



Some Unfinished Business A Novel by Antanas Sileika

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Is love more compelling than justice? A wife pleads for love. Her husband longs for revenge.

Gripping and evocative, *Some Unfinished Business* tells the story of a young man who is determined to prevail through anti-Soviet resistance in occupied Lithuania, imprisonment in the Gulag, and the icy hands of bureaucracy that attempt to thwart his love for a woman with a mysterious past – all while chasing the back of the man who dared him to dream in the first place.

At fourteen, Martin Averka met a teacher from the city who inspired him to seek out the wide world beyond his small village of Lyn Lake. Years later, having lived under the tyranny of an autocratic system populated by cowards and bullies and seeking revenge, he breaks into the Pažaislis Monastery Asylum to come face to face with the man from his youth for one last time.

Reviews

“They say that history is written by the victor, but in this vivid and deeply empathetic novel, it is instead told by Martin, a one-time farmboy thrust into the dangerzone of the resistance as he searches for meaning and survival in difficult times. Antanas Sileika braids Martin’s remarkable story through the turbulent, ever-changing history of mid-20th century Lithuania as he confronts who he is, what he values and who he hopes to be. *Some Unfinished Business* is a powerful, moving, and page-turning examination of loyalty, betrayal, retribution and ultimately, love, written by an acclaimed author at the height of his powers.”

—Gary Barwin, Governor-General’s and Giller-shortlisted author of *Yiddish for Pirates* and *Nothing the Same, Everything Haunted*

The Author

Antanas Sileika is a Canadian author of five previous books of fiction, as well as a memoir. Working as a Canadian journalist of Lithuanian descent, he became involved with the movement to restore Lithuania’s independence from the Soviet Union. His collection of short stories, *Buying on Time*, was shortlisted for the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour and the Toronto Book Award and long-listed for CBC’s Canada Reads in 2016. His books have repeatedly received starred reviews from *Quill & Quire* and been listed as among the one hundred best books of the year in *The Globe and Mail*. He has reviewed books for print, radio, and television and he served as the director of the Humber School for Writers until retiring in 2017. He currently lives in Toronto, ON.



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