



**Felt**  
**A Novel by Mark Blagrove**

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*To what emotional extremes will you go to recover lost memories, or surrender to ones that are impossible to erase?*

*Felt* is a novel about remembrance — what memories we cannot forget and what memories we lose — and the lengths to which we go to recover the forgotten and erase the unforgettable.

Matthew, a Toronto museum curator, returns home to New Brunswick to his mother who is wrestling with the challenges of living alone at age ninety-six. As mother and son face the prognosis of her developing Alzheimer's disease, the pair begin to unfold a family saga marked by ingenuity, creativity, and resilience. Matthew pieces together the untold story, spanning three generations and two World Wars, of a Norwegian sardine-packer — his grandmother — who founded a handicraft empire in Loyalist territory. At the same time, his mother rearranges her past, her memory spinning and embroidering family history. A heart-rending and powerful story of three generations of a family in a small Maritime town in which shared and contested memories are woven, unraveled, and rewoven.

**The Author**

Mark Blagrove was born and raised in Ontario, and has lived in New Brunswick most of his life. His first novel, *Silver Salts*, was shortlisted for the 2009 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Novel and his novel *Lay Figures* was longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award. He now lives in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

**Praise for previous works:**

***Salt in the Wounds***

"Blagrove doesn't hit readers over the head with his salt metaphors and insights; in fact, he sprinkles to perfect taste."

—*Atlantic Books Today*

***Lay Figures***

"*Lay Figures* is a richly imagined novel set in Depression era Saint John where the vivid world of artists comes to life, their loves and losses shaping what they create."

—Anne Simpson, author of *Speechless*



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