENI AND LOU TOOK AND THEY CUT BACK THE BEER. MARIJUANA WAS IN AND YAH THEY TOOK A TOKE OR TWO.

WHAT PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT LENI (NO BRAINER, HE LEARNT IT IN THE AIR FORCE) (YOU CAN'T FLY A PLANE WITHOUT SOME SORT OF COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE) LENI WAS A COMPUTER GENIUS. LENI COULD MAKE COMPUTERS, FIX COMPUTERS AND OUTWIT ANY HACKER AND PROBLEM. HE SHOULD HAVE WORKED FOR CESUS. BUT, LENI WAS NOT VACCINATED. SO LENI (BEING THE FIGHTER) OPENED UP A COMPUTER BUSINESS RIGHT IN LENI'S OWN HOME. WHAT ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL PERSON. THE PERSON WOULD COME VISIT LENI SOMETIMES FOR REALLY GOOD MEAL. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS . . . JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION. DID THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER. LOU THINKS THEY WILL.

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE CANADA  
ARE WE? (BLACK OUT)

***LIAM – PART V***  
**LUKE**  
**(OPERATION REASSURANCE)**

c Alix Babiak January 3, 2022

**CHARACTERS**

**Narrator**

**Luke McFee**

**Brandy Tysek**

## **OVERTURE**

**(Lights go up on Narrator Downstage Centre)**

**A Young Person  
Joined the Canadian Armed Forces  
The Story is So Sad  
So many times the person tried to save the world  
Kept trying  
Everytime it turned out so Bad**

**It's a Whirlwind this life you know  
Sometimes high, Sometimes low  
Walking in a Circle  
Trying to find a Path  
Having Ecstatic Dreams  
Facing Reality  
Shown a Life like That**

**The Young Person  
Was first sent to Salmon Arm, British Columbia  
There were torrential rains, floods and destruction Everywhere  
He spent his time Sandbagging and ditches for all the livestock that  
Had died.  
They were pulled out, only to be stationed back to the long-term care  
facilities and reservations to transport vaccines for the Covid 19.  
So Luke changed diapers, did a nurses job and tried to save some  
Canadian Lives.  
It didn't matter to Luke whether you were black, white, red or green  
As long as you were a Canadian, he would protect and defend you.  
Luke, when he was working was a beautiful sight to see.**

**Yes, It's a Whirlwind this Life You Know  
Sometimes High and Sometimes Low . . .**

**Scene 1**

**(lights go up on the Narrator Downstage Rt. – Spotlight)**

**Narrator: Luke McFee was Liam McFee's great great great great great Grandson. Luke was born in Chilliwak, British Columbia and as a young child, Luke really liked his B B Gun. Luke was tall, like Liam, Luke's great great great great grandfather and had eyes of blue.**

**Luke's lips were slightly parted, Luke's nose was always bleeding from all those fights over the beautiful people. Therefore, Luke's nose was broken. Luke is a rugged looking person.**

**Brandy Tysek was born and bred in Latvia. Brandy was brought up on a farm and moved to the city when Brandy was 21. Brandy worked for the Canadian Armed Forces Base in Latvia under a sargeant's command.**

**Office Work, you know. Brandy Tysek and Luke McFee met when Brandy was walking to work. Brandy's hair was black and long and Brandy's eyes were deep dark brown. Luke just took one look at Brandy and became infatuated immediately. Let's see what Happens . . .**

**(Note: This is done very quickly. Lights dim and Narrator exit Stage Rt and lights go up on Brandy enters stage left carrying a pile of books.**

**Brandy trips and the books fall to the Ground. Luke enters Stage Rt. In army uniform. Helps her with her books and their eyes meet and Luke grabs Brandy's hand. (Black Out) (Then Spotlight on Narrator Downstage Rt)**

**Narrator: Should I say more . . . Luke joined the Army as an infantry Man at the age of 18. Most currently Luke was stationed in Montreal at a long-term care facility, bringing vaccines for the Covid 19 and acting as a nurse maid to the Canadian Senior Citizens there. Luke was then stationed in British Columbia during landslides and torrential rain. Luke was sandbagging and digging ditches to cover all the livestock's dead remains.**

**After that, then to Latvia to a Canadian Armed Forces Base. The Operation was called Operation Reassurance. This was the Canadian Armed Forces way to give defensive and deterring measures in Central and Eastern Europe.**



Now, Luke is stationed on the Eastern Border of the Ukraine. He is trying to keep the Russian Forces out of the Ukraine. Is this World War V? Some Historians say the Cold War was the third World War. I say the Covid 19 was the fourth and now we are on the verge of the fifth World War with only just one bomb dropped on the Ukraine. What is yet to be seen? It is all up in the air. So we are going to us our imagination . . .

