



## **A Bend in the Breeze** **A novel by Valerie Sherrard**

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When eleven-year-old Pascale Chardon finds herself on a lifeboat drifting toward an uncharted island with no memory of how she got there, all she wants is to get back to her family. The islanders, however, have a different objective.

For many decades, the islanders have been anticipating the arrival of someone foretold only as the Long Awaited. The Long Awaited is said to have knowledge of the island's future and will tell the islanders of their fate seventeen days after their arrival.

At first Pascale is sure she's not the Long Awaited, but when strange happenings occur, she finds it impossible to be certain of anything. Could she be the Long Awaited after all?

*A Bend in the Breeze*, award-winning author Valerie Sherrard's 30th novel, is a delightful tale about the importance of love and compassion.

### **Reviews**

"The narrative is gentle and well-written. There are a number of interesting topics to discuss: survival, education, community, mythology, empathy, marriage, death, friendship, envy, mindfulness, love, peace, conflict, honesty, and prophecy. Pascale leaves readers of *A Bend in the Breeze* with several strong messages about our society ... Highly Recommended." – Myra Junyk, *CM Magazine*

### **The Author**

Valerie Sherrard is an award-winning author of picture books and young adult novels. Her novel *The Glory Wind* won the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. Her works have been chosen as Red Maple and White Pine Award Honour Books and she has been nominated for Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Awards, and Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Awards. Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, she now lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

### **Praise for Previous Works**

#### *Birdspell*

"Honest and straightforward, with no sugar-coating of the challenges of bipolar disorder, *Birdspell* offers remarkable insight to young readers unfamiliar with mental-health issues. At the same time, it provides rare validation for those children who struggle with it in their daily lives. ... Despite the gravity of the subject matter, *Birdspell* is a very readable book laced with humour and grace." – Charis Cotter, *Quill & Quire*



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