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## HEHEGANADA HEHEGANADA HEARNDS 2024 EDITORIAL BY CY WILLIAMS

5 Years After Legalization & With A Plethora of Brands In The Canadian Cannabis Sector How Does A Brand Get noticed Let Alone Begin to Stand Out?

igh! Happy New Year, H i g h ! C a n a d a readers! As we kick off 2024, it's hard to believe that it's been just over five years since cannabis was legalized here in Canada.

Looking back, it's safe to say that we've come a long way s in c e then. With a n abundance of brands and products now available in the market, it's clear that the cannabis industry is thriving. However, with so many options to choose from, brands are faced with the challenge of standing out in a saturated market. But fear not, because we've got the inside scoop on how they're rising to the occasion.

First off, let's take a moment to appreciate just how far Canada has come since the legalization of cannabis. It's no longer a taboo topic, but rather a thriving industry that continues to evolve and grow. From the early days of limited selection a n d l a r g e l i n e u p s a t government-run stores, to now having a plethora of brands to choose from, it's safe to say that the future of cannabis in Canada is looking bright. It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you, our readers, to a new year and the ninety-third issue of High! Canada Magazine.

It is January and this issue represents our perspectives on the legal cannabis brand situation here in Canada. It is a complex topic and way more complicated then it really needs to be.

With so many brands to choose from, it's no wonder that they're facing the challenge of standing out in a crowded market. But leave it to the creative minds in the industry to come up with some seriously innovative and, dare we say, hilarious ways to grab your attention. From quirky packaging to memorable marketing campaigns, these brands are pulling out all the stops to make sure you remember them.

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Our brand in particular has taken a unique approach to setting ourselves apart from the competition. With a mascot that's a literal play on "high" and social media pages full of news, e v e n t s, c o m m u n i t y engagement, memes and puns, we've managed to capture the attention of consumers in a refreshing and light-hearted way. After all, who doesn't love a

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good laugh, some industry news andsome High! Canada with their cannabis?

But it's not just about being funny; it's also about delivering top-quality products that consumers can rely on. With so many brands to choose from, consistency and reliability are key factors in building a loyal customer base. We're happy to report that many of the brands in the market are living up to these standards, offering a wide range of products that cater to every cannabis enthusiast's needs. From high-quality flower to innovative edibles and everything in between, the options are truly endless.

Creating a winning cannabis brand in Canada is an exciting but challenging endeavour. With the legalization of cannabis, the industry has seen rapid growth, providing numerous opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses to establish their brands. However, there are both pros and cons to consider when venturing into this competitive market.

### **PROS**:

#### **Growing Market:**

With the increasing acceptance and demand for cannabis products, the market in Canada continues to expand. This provides ample opportunity for new brands to enter the industry and carve out their niche.

Innovation and Creativity:

The cannabis industry allows for ample room for innovation and creativity. Brands can develop unique product offerings, packaging, and marketing strategies, setting themselves apart from competitors.

#### **Consumer Interest:**

There is a growing interest in cannabis and its various applications, including medicinal and recreational use. Building a successful brand allows businesses to tap into this consumer interest and build a loyal customer base.

#### Regulatory Framework:

Canada has established a regulatory framework for the cannabis industry, providing clear guidelines and standards for product safety and quality. This provides a level playing field for brands to compete while ensuring consumer protection.

#### **Export Opportunities:**

Establishing a successful cannabis brand in Canada opens the door to potential export opportunities as other countries legalize or expand their cannabis markets.

### **CONS:**

#### Regulatory Compliance:

While the regulatory framework provides guidance, it also presents challenges in terms of compliance. Strict regulations governing the production, labeling, and marketing of cannabis products require careful attention and resources to ensure adherence.

#### **Intense Competition:**

The cannabis industry in Canada is highly competitive, with numerous established brands and new businesses entering the market regularly. Standing out and gaining market share requires significant effort and resources.

#### Limited Marketing Channels:

Restrictions on cannabis marketing and advertising present challenges for brands to effectively promote their products. Limited advertising channels and regulations on messaging can hinder brand visibility and consumer outreach.

