

**Calling the Wild**

Robert Hilles

From acclaimed novelist and Governor General's Award-winning poet Robert Hilles comes a book that's part memoir, and part lament for the wild. He investigates what we mean by the word today in a world where it is a rapidly depleting commodity. Drawing extensively from his childhood growing up outside Kenora in northwestern Ontario, Hilles takes us back to time when it was still possible to believe the wildness mattered. Kenora is game country and has been a magnet for over a century to hunting and fishing enthusiasts. In that time, many of the lakes have been fished out, most of the game killed. Now looking back all these years later he can see all the telltale signs of the decline, but then it was still possible to believe people would go on living with the wildness within easy distance.

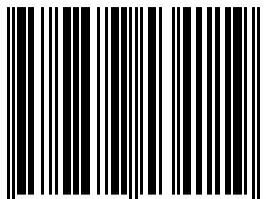
Hilles' last novel, **A Gradual Ruin**, has been widely praised including:

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Robert Hilles's novel, **Raising of Voices**, won the Writer's Guild of Alberta's award for best novel. In that same year, he also won the Governor General's Literary Award for poetry for **Cantos from A Small Room**. His last book by Black Moss Press, **Wrapped Within Again**, won the Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry in 2004. He lives with his partner, the author Pearl Luke, on Salt Spring Island, B.C.



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