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Award-Winning Canadian Comedian, Actor and Author, Mark Critch, Eagerly Anticipated in Virtual Event, Thursday, 21st April at 7pm

Milton Public Library is thrilled to host award-winning Canadian comedian, **Mark Critch on Thursday 21**st **April at 7pm** for a special 2022 **One Book, One Milton** virtual event.

Mark Critch is one of the most recognisable faces in Canadian comedy who has won multiple awards for both writing and performance. For fourteen years, he has starred on CBC's flagship show, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. As an anchor and "roving reporter," he has brought celebrities and politicians to living rooms across the nation. Mark is the host of CBC's Halifax Comedy Festival and has written for and appeared in CBC's world-renowned *Just for Laughs* series. His show, *Son of Critch*, based on his award-winning memoir, is available on the free CBC Gem (CBCGem.ca) streaming service.

Mark will take to the virtual stage to discuss his best-selling memoir, Son of a Critch: a childish Newfoundland memoir, **Thursday 21**st **April at 7pm**. Son of a Critch is a hilarious story of family, getting into trouble, and finding one's place in the world. The book is the winner of the 2019 Margaret and John Savage First Book Award, was shortlisted for the 2019 Kobo Emerging Writer Prize and 2019 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour, and was longlisted for the 2019 RBC Taylor Prize. His book inspired the popular CBC TV series, Son of a Critch, a coming-of-age comedy chronicling the life of his 11-year-old self.

The online event will be hosted by longtime OBOM host, <u>Michael Serapio</u> of the <u>CBC News Network</u>, and an entertaining and hilarious evening can be expected!

Mark Williams, MPL's Chief Librarian shares "We are delighted that in order to continue our trend of connecting with as many Miltonians as possible, we have selected a title that is both contemporary and one that, we believe, will resonate with avid readers and those looking to connect with MPL for the first time. We are so excited to be welcoming Mark Critch to Milton as our 2022 OBOM author!"

Tickets for the free event are and registration is now Visit https://onebookonemilton.ca/ for more information. Discounted copies of the book are available for sale for \$15 all Milton Public Library branches.



About One Book, One Milton:

One Book, One Milton is a community-wide programme that is designed to encourage everyone in Milton to read the same book. One Book, One Milton engages the community through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book: its contents, themes and relevance, as it relates to the Milton community. Past authors have included Jagmeet Singh, Samra Habib, Margaret Atwood, Chris Hadfield, Yann Martel Neil Pasricha, (tand Gail Vaz-Oxlade.

For more information, visit: www.onebookonemilton.ca

About MPL:

Serving one of the fastest-growing municipalities in North America, Milton Public Library (MPL) is a multi-award winning public library focussed on innovation and service excellence. The Library's updated service delivery model is founded on community-led concepts and partnerships and has been highly effective, to the point that MPL now has the highest rate of active cardholders of any large Canadian Library (68% of residents are active members!).

MPL empowers the community to Read. Learn. Create. Connect. and **Be Inspired** by all MPL has to offer.

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