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Author from North Bay has books made into TV Series

(North Bay, Ont. – January 19/20, 2017) – Sixteen years after *Forty Words for Sorrow*, the first novel in North Bay native and author Giles Blunt’s best-selling *John Cardinal Mysteries* series, was published, the award-winning novel has been adapted for television.

CTV’s **CARDINAL**, a gripping, six-part dramatic thriller featuring Billy Campbell as Detective John Cardinal and Karine Vanasse as Detective Lise Delorme, will premiere in Canada on January 25, 2017 on CTV at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

The award-winning author grew up in North Bay, Ontario, and often returns to the city for inspiration. In fact, North Bay is thinly disguised as Algonquin Bay, the small town setting in Blunt’s “John Cardinal Mysteries” series. “Where you grow up affects every writer” says Blunt when we had the chance to sit down with the author during a recent trip to North Bay. See full interview at: [Interview with Giles Blunt](#) – (courtesy of Patrick Gilbert Productions.)

CARDINAL was filmed in winter 2016 in North Bay, Ont., Sudbury, Ont., Atikameksheng Anishnawbek in Northern Ontario, and Toronto.

CARDINAL is produced by Sienna Films and eOne in association with CTV, and commissioned for French-language Canadian broadcast by Super Écran. **CARDINAL** is distributed worldwide by Entertainment One (eOne). Executive Producers are Julia Sereny and Jennifer Kawaja (COMBAT HOSPITAL) for Sienna Films. The series is also executive produced by Showrunner Aubrey Nealon, who adapted the series for television, and Director Daniel Grou, aka Podz. For Bell Media, Tom Hastings is Director, Drama, Independent Production; and Corrie Coe is Senior Vice-President, Independent Production. Mike Cosentino is Senior Vice-President, CTV and Specialty. Randy Lennox is President, Broadcasting and Content, Bell Media.

A series’ preview is available at www.ctv.ca/Cardinal

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