

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Sylvia Crooks was born and raised in Nelson, BC, where her father, T.S. Shorthouse, was mayor from 1958 to 1963. After graduating from Nelson High School in 1954, she earned a BA degree in English and History from the University of British Columbia. While at UBC Sylvia was a features editor and senior editor for *The Ubysey*, and during the summers of her university years she worked in the editorial department of the *Nelson Daily News* as a junior reporter.

Sylvia married physicist Michael Crooks in 1959, and while raising three children wrote questions for the TV quiz show *Reach for the Top*. In her mid-40s she went back to UBC to take a Master's degree in Library Science, and after working as a librarian in public libraries for a number of years, joined the faculty of her alma mater, the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. For 16 years she taught reference services and outreach services at the school, retiring in 2002. Sylvia has authored or co-authored two books, aimed at a professional audience, on library services to older adults. She currently resides in Vancouver.