#### **Financial Barriers:**

Building a cannabis brand requires significant financial investment. From obtaining licenses and facilities to product development and marketing, the costs can be substantial, especially for startups.

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#### **Shifting Regulations:**

The evolving nature of cannabis regulations can pose challenges for brands, as changes in laws and policies may require adjustments to business operations and compliance.

Taking all this into account, we can see that establishing a winning cannabis brand in Canada offers a lot of opportunities for growth and success, but it also presents challenges related to competition, regulations, marketing limitations, and financial investment. It requires strategic planning, creativity, and a thorough understanding of the market dynamics to navigate the industry successfully.

For entrepreneurs and businesses willing to navigate these challenges, the potential rewards in this burgeoning industry can be substantial. So as we enter 2024, we can't help but feel optimistic about what's to come in the world of cannabis. With a vibrant and ever-growing market, there's no shortage of reasons to be excited. Let's start with the basics... a successful brand in the legal Canadian cannabis industry is defined by a few key factors:

#### **Quality Products:**

A successful brand offers highquality cannabis products that meet or exceed industry standards, providing consistent and reliable effects for consumers.

#### **Compliance:**

Brands that are compliant with all Canadian laws and regulations demonstrate their commitment to operating within the legal framework of the industry, which builds trust a mong consumers and stakeholders.

#### **Brand Reputation:**

Successful cannabis brands have a positive reputation within the industry and among consumers, built on factors such as product quality, customer service, and ethical business practices.

#### **Innovation**:

Brands that are innovative and offer unique products or experiences stand out in the crowded cannabis market, attracting new customers and retaining loyal ones.

#### Marketing and Branding:

Effective marketing and branding strategies help cannabis companies differentiate themselves from competitors and establish a strong brand identity that resonates with their target audience.

#### Community Engagement:

Successful brands in the Canadian cannabis industry engage with their local communities, support positive social initiatives, and build strong relationships with customers and partners.

#### Financial Performance:

Ultimately, a successful brand in the cannabis industry must also demonstrate strong financial performance, including revenue growth, profitability, and strategic investments in long-term success.

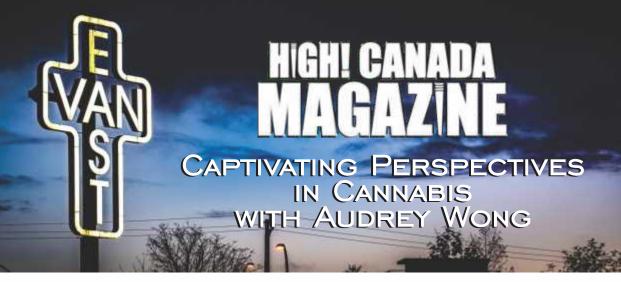
With these factors in mind, we start to get a feeling for what it really takes to build a successful Canadian cannabis brand. It is worth making note that none of this even touches on social media engagement, trade show circuits, sampling and event circuits, in-person brand representation at a retail level or taking a regional or provincial brand into multiple provinces or nationally. From all this to the creativity of brands themselves to the diverse range of products available, it's clear that the future of cannabis in Canada is looking good but as always in our sector - expect things to change at any time for any reason whatsoever. So here's to a new year filled with laughter, quality cannabis, and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Cheers to 2024, High! Canada readers! Let's make it a year to remember.

#### **Stay High Canada!**

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**H**appy New Year! We're diving into 2024 with our all-brands issue, a celebration of labels deserving a shoutout. These are the brands lifting the cannabis conversation to new heights, breaking stigma to make our mark into the mainstream.

To offer a fresh perspective, I asked Anu, Zyre's marketing manager to shoot me a few of her thoughts given that she's much closer to the Gen Z demographic and has a different lens to cannabis than I do. Here's her thoughts on some shoutout worthy brands.

#### **COLLECTIVE PROJECT:**

The brand features the art of many women artists on their cans. Even though the single colour packaging rules means these artist-drawn cans aren't for shelves, it's a creative approach that adds a touch of diversity to the cannabis landscape.





#### **VERDE VIE:**

A lifestyle brand catering to the modern woman, Verde Vie offers sleek cannabis and c a n n a b i s - a d j a c e n t accessories. Their beautiful finishes, like rose gold, provide a modern aesthetic that seamlessly blends with the Pottery Barn vibe.

