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Rose's Run

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Rose Okanese, a single mother of two, has been pushed into a corner by Rez citizens to claim some self-respect, and she decides the fastest way to do that is to run the reserve's annual marathon. Her training is sidetracked when she must do battle with an ancient demon that feeds off the strength of women and can have them do her bidding. In no time the Rez is in an uproar.

The spirit woman creates a reign of fear and havoc by appearing to people on the reserve and freaking them out, all of which leads to incidents of humour and plot-twisting bemusement, liberally sprinkled with some jittery acts of valour. With a cast of unusual characters, Dumont interweaves a tale of motherly love, friendship, lustful longing, *wihtikow* lore, and Rez humour, and keeps the hoopla going until the race is done.

"*Rose's Run* is an intimate, moving, hilarious portrait of life on a Saskatchewan reservation told from the point of view of its women. Dawn Dumont's superior storytelling skills capture the complexity of her characters' lives in a deeply loving, compassionate way. Her admirable ear for dialogue and piercing eye for detail make for a truly engaging, side-splittingly funny read."

— Carmen Aguirre, winner of CBC Radio's Canada Reads 2011 for her memoir, *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter*



Dawn Dumont is the author of *Nobody Cries at Bingo* (Thistledown Press, 2011) which was shortlisted for the City of Edmonton Award and the Alberta Reader's Choice Award. She writes and performs comedy across Canada. You can also catch her on the APTN reality comedy series *Fish Out of Water* which she co-hosts with comedian Don Kelly. (She's the one screaming and falling out of canoes.) She is also the afternoon drive DJ for *Voices Radio*, broadcast across Canada. She writes a monthly column for the *Eaglefeather News* called "That's What She Said." Dumont divides her time between Saskatoon, Edmonton, and the rest of Canada.

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