



## KBW NEWSLETTER 2009

Stimulating discussions sessions, indepth test of book and author knowledge, and a lively evening raffle all highlighted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Kootenay Book Weekend (KBW) held in Nelson, BC., this past September 2009.

While the books themselves varied widely in their settings and time frames, their underlying themes all dealt with how the human spirit copes and survives personal, family, and spiritual tragedy. This theme was central to the book *Turtle Valley*, by guest author, Gail Anderson-Dargatz. Gail delighted listeners with personal anecdotes and backgrounds for her stories set in the interior of BC near Salmon Arm.

Selected by this year's participants, the titles for KBW 2010 feature international settings and themes relating to personal struggles for a sense of identity, love, and belonging. Award winning author **Anita Rau Badami** from Montreal, will provide insights and answer questions relating to her novel *Can you Hear the Nightbird Call?* which focuses on the time span between the Partition of India and Pakistan in 1947 and the Air India bombing in 1985 and is set in India and Vancouver. Visit [www.anitaraubadami.ca](http://www.anitaraubadami.ca) for more information about Ms. Badami.

The Organizing Committee thanks you for your active participation in helping to make this year's event a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Prior to next year's KBW, we encourage all passionate page turners to share your enthusiasm and books with other readers who would enjoy attending the 2010 gathering.

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KOOTENAY BOOK WEEKEND 2010  
SEPTEMBER 24, 25, & 26  
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Can You Hear the Nightbird Call?

Anita Rau Badami  
(Guest author in attendance)

The Winter Vault

Anne Michaels

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Muriel Barbery

The Reluctant Fundamentalist

Mohsin Hamid

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