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#### **SEVEN LEAF:**

A 100% Indigenous-owned company, Seven Leaf shares the authentic story of their community through their cannabis brands. With Zyre taking the same approach to our own brand, we appreciate the significance of this effort. And here's my own set of shoutouts.



#### **DABBLE CANNABIS CO:**

Alannah the CEO of Dabble was part of my team when we were both working at one of the large cannabis companies.

When I hired her it never crossed my mind that almost 6 years later we would each be leading one of the few womenowned, women-led companies in Canadian cannabis. Alannah and her family are doing it from cultivation to concentrate with a compelling business model tied into their guest ranch property with a private lake.

#### **OHAI:**

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Ohai sparks in me a desire to create a weed display at home, showcasing fancy accessories strictly for looking, not using. Emily's integration of cannabis into her Asian C a n a d i a n w o m e n entrepreneur story is refreshing and unique—a narrative we don't see often enough. And, a side note, after taking a peek at her socials, her'fits were fire.

#### ufeelu:

When it comes to oils ufeelu is my go to brand. I love that sunflower oil doesn't leave a film on my mouth, and, just like how I want my THC based products to be full spectrum, I also expect my CBD based products to be broad spectrum. Sameer and the ufeelu team have many years in the alternative wellness category and it shows.





And a shoutout to my own baby, Zyre. Succeeding in the Canadian cannabis industry isn't easy, especially without pre-existing networks and connections for financial and mentorship support.

So, in this moment of selflove, I say, "Audrey, despite all the challenges, especially in these last few weeks of 2023, Zyre's ongoing push to m a k e c a n n a b i s approachable to wider communities will continue to succeed and thrive in 2024."

As we venture into the new year, let's continue to celebrate these brands that are bringing cannabis to broader conversations and contributing to its diversity and richness. Here's to a year of growth, innovation, and appreciation of the Canadian cannabis scene.

**By Audrey Wong** 



Audrey is a lawyer turned Canadian legal-cannabis pioneer.

She has the unique perspective of leading the cannabis industry as the youngest C-suite member of the BC government cannabis distributor, and Vice-President at a global cannabis company before founding Zyre Brands to amplify diverse voices in the industry while creating vapes that she would proudly use herself.

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n this, our 93rd issue of the cannabis publication -High! Canada Magazine we are focusing on the plethora of Canadian cannabis brands available and all they offer.

Building a successful Canadian cannabis brand is challenging due to several factors very specific to our sector. The following are our top reasons why it can be difficult and some strategies for Canadian cannabis brands to stand out:

#### Regulatory Environment:

The cannabis industry in Canada is heavily regulated, with strict guidelines governing production, packaging, marketing, and distribution. New brands must navigate complex and evolving regulatory requirements to ensure compliance and legitimacy. This requires a thorough understanding of legal frameworks and a commitment to meeting stringent standards.

To stand out, a new brand can prioritize transparency and compliance, demonstrating a commitment to quality and regulatory adherence. Emphasizing transparency in sourcing, production processes, and product testing can build trust with consumers and regulatory authorities.

#### **Intense Competition:**

The Canadian cannabis market is saturated with established brands and new entrants vying for consumer attention. Standing out amidst this intense competition r e q u i r e s s t r a t e g i c differentiation and innovative brand positioning.

New brands can distinguish themselves by offering unique product formulations, leveraging sustainable and eco-friendly practices, or catering to niche consumer preferences. Emphasizing a strong brand identity and compelling storytelling can also help create an emotional connection with consumers, fostering brand loyalty and differentiation.

#### Limited Marketing Channels:

Marketing restrictions in the cannabis industry limit traditional advertising and promotional avenues, making it challenging for new brands to build visibility and awareness. Regulations on packaging and advertising also impose limitations on how brands can communicate their value proposition to consumers.

To overcome marketing limitations, new brands can focus on building a robust digital presence, leveraging social media, influencer partnerships, and educational content to engage with their target audience. Additionally, investing in creative and compliant packaging design that effectively communicates the brand's unique attributes can help attract consumer attention on retail shelves.

