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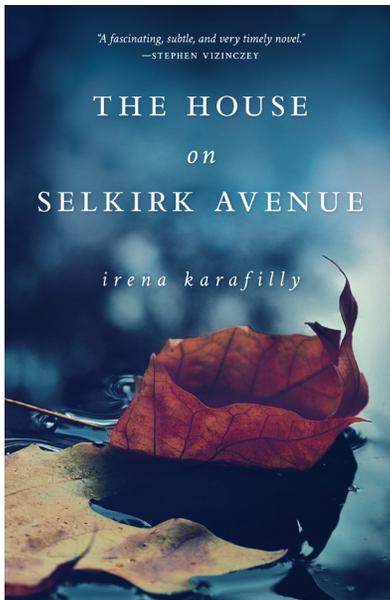
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# THE HOUSE *on* SELKIRK AVENUE

*a novel by irena karafilly*



It is early autumn, 1997 and Kate Thuringer is back in her hometown to help her college-age daughter settle into her new life. A professional photographer, Kate has not visited Montreal for almost a decade; has avoided one particular street for some twenty-seven years. Most of those years, she has lived quietly with her husband and children in Edmonton. Before her marriage, however, Kate survived a turbulent year in which Québécois terrorists kidnapped a British diplomat and murdered a politician.

The middle-aged Kate is obsessed with the past, particularly with the memory of a poor francophone music student with whom she, a privileged anglophone, had been involved during the historic October Crisis. Though totally apolitical, the young Kate had unexpectedly found herself the victim of a social and political drama whose permutations would impact her entire life.

Back in Montreal almost three decades later, she is plunged into a mid-life crisis, struggling to reconcile her youthful dreams with her stale marriage, her empty nest, her quickly approaching fiftieth birthday. *THE HOUSE ON SELKIRK AVENUE* is a lyrical, evocative novel about obsessive love, aging, and the impact of political events on innocent people's lives.

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*I enjoyed it hugely.*

—**Nina Bawden**

*A rich, memorable read.*

—**Anne Henderson**

*A complex and compelling story, written with great skill.*

—**William Weintraub**

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Irena Karafilly is an award-winning Canadian writer, poet, and aphorist. She is the author of several acclaimed books and of numerous stories, poems, and articles, which have been published in both literary and consumer magazines, as well as in various newspapers, including the *New York Times* and the *International Herald Tribune*. Her short stories have been anthologized and broadcast, winning literary prizes such as the National Magazine Award and the CBC Literary Award. She currently lives in Montreal.