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“Clara’s Rib” provides a unique look at the lives of young Canadian patients suffering through the Tuberculosis epidemic. Meet Author Anne Raina in Edmonton on May 31st.

(Edmonton, Alberta) Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that reached epidemic proportions in the mid 1900’s in Canada. Today, the disease can be controlled but in the 1930’s, 40’s and 50’s it affected and even ended the lives of thousands of Canadians. Those days are gone but certainly not forgotten by the individuals and family members who survived to tell the story of their life altering experiences. Next week, the Stanley Milner Library hosts Anne Raina, the co-author of “Clara’s Rib”. This book provides a riveting description of her sister Clara growing up in “The San”, an institution designed to segregate, house and treat people with this devastating disease. Join us and discover why, when Clara left the Sanatorium for the last time, one of her own ribs was packed in her suitcase.

Book Talk and Signing

Tuesday May 31, 7:00 pm

Room 7, 6th Floor

Stanley Milner Library

7 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Edmonton

The Lung Association of Alberta & NWT (“TLA”) was born in 1939 as the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, out of the need to educate the public about TB, conduct mass chest x-rays and provide a rehabilitation service for TB sanatorium patients. Today TLA raises and allocates funds for critical research, advocates in public policy, provides patient support, and is the primary information source for the lung health of all.

TLA believes that lung research is key to winning the fight against lung diseases like TB. For more information about lung disease, the services provided by The Lung Association Alberta & NWT, or to donate to lung research, please visit our website www.ab.lung.ca or call 1-888-566-5864.

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Anne Raina is currently on a Western Canada book tour. To arrange interviews, she can be reached on her cell (613) 878-5891 or by email gmcam1943@rogers.com.