#### **Evolving Consumer Preferences:**

Understanding and adapting to shifting consumer preferences and market trends is crucial for building a successful cannabis brand. Consumer demands for diverse product offerings, product efficacy, and experience-based branding necessitate a nuanced understanding of evolving market dynamics.

New brands can conduct thorough market research to identify unmet consumer needs and preferences, allowing them to develop products and marketing strategies that resonate with their target audience.

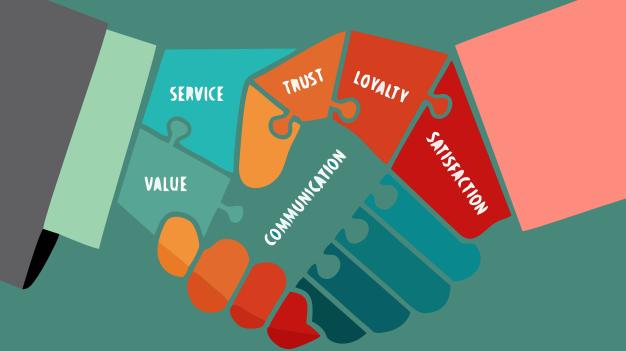
Embracing consumer feedback and incorporating it into product development and brand evolution can also lead to better alignment with market demands.

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#### Brand Trust and Credibility:

Establishing trust and credibility in a nascent industry with a history of stigmatization presents a significant challenge for new cannabisbrands.

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Building trust requires a c o m m i t m e n t t o transparency, product consistency, and ethical business practices.

New brands can prioritize quality assurance, thirdparty testing, and certifications to validate productpotency and purity.

Important to remember is t h a t e s t a b l i s h i n g partnerships with renowned industry leaders or experts can lend credibility to the brand and build consumer trust.

Building a successful Canadian cannabis brand is a complex endeavour and this is due to regulatory constraints, competition, marketing limitations, shifting consumer preferences, and the imperative to establish trust and credibility. By prioritizing compliance, innovation, differentiation, consumer engagement, and brand integrity, new cannabis brands can overcome the challenges and carve out a distinctive place in the market.

With the sheer number of available brands out there we know that we cannot list them all here in this format but we certainly want to represent the ones our team has really taken note of in 2024. Let's start with the Big Brands. Tilray, SNDL, Indiva, **Organigram and Canopy** Growth Corp are among our list of the biggest Canadian cannabis brands out there -We like to call them the Big **Brands** - Companies so massive they have become brands unto themselves

despite the fact they they each produce even more brands. Think of these Big Brands as the Kellogg's Cereal type of brand then they have all the of cannabis brands underneath that umbrella, like the many different types of cereal or other things Kellogg's produces though its side companies.

The Canadian cannabis industry has grown dramatically in size since the national government legalized cannabis in 2018. **Companies in the Canadian** cannabis sector are deeply involved in the cultivation, growth, and distribution of cannabis and related products for both recreational and medical use. Many new entrants to the industry have invested in cannabis businesses or launched new cannabis or cannabis-related divisions.

Investors are constantly watching Canadian cannabis companies' underlying financials to determine which ones offer the best growth on a sustained basis. That focus is especially true since many of these are young companies that launched on their rapid growth path in the few years since legalization. Many of them are continuing to generate major losses as they focus on developing new products, and expanding their markets through internal growth and acquisitions.

As a result, these companies' prospects are measured mainly by revenue growth rather than net income growth. We look at the eight of biggest cannabis companies/brands operating in Canada, as we currently see them.



#### TILRAY BRANDS INC.

Tilray is a Canadian company focused primarily on cultivating, processing, and distributing medical cannabis products. The company is also heavily focused on medical cannabis research. Its products include dried cannabis and cannabis extracts. In May 2021, Tilray completed its merger with Aphria, another Canadian company. It now has operations in Europe, Australia, and Latin America in addition to Canada and the United States.Tilray bought eight of Anheuser-Busch's brands — Shock Top, Breckenridge Brewery, Blue Point Brewing Co., Barrel Brewing Co., Redhook Brewery, Widmer Brothers Brewing, Square Mile Cider Co., and HiBall Energy — in a US\$85 million deal brokered last summer.

