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# Where's Walmart? The Commonplace in Canadian Literature

A PUBLIC TALK BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
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505 10th Street East, Saskatoon**



Out of all possible settings, why would Canadian authors choose to write Walmart into their literary landscapes? This talk considers examples ranging from the predictable—Walmart as profit-making behemoth, taking over small cities and local economies—to the more experimental—as site of a steamy missed connection between strangers, backdrop to a surprising celebrity encounter, or cherished place to wander the aisles with a loved one. In addition to asking “why Walmart?”, the talk will explore how such literary works illuminate what’s at stake in these commonplace staples of our contemporary geography.



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