(Black out. Narrator exits stage Rt. Luke comes walking in with a machine gun, patrolling around the stage in a mist. Lights go down. Spotlight again on Narrator Downstage Rt.)

Narrator: So the World Came to an End. Let us say Canada survived. Luke saved Brandy from Latvia and ended up at a Canadian Army Base Called Shilo in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. There they found food, shelter and clothing. Oh Yes, their lips were slightly parted, their noses were broken and their clothes were tattered and torn. A New Canada was born. The Old Canada was filled with Pandemics, War, Racism and Hate. This New Canada is filled with wheat fields, sunshine and all Canadians working hand in hand for peace.

It's a Whirlwind This Life You Know  
Sometimes High and Sometimes Low . . .

**BLACKOUT**

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**ALIX BABIAK IS A PLAYWRIGHT, DIRECTOR, CHOREOGRAPHER AND PRODUCER. SHE HAS WRITTEN, CO-WRITTEN, DIRECTED, CO-DIRECTED, CHOREOGRAPHED, CO-CHOREOGRAPHED MANY THEATRICAL AND DANCE PRODUCTIONS FOR SUCH PLACES AS YORK UNIVERSITY IN TORONTO, THE ROYAL DANCE CONSERVATORY IN WINNIPEG, STARBURST DANCE STUDIO IN ST. MALO, MANITOBA, MANY SOCIAL AGENCIES FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. ALIX IS CONSIDERED A DANCE AND THEATRE ARTIST WITH THE CANADA COUNCIL OF THE ARTS AND A LITERARY AND THEATRE & DANCE ARTIST WITH THE MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL. ALIX HAS HER BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS HONOURS, MAJOR DANCE, MINOR THEATRE FROM YORK UNIVERSITY IN TORONTO, ALIX'S 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR AFTER-DEGREE PROGRAM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG AND ALIX HAS A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER CERTIFICATE FROM MANITOBA EDUCATION AND TRAINING. ALIX HAS WRITTEN SEVEN BOOKS THAT INCLUDE "WORKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL MIND", "OUR FRIENDS . . . IN GOOD TIMES & BAD", "THE BOOK OF LIAM" AND "MY HEART & MY SOUL", "JUST ABOUT LIFE", "BEAUTIFUL TRUSTS" AND "SECRETS OF DANCE". "BEAUTIFUL TRUSTS" IS ONE OF FIVE BOOKS OF PLAYS, STORIES AND POEMS IN THE LIBRARY ARCHIVES OF CANADA. ALIX SPECIALIZES IN CHOREOGRAPHED BASED DANCE/MIME MUSICAL PLAYS.**

**ALIX HAS RUN ALIX'S OWN DANCE SCHOOL IN ST. MALO AND BROUGHT THE ROYAL WINNIPEG MANITOBA HYDRO SATELLITE PROGRAM TO ST. MALO (WHERE SHE COORDINATED AND TAUGHT). ALIX ALSO CONCEIVED AND TAUGHT THE INTELLECTUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED DANCE PROGRAM IN ST. MALO AND CONCEIVED, COORDINATED AND TAUGHT THE ART PROGRAM FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED IN ST. MALO, BRINGING IN CANADIAN ARTISTS FOR WORKSHOPS AND PRODUCED ANNUAL PLAYS. OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS ALIX SPENDS HER TIME MOSTLY PLAYWRITING , WRITING AND DOING CHOREOGRAPHY. ALIX IS ALSO PAST PRESIDENT OF A NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATION CALLED ARTS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL MIND, PAST ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF WORKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL MIND, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ST. MALO/ST.PIERRE ARTS COUNCIL AND PAST PRESIDENT OF ARTS FOR THE MIND INC. OUT OF WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.**

**A SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO BARRY ALLAN BABIAK, JAQUELINE DROUIN ,THE ARTS ACCESSIBILITY NETWORK, AND SCOTT DOUGLAS – CONSULTANT ON THE PLAY "IT'S TOO HARD TO HATE".**