In 2018, Tilray announced it had entered into global alliance with Sandoz, a division of Novartis to cobrand and distribute noncombustible medical cannabis products in global markets where it is legally authorized. The Globe and M a i l d u b b e d t h i s partnership as 'bigpharma's first foray into cannabis'.



Also in 2018, Tilray announced a \$100-million joint venture with the world's largest brewer, AbInBev to research nona l c o h o l tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD)- infused beverages, through their respective subsidiaries, Labatt Breweries and High Park Company.

In 2019, Tilray signed a \$250 million revenue-sharing deal with U.S. based brand company, Authentic Brands Group, to leverage ABG brand names, such as Juicy Couture, Greg Norman, and Nine West to create cannabis products. ABG has a portfolio of over 50 brands.

In February 2019, Tilray acquired Manitoba Harvest, a hemp foods manufacturer, for \$317 million from Compass Diversified Holdings. The acquisition allowed Tilray to use Manitoba Harvest's retail distribution network to enter the U.S. CBD market. Manitoba Harvest's products a r e a v a i l a b l e i n approximately 13,000 U.S. stores and 3,600 in Canada.

In 2019, Tilray entered into an agreement with Natura Naturals Holdings which owns 155,000 square feet of licensed cultivation greenhouses in Leamington, Ontario. The acquisition doubled the cultivation ability of the company in Canada. Also in July 2019, Tilray acquired U.K.-based Smith & Sinclair to develop CBD-infused edibles and in August 2019, Tilray acquired Alberta cannabis retailer, Four20.

In May 2020, Tilray announced closure of the High Park Gardens site (previously Natura Naturals) for cost reductions.

On December 15th 2020, Aphria conducted a reverse acquisition of Tilray, creating the largest global cannabis company by revenue and geographic reach.



The chief executive officer (CEO) of Aphria, Irwin D. Simon, stated that the merger strategy was to capture Tilray's business assets and public trading exposure in the United States and its free trade abilities in Europe, enabling he potential for becoming a global operation. Irwin was named as CEO and chairman of the board for the merged company, and Tilray CEO, Brendan Kennedy, was made a member of the board of directors.

The merged companies kept Tilray's name and trade under the Tilray ticker symbol, TLRY, on the NASDAQ exchange.

By combining these assets, the new Tilray company plans to develop craft beer and cannabis-infused beverages in partnership with Anheuser-Busch InBev, and offer branded hemp and cannabidiol products. According to one source, the world market potential for cannabis products is \$94 billion by 2025.



On April 10, 2023, Tilray announced an agreement to acquire Hexo Corp. for approximately US\$56 million. Hexo shareholders received 0.4352 of a share of Tilray common stock in exchange for each share held.

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SNDL Inc. (SNDL)



**Calgary, Alberta based SNDL** develops and distributes liquor and cannabis products through its businesses. The company boasts that it's the largest private-sector liquor and cannabis company in Canada. SNDL is the largest private-sector liquor and cannabis retailer in Canada with retail banners that include Ace Liquor, Wine and **Beyond, Liquor Depot, Value Buds, Spiritleaf, and Firesale Cannabis. SNDL is a licensed** cannabis producer and one of the largest vertically integrated cannabis



companies in Canada specializing in low-cost biomass sourcing, premium indoor cultivation, product innovation, low-cost manufacturing facilities, and a cannabis brand portfolio that includes Top Leaf, Contraband, Citizen Stash, Sundial Cannabis, Palmetto, Bon Jak, Spiritleaf Selects, Versus Cannabis, Value Buds, Vacav, Grasslands and Superette. SNDL's investment portfolio seeks to deploy strategic capital through direct and indirect investments and partnerships throughout the North American cannabis industry.

In late 2023, almost exactly five years after SNDL opened a cannabis cultivation facility in Olds, Alberta, the Canadian producer announced it's closing the enormous plant "to enhance the competitiveness" of its marijuana operations segment.

The company, which accumulated losses exceeding 1.1 billion Canadian dollars (\$800 million) through fiscal year 2022, expects to save roughly CA\$10 million annually from the closure.



