



***A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider* Offers Refills of Heart-Stirring Stories**

New inspirational anthology follows in the footsteps of the groundbreaking first volume, *Hot Apple Cider*, an uplifting book whose grace-filled stories received an enthusiastic response from thousands of readers.

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Toronto, Ontario—Building on the unprecedented success of the initial volume, *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider* will be launched just in time for Mother's Day gift-giving. The first book in this groundbreaking series, *Hot Apple Cider*, has nearly 45,000 copies now in circulation.

Many readers have been asking for another serving of this attractive and life-impacting book. Like the first book, *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider: Words to Stimulate the Mind and Delight the Spirit* is edited by N. J. Lindquist and Wendy Elaine Nelles and published by That's Life! Communications.

Inside the pages of this exceptional inspirational anthology, readers will discover more than 50 honest stories written from the heart. The book contains moving true-life experience, thought-provoking drama, light-hearted humour, imaginative fiction, and touching poetry.

The short pieces—each of which contains a complete story—make it easy for readers to pick up the book and read something satisfying and uplifting when taking a break from their busy schedules. While there's lots of variety, all of the pieces are filled with hope and encouragement.

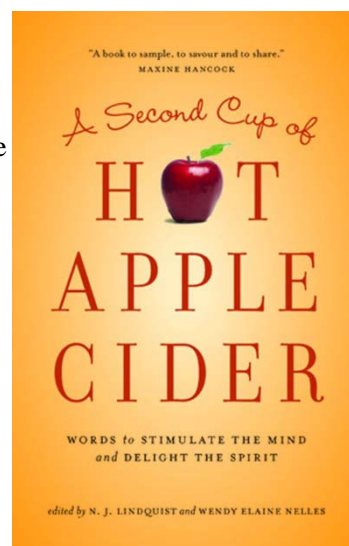
“The *Hot Apple Cider* books aren't sweet and sentimental. Instead, they're empowering, because they reassure you that you're not alone, that God is at work in your life, that good will come out of the struggles you face, and that every person matters,” says publisher and editor N. J. Lindquist.

“We added 40 more pages to this book, so we could fit in extra pieces,” explains co-editor Wendy Elaine Nelles. “We were delighted to discover so many talented writers, some of whom are being published for the first time. Among the 37 writers, you'll be sure to find some new favourites.”

The book has already garnered many enthusiastic endorsements.

New York Times bestselling author Ellen Vaughan, who wrote the foreword, says, “What a great book! ...Warming like apple cider, but also energizing like the best caffeine!” Ginger Kolbaba, founding editor of *Kyria.com*, Christianity Today International, adds, “The writers in this book share their finely-honed stories with an honesty and vulnerability that touches a universal chord in readers....You'll find these stories lingering in your mind as fresh evidences of God's grace.”

To date, the first volume has sold nearly 15,000 copies; through expanding its strong fan base, *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider* is sure to become even more popular.



As was the case with *Hot Apple Cider: Words to Stir the Heart and Warm the Soul*, everyone involved with this book is a member of The Word Guild, an association of nearly 400 Canadians who write from a Christian faith perspective. Lindquist and Nelles co-founded this nine-year-old organization, and both are passionate about fostering excellence in faith-based writing.

Through The Word Guild, the contributing authors donated half the cost of printing 30,000 additional copies of *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider* for World Vision. In turn, this Christian relief, development and advocacy organization is offering the books as gifts to all those participating in Girls Night Out and Couples Night Out. World Vision partners with churches to host community events that provide evenings of fun, faith and fellowship, and focus on the needs of children around the world impacted by HIV and AIDS. A similar partnership existed for the first book; 30,000 copies of *Hot Apple Cider* were presented as gifts to women and couples across Canada and the United States.

A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider, which will be sold through bookstores and other retail channels, will be available this spring, making it the perfect choice for Mother's Day, Father's Day, or summer reading.

The publisher's website: <http://thatslifecommunications.com>

The contributors' website: <http://hotapplecider.ca>

Book Details

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About That's Life! Communications

That's Life! Communications is a niche publisher committed to finding innovative ways to produce quality books written by Canadians with a Christian faith perspective. Sixty writers have been showcased through the two *Hot Apple Cider* volumes.

What Others are Saying about *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider*

“Like a heart-to-heart conversation with a close friend, *A Second Cup of Hot Apple Cider* draws us into the intimacy of relationship with one another and our Creator. As you traverse this wonderful collection of significant moments in the lives of ordinary people, you'll be inspired by God's extraordinary grace. Enjoy. You'll be warmed and filled.”

Karen Bjerland, President and CEO, FaithLife Financial

“This book is easy to pick up and tough to put down. You'll love these stories of love, faith, and hope. Thank God for second helpings!”

Phil Callaway, bestselling author, speaker, and humorist

“This anthology is a beautiful offering by an array of gifted Canadian Christian writers. You will be inspired and comforted by the heart-warming stories, soothing words, and uplifting experiences shared from varied perspectives by these godly women and men.”

Audrey Meisner, Co-Host, *It's a New Day* television program; author

“Whatever the season of the year, or the season of your life—whether for your own nurture, or as a hug from heaven for a friend—the publishers have given us a refreshing refill of Canadiana at its best!”

Moira Brown, Co-Host of *100 Huntley Street* and regular participant on *Full Circle* television shows

“This collection of wonderful writing from a variety of voices is honest, personal, and compelling. Stoke the fire, put up your feet, and open this book. Like me, you'll be comforted, inspired, and encouraged. I felt as if God were reading over my shoulder.”

Michael Messenger, Executive VP, World Vision Canada

“This book is great food for the soul... It gives hope for those in despair and helps to build the faith of its readers. Its engaging writers make a deep impact as they articulate their individual experiences simply yet profoundly—enabling all levels of readers to appreciate the stories and draw their own life lessons. This comforting and encouraging book should be in every home, library, church, and school.”

Pauline Christian, President, Black Business and Professional Association;
one of Canada's Top 20 Women in 2010 as selected by *Women's Post*;
recipient of African Canadian Achievement Award for Business

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