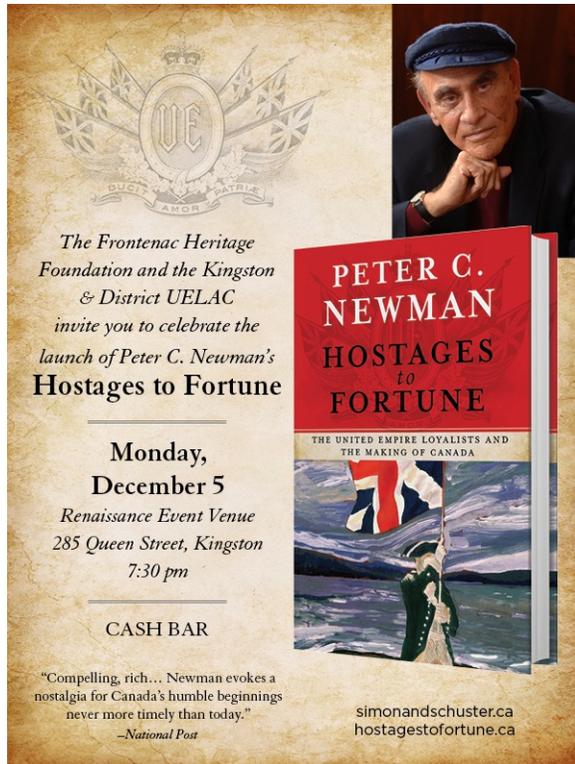


## BOOK LAUNCH DECEMBER 5



The Frontenac Heritage Foundation and the Kingston & District UELAC invite you to celebrate the launch of Peter C. Newman's **Hostages to Fortune**

**Monday, December 5**  
Renaissance Event Venue  
285 Queen Street, Kingston  
7:30 pm

CASH BAR

"Compelling, rich... Newman evokes a nostalgia for Canada's humble beginnings never more timely than today."  
—National Post

simonandschuster.ca  
hostagestofortune.ca

The poster features a portrait of Peter C. Newman, the book cover for 'Hostages to Fortune', and a crest with the motto 'DUCIT AMOR PATRIE'. The book cover includes the text 'THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS AND THE MAKING OF CANADA' and an illustration of a figure in a green uniform holding a Union Jack flag.

The elegant Renaissance Event Venue (a former Masonic Lodge building, beautifully re-purposed) provided a wonderful space for the book launch and signing.

Shirley Bailey, President of the Frontenac Heritage Foundation, acted as emcee for the evening. She first called on Nancy Cutway of Kingston and District UELAC, who introduced author Peter C. Newman.

Mr. Newman explained that he's always wondered why the United Empire Loyalists do not hold a more prominent place in the Canadian consciousness – they are the ancestors of at least ten percent of Canadians, they established the government and other institutions that are part of present-day life in Canada, but many Canadians know nothing about them. With this his 35<sup>th</sup> book, he set out to raise Canadian consciousness of the Loyalists.



Peter pointed out that the post-nominal designation of “UE” is the only honour granted in Canada which can be passed down through the generations, and that all those who have proved their descent from a Loyalist should write it proudly after their name.



Newman said he spent four years researching and writing the book. Given the location of the event, he mentioned in particular Molly Brant, a noted Kingston Loyalist settler, but he said, “These are all heroes, and they created a heroic country.”

After the author’s brief remarks, Jean Rae Baxter UE – herself a published author of historical fiction – thanked Peter C. Newman for his address, and for undertaking to write this important book. She commented that she knew well how much research has to be done for such a history book, and she very much looked forward to reading her copy.

Attendees were able to purchase copies of the book on-site, thanks to Novel Idea book shop. Peter C. Newman graciously signed copies for all who wished, including one person who picked up four copies that will go under Christmas trees this year!



*Attendees queued patiently while Peter C. Newman (hidden behind the gentleman bending over the table) signed every book as requested.*

Photos: Nancy Cutway UE.