



Shamus the Urban Rez Dog, P.I. A Middle Grade Novel by Leslie Gentile

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*The winner of the City of Victoria Children's Book Prize and the Jean Little First Novel Award for her debut title *Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer*, has returned with her second middle-grade novel!*

*A new novel from the best-selling, award-winning *Elvis, Me and the Lemonade Stand Summer*, which has sold more than 6,500 copies.*

Shamus the Urban Rez Dog, P.I. is an utterly engaging must-read for middle grade readers with well-crafted and vibrant characters who navigate themes of prejudice and micro aggressions ... all narrated by the adventurous and fun-loving Rez Dog, Shamus!

Life is great for Shamus – busting out of the yard, chasing Mr. Tibbles around the neighbourhood, snooping through garbage bins – until Mom is accused of stealing from the family-owned jewelry store she's worked at for years. With Shamus's help, the kids set out to catch the real thief, with surprising and hilarious results, including a false closet wall, a lucky bowling ball, and a vicious poodle named Hepzibah.

The Author

Leslie Gentile is a singer/songwriter of Northern Salish, Tuscarora and Scottish heritage. She performs with her children in The Leslie Gentile Band, and with one of her sisters in The Half White Band. Her debut novel, *Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer*, won the City of Victoria Children's Book Prize and the Jean Little First Novel Award and was short-listed for the Forest of Reading Silver Birch Award, the MYRCA Sundogs Award, the SYRCA Diamond Willow Award, and many more. Gentile currently lives on Vancouver Island with her husband.

Praise for previous work

Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer

"Leslie Gentile has created a touching and vibrant novel. Her characters are well-crafted and realistically portrayed. ... *Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer* leaves readers with a memorable message about the power of empathy and kindness to change lives. Highly Recommended." 5/5 Stars

– Myra Junyk, *CM Magazine*

"... Gentile has offered up a profound meditation on the meaning of 'family' and the ways in which kinship, love and responsibility can extend far beyond the boundaries of biology."

– Ildiko Sumegi, *Canadian Children's Book News*



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