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Terry Fallis is a public relations consultant, a former Liberal Party strategist, and the author of *The Best Laid Plans*, and *The High Road*, satirical novels of Canadian politics. His debut novel (TBLP) was originally self-published in 2007, won the 2008 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, and then published by McClelland & Stewart in September, 2008. He also won the Gold Medal in the Independent Publisher Book Awards in the Regional Fiction – Canada East category. *The Best Laid Plans* was crowned the 2011 winner of CBC Canada Reads as the “essential Canadian novel of the decade” and is in development as a six-part TV miniseries for CBC-Television. McClelland & Stewart published the sequel to *The Best Laid Plans*, called *The High Road*, in September 2010. It was a finalist for the 2011 Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour. McClelland & Stewart will publish Terry’s third novel, *Up and Down*, in September 2012.



Mark Lipton is an Associate Professor in the School of English and Theatre Studies at the University of Guelph. He is an advocate for media literacy and is currently working with social media to advocate for Ontario public school teachers. His current work with the *Media Education Project* is funded by the *Canadian Council on Learning* and the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*. This research considers how Canadian teachers engage with media and information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the classroom to assess how ICTs function within a broader context of teaching and learning. His current research interests focus on media education and address the rapidly changing face of media production practices by challenging relationships among technology, users, information, politics and action. In 2009, as a result of his work with the *Media Education Project*, Lipton was awarded the *Jacques Ellul Award for Outstanding Media Ecology Activism*.

