



# BOOK LAUNCH

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## Just a Larger Family Letters of Marie Williamson from the Canadian Home Front 1940 to 1944

Mary F. Williamson and Tom Sharp, editors

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“An extraordinary slice of wartime Canadian life. These splendidly edited letters are full of wonderful detail on attitudes, blackouts, food rationing, gas and coal shortages, and the higher prices of everything, all the manifold details of daily life that normally are forgotten in most accounts. By taking in two British children and regularly keeping their mother overseas up-to-date on their progress, Marie Williamson and her family created a record of genuine historical importance.”

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“We know a great deal about the consequences of World War II in Europe, but in this wonderful book we discover an untold part of the story. Here’s what life was like in Canada for three British children who came to escape the bombing and for the Toronto family that took them in. In letters written by the mother of the host family, this book brilliantly captures the wartime years of food shortages, air raid precautions, gas rationing, and the raising of the young British evacuees in her care.”

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