

## Céline and The Next Right Thing

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I remember my time at Algoma University as a time when I first learned the value of independence. It was also there that I was fortunate enough to learn from some of the best professors I would ever have the pleasure of knowing. Though most of my time was spent between the pages of countless books and many study notes, I always felt like Algoma helped in setting a foundation, not only for the kind of student that I wanted to be, but also the kind of person too. I learned much in ways of Law and Psychology, so much so that I was able to formulate my own thoughts and opinions thanks to the attentive faculty at the university. Like any educational excursion, I learned much more than just the contents of a curriculum, lessons that I still remember fondly to this day.

In 2016, I graduated from Algoma where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts
Degree from the Law and Justice program with Honours and a minor in
Psychology. Upon the completion of my program, I then moved to Windsor,
Ontario where I would spend the next two years completing a Master of Arts
Degree in Criminology from the University of Windsor. During my time here, I



Céline Perron, Law & Justice, 2016

took several criminology courses and then, in my second year, I completed a master's Thesis on the topic of 'Delayed Adulthood'. Immediately after the completion of my MA, I moved to the nation's capital, Ottawa Ontario, where I now live (for now at least).

Although my original career aspirations lead me to applying to the RCMP in the hopes of becoming a Criminal Profiler, I soon changed my career goals by accepting a position as a Fraud Analyst at Scotiabank. Only six months into the position I was awarded the Best of The Best – Top Individual award for 2019. And when the Coronavirus pandemic became a much larger concern then expected myself and many other of my coworkers were sent home to work for the next few months. During this time, I was also in the process of applying for a new position at Scotiabank and by June 2020 I was the department's newest Fraud Investigator.

While working from home, I took to writing – a longstanding passion of mine – to occupy my free time. By August, my passion project had turned into my first manuscript entitled *The Next Right Thing*. And recently, at the beginning of November, I officially signed with Friesen Press, a Canadian based publishing company, and have been working with them closely. My debut novel has officially been released as of February 2021.

Words can't express how overjoyed I am to have finally accomplished this long-awaited dream. Being a dedicated reader, I've always wanted to write my own book but never had the time until the whole world slowed down for the pandemic. Now, I get to enjoy hearing from readers from all over share their stories about my book.

As for the future, I can't say for sure where I will find myself within the next few years, but I am, however, fortunate to currently be working with a fantastic team over at Scotiabank and am lucky enough to be living out my dream at the same time. I can say that I am in the works of completing my third book and can't wait for the world to read this one as well.

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