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The Mystery of the
Moonlight Murder
*An Early Adventure of
John Diefenbaker*

Press Release

Diefenbaker Solves 100-Year-Old Murder *Former PM chosen as first featured leader in new historical fiction book series for kids*

Toronto, August 13, 2009:

A new book featuring the early life of John Diefenbaker kicks off an ambitious new series on the prime ministers by Fireside Publishing House. *The Mystery of the Moonlight Murder: An Early Adventure of John Diefenbaker*, written by Roderick Bennis, is geared to ages 10-14. The historical fiction novel is set 100 years ago near Borden, Saskatchewan, at the Diefenbaker homestead.

Strong support is expected from many parents and grandparents who feel a high degree of urgency in encouraging young people to appreciate Canadian history, says Bennis. "There is a great concern that younger generations are not learning the grand themes of Canada's past."

"Americans are very good at celebrating their history," said Bennis. "In Canada, sometimes we need to be reminded that we have wonderful stories from our own history to share and wonderful leaders who gave of themselves to serve. John Diefenbaker's early life was fascinating, growing up on a homestead in rural Saskatchewan."

While the storyline is fiction, the environment in which young John Diefenbaker lived, his family life dynamics, his belief system and the foreshadowing of his professional life are all real. The book series aims to make a contribution to Canadian history and civics in general.

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