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The McElhanney Story is Katherine Gordon's fifth book, following *The Garden That You Are*, an exploration of the culture of gardeners (Sono Nis Press, 2007); *Made to Measure*, a history of land surveying in British Columbia and winner of the 2007 B.C. Haig-Brown prize (Sono Nis Press, 2006); *The Slocan: Portrait of a Valley* (Sono Nis Press, 2004), shortlisted for the B.C. Book Awards Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize in 2005, and *A Curious Life: The Biography of Princess Peggy Abkhazi* (Sono Nis Press, 2002).

She also contributes to the *Globe and Mail* newspaper, *Canadian Geographic*, *BC Business*, *British Columbia magazine*, *GardenWise* and *Canadian Homes & Cottages*, among other publications.

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Almost anywhere that a casual glance falls on a map of Western Canada, the chances are that someone from the McElhanney group of surveying, engineering and mapping companies has been at work. McElhanney's adventures over the last century have encompassed everything from surveying the 124th meridian with axe and compass in the early years of the 20th century, to navigating ships and ice monitoring in the North Atlantic and Arctic, microwave transmission path surveys in Africa, and mapping of some of the remotest parts of the planet. McElhanney's name is associated with pipelines and projects across the oil patch of British Columbia and Alberta, highways and bridges in both provinces, ferry terminals, airports, power projects, and the Sea to Sky Highway and other infrastructure required for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

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