#### **CANOPY GROWTH CORP.**

Canopy Growth produces medical marijuana products. The company has the distinction of having been the first federally regulated and licensed publicly traded cannabis grower in North America. It is among the largest cannabis companies in the world by market capitalization.

Some of Canopy Growth's brands include Doja, Deep Space, Ace Valley, 7ACRES, Hiway and Tweed, which is, of course, one of the most recognized cannabis brands in the world, Tweed has built a large and loyal following by focusing on quality products and meaningful customer relationships.





#### TERRASCEND CORP.

TerrAscend is an integrated Canadian cannabis company offering products for both medical and recreational use.



The company has a portfolio of businesses including Gage C a n n a b i s, C o o k i e s, Lemonnade, Kind Tree, Legend, State Flower, Wana, and Valhalla Confections, Arise Bioscience which is a m a n u f a c t u r e r a n d d i s t r i b u t o r o f h e m p products,. They also own the Apothecarium, a cannabis d i s p e n s a r y and I l e r a Healthcare, a medical marijuana cultivator, processor and distributor.

Operations are based in the USA and there are cultivation and processing plants in Canada.



### AURORA

Aurora Cannabis Inc.

Aurora Cannabis is a major cannabis producer and a licensed distributor.

The company, based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has operations in both the medical and consumer cannabis areas and has a division focused on cannabidiol products for distribution in the U.S. CBD is one of the most active and prevalent ingredients in cannabis. It expanded its footprint, with production facilities and sales agreements in the European Union (EU).

The Company's adult-use brand portfolio includes Aurora Drift, San Rafael '71, Daily Special, Whistler, Being and Greybeard. Medical cannabis brands include MedReleaf, CanniMed, Aurora and Whistler Medical Marijuana Co, as well as international brands, Pedanios, Bidiol and CraftPlant.

### SORGANI**gram**

**OrganiGram Holdings Inc.** 

Originally a provider of medical-grade cannabis, OrganiGram Holdings expanded to include marijuana for recreational users in Canada. Founded in 2013, OrganiGram Holdings is based in Moncton, New Brunswick, and is the parent company of OrganiGram and Laurentian Organic. It also operates The Edibles and Infusions Corporation, which makes cannabis-infused candy and soft chews.

G R O U P Cronos Group Inc.

Cronos is a Toronto-based company that deals in the distribution and production of cannabis and cannabisrelated research along with technology development. The company has a diverse global brand portfolio, which includes Spinach, Lord Jones, and Peace+. The Lord Jones, Happy Dance and PEACE+ are hemp-derived cannabidiol (CBD) brands.



#### Indiva

Indiva is the leading producer of cannabis edibles in Canada. They have set the gold standard for quality and innovation without award-winning products, across a wide range of brands including Pearls by Grön, No Future, Bhang, Dime as well as their own Indiva branded edibles and extracts.

They manufacture their portfolio of products in their state-of-the-art facility in London, Ontario, and pride themselves on the great tasting and higher quality products that come out of the Indiva Kitchen. Under the Indiva Brand umbrella are:



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They have an unwavering commitment to innovation and it is the primary focus driving all GMLL Pharma does toward an amazing future.

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www.highquadz.com

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Wildcard extracts is the exclusive in-house brand of pantheon cannabis group.

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www.sheeshsodas.com

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Basically, your favourite grower's favourite grower. One of those 'if you know... you know' brands and in 2023, Royal Harvest reached significant milestones in the journey to become a prominent name in the cannabis industry. With dedication to crafting top-notch cannabis strains that earned recognition a highlighting a seldom seen commitment to excellence and innovation in cannabis cultivation.



#### ROYAL HARVEST

CRAFT CANNABIS

www.royalharvestcc.com

Over 40 years in the making, PureFire was established to bring legacy genetics and expertise to today's market. Founder Cody Lewis has inherited a wealth of knowledge from his father Bill who has been involved in the legacy cannabis industry since the early 1980's. With Bill's knowledge and Cody's drive for excellence, PureFire is more than just a family affair, it is a passion project built on tradition, quality, and a pursuit of the finest cannabis experience.



www.purefireco.ca

Earthwolf Farms is a cannabis brand bringing you organic cannabis products from farms around Lillooet, BC. They cultivate cannabis for medical, research and recreational uses, using organic and solventless methods bringing you a diverse array of quality products at fair market prices.

