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Roch Carrier: Short stories for FSL students

Éditions Soleil publishing inc. is pleased to announce the publication of **Roch Carrier Raconte...** an anthology of fourteen short stories selected by Anthony Mollica, professor emeritus, Faculty of Education, Brock University. The anthology contains short stories from well-known works such as *Écrits du Canada français* (Montreal: Écrits du Canada français); *Jolis deuils* (Montréal: Éditions internationales Alain Stanké); *Les enfants du bonhomme dans la lune* (Montréal: Éditions internationales Alain Stanké); *Ne faites pas mal à l'avenir* (Montréal: Éditions Paulines); *La fleur et autres personnages* (Montréal: Éditions Paulines); as well as *Le joueur de basket-ball* (Toronto: Livres Toundra).

The anthology is accompanied by 2 cd-roms with the short stories read by the author himself. In addition, a *Cahier d'activités* by Anthony Mollica is also available. The *Cahier* provides a wealth of exercises which test the student's comprehension as well as provide ample opportunities for conversation and discussion.

Anthony Mollica presents copies of **Roch Carrier Raconte...** to the author, Rock Carrier.

"As far as I know, this is the first time that an author reads the short stories in an anthology destined for French as a second language (FSL). It's a publisher's first," said Mollica. To reach a wider audience, Mollica has provided marginal vocabulary to assist the students when reading the short stories as well as a French-English glossary. The anthology is suitable for both French as a first language as well as for FSL students enrolled in both immersion and core programs.

The short stories vary in topics and themes:

"*Le joueur de basket-ball*" and "*La poignée de main*", focus on basketball and hockey;

"*Un dompteur de lions*" and "*La chatte d'Espagne*", on idiomatic expressions and proverbs drawn from the animal world;

"*L'ouvrier modèle*", on trades and professions;

"*La religieuse qui retourna en Irlande*", nationalities and the francophone world;

"*Grand-père n'avait peur de rien ni de personne*", fears;

"*Les cartes postales*", post-card writing;

"*Nathalie et son bonheur*" and "*Un très joyeux Noël*", relationship between parents and children;

"*À cause d'un peu de fumée*", the dangerous effects of drugs and narcotics;

"*Les cœurs en chocolat*", on obesity, love and loneliness;

"*Une si joyeuse fête*", the loss of a dear person; and in

"*L'école du rêve*", on education.

Carrier is no stranger to the reading audience. His "*Hockey sweater*", a short film based on his short story "*Une abominable feuille d'érable sur glace*", produced by the National Film Board of Canada, is considered a classic and the opening lines of the short story in both English and French are found on the five-dollar Canadian bill.

Roch Carrier is the recipient of numerous awards and of honorary degrees granted by both Canadian and American universities.