



### New Release

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#### **Maritime Museum of BC hosts book launch for Dr. Elaine Gallagher**

The Maritime Museum of BC will be hosting the launch of Elaine Gallagher's book *Sisterships*. The novel is about the lesser known sister ship of the Titanic, the Olympic. The book launch will take place at 634 Humboldt St on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. It will include a slide show and reading from the book.

#### **About the Author**

Elaine Marie Gallagher, RN, PhD, originally hails from Saskatchewan, Canada. Following an award-winning academic career, she finally had time to devote to her first novel – *Sisterships* – a tale about the Titanic and her forgotten sister the Olympic. Her close childhood relationship with her grandmother, Betsy Oaks, was the inspiration for the book, an historical novel that is replete with stories told to her by Betsy and intriguing facts gained from over 40 years of background research. She currently resides in Victoria, BC.

#### **About the Book**

*Sisterships*, by Elaine Gallagher, tells the tale of Betsy Oakes, a recently unemployed governess in England's Midlands in 1912. Inspired to travel alone to Canada she excitedly books passage on the Titanic's maiden voyage. A stroke of luck forces her to be rebooked on the White Star Line's identical ship the Olympic on its next sailing following the tragic sinking. On board she forms a close friendship with a stewardess and over the course of the passage they unveil their stories of their lives, loves and amazingly, their mutual survival of the Titanic's demise. Readers of historical fiction will be fascinated by the 40 years of research that make their way into this gripping tale.

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