



Jes Battis: Press Kit

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Short Bio

Jes Battis is the author of the award-winning fantasy novel *The Winter Knight* (ECW), as well as the *Occult Special Investigator* series (Penguin), and the *Parallel Parks* series (Penguin). They are a Canada Reads finalist, and their work has been shortlisted for the Lambda Literary Award, the Sunburst Award, and the Ralph Gustafson Poetry Prize. Their recent book of poems, *I Hate Parties*, won the Saskatchewan Book Award.

Long Bio

Jes Battis is a queer autistic writer living on Treaty 4 territory, Kisiskâciwan. They teach literature, creative writing, and queer and trans history at the University of Regina. Their first novel, *Night Child*, was shortlisted for the Sunburst Award in Canadian Literature of the Fantastic. Their most recent novel, *The Winter Knight*, won the Independent Publisher's Award and the Indie Foreword Award, and was a finalist for the Canada Reads competition. *The Winter Knight* was produced as an audiobook with queer, disabled, and neurodiverse voice actors. Their debut book of poems, *I Hate Parties*, was included in the CBC Books Best Poetry of 2024 list. *I Hate Parties* was shortlisted for both the Lambda Literary award and the Ralph Gustafson Poetry Prize.

Jes is also the recipient of the Governor General's Award in Academic Achievement. They were recently awarded the Queen City Pride Award for Academic Achievement in LGBTQ+ studies, and their scholarly work has been shortlisted for the Margaret Wade Labarge Prize in Medieval Studies, as well as the Mythopoeic Award in Fantasy Studies. They live happily with their partner and cat in Oskana ka-asastêki, Regina, watching reruns of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and defending the social skills of androids and changelings.