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Bound

Think PEI was always this peaceful, bucolic Island where everyone got along? Think again!

"Historical fiction meets social justice and female empowerment in this vivid re-imagining of the early British period on Prince Edward Island." Edward MacDonald, History Professor, UPEI

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In late 1700, determinedly independent Suzanna Torriano arrives on St John's Island as an amateur botanist and the new governor's mistress. Soon caught between two worlds, the colonial pressures from Britain at odds with the freedom and progress of the Island's many inhabitants. Suzanna is called to social action and the stakes are high. When Freelove, a pregnant enslaved woman is charged with theft and sentenced to death, Suzanna rallies support from unexpected places. From an Acadian healer, the local Quaker community and Scottish laird Ian MacDonald, the growing community attempts to explore the governor's failures, challenge land rights disputes and advocate for the emancipation of all those enslaved. Though the lives of various characters, *Bound* navigates the challenges and triumphs of settler life as they attempt to set the groundwork for a fair new world.

Theresa Redmond has a master's in history and worked on Indigenous rights issues for governments and Indigenous organizations. She has published numerous articles including in the Globe and Mail, Charlottetown Guardian, Eastern Graphic, RED Magazine and Ottawa Citizen where she was awarded a prize for her travel piece on Costa Rica. Theresa was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for her volunteer work with women prisoners.

Bound, the first adult historical fiction set on Prince Edward Island, is her debut novel. *Bound* is 286 pages and is available online from all the major bookstores, local bookstores and other shops on PEI and elsewhere, and from the author's website.