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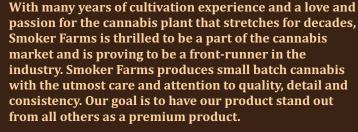
www.kootenaycultivar.com

Sweetgrass Cannabis is a collective of Kootenay growers who take pride in producing organic, living soil cannabis.

We are excited to help raise awareness for this clean and sustainable method of cultivation. Our plants love their environment and they reward us with some of the most beautiful cannabis on the planet.

www.sweetgrasscannabis.ca





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www.smokerfarms.com

Organnicraft is a craft cultivation facility located near Vernon BC. They produce a mix of high-end California Exotics and a few BC staples brought in from the Legacy Market. Within the facility every task is carried out very strategically and passionately, ultimately setting the product apart from others in the market.

www.organnicraft.ca

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Color Cannabis was created during a time of change in Canada. As perceptions towards cannabis shifted, they set out to champion and inspire people to be open to a world of endless possibilities - a life of limitless Color. Today is so unlike yesterday. It's time to live life in Color. Color was founded by a group of individuals who saw cannabis as a way of being more attuned to the world and people around us.

For years, WeedMD cultivated and created quality products for the medical market. Now with Color Cannabis they are expanding to allow others to integrate cannabis into their everyday lives.

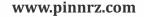


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While the business has only been operating since fall of 2020, the Victoria Cannabis Company is guided by a team whose commitment to excellence in the industry has roots reaching as far back as 25 years. The legacy of this experience informs and augments every decision, resulting in a tangible level of quality that makes the product shine. The Victoria Cannabis Company grows traditional quality BC craft cannabis on Vancouver Island in the territory of Lekwungen (Songhees Nations).



www.victoriacannabiscompany.com



Legacy Mountain is a Family run business, utilizing family growing and legacy knowledge passed down to Jesse since he was born. Hand crafted from mixing our nutrients every day, to the last part of the hand trimming of the finished product.

www.legacymountain.ca



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The Sweet Justice Mission: to bring people closer & spark joy through innovative & unexpected experiences. Sweet Justice aligns its products with the guidelines outlined in the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP) monograph on Cannabis.

www.drinksweetjustice.com

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Canada's Largest Cannabis Laboratory High North Laboratories is a specialized Cannabis company, setting the standard for Cannabis testing in Canada.



www.highnorth.com

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The producer of the Sana'a/STONED brands is a proud Atlantic Canadian Cannabis Cultivator, that envisions a better, more inclusive world using natural resources like Cannabis at its core. Founded in 2018, our commitment goes beyond crafting exceptional cannabis; it's about weaving a story that intertwines health, nature, sustainability, and empowerment.



The Sana'a brand focuses on the medical market as it means to heal and boasts product consistencies needed for this market. The STONED brand, was born out of a dynamic evolution within the cannabis landscape, emerging as a spirited, retro spin-off from Sana'a. Both brands are grounded in the values of innovation, inclusivity, and a commitment to redefine the cannabis culture, inviting individuals to embark on a journey where every experience is an opportunity to celebrate life's highs.

## stöned

Sana'a/STONED is a unique player in the Canadian cannabis industry, positioning itself as a 100% private company that maintains full control over its operations and decisions while strategically partnering with key players in the industry.

> www.sanaamj.com and www.sanaamj.ca www.stoned-cannabis.com

## **FAVOURITE BRANDS**

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Ghost Drops is redefining cannabis in Canada. Through exclusive partnerships with award-winning breeders and cultivators, the Ghost Drops model delivers the very best in premium cannabis. Established in the pre-legal market, Ghost Drops built a loyal cult following by setting the standard of cannabis excellence. Now in the legal market, the Ghost Drops business model combines branded cannabis products and a Mail Order Marijuana (MOM) platform to deliver the most unique play the industry has ever seen.

> Website: www.ghostdrops.com Instagram: @ghostdropsofficial





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One of Vancouver's happiest dispensaries, and the insta page with the most original memes, Up In Smoke is a family run business.

www.instagram.com/upinsmoke604



Cannport Solutions is run by go to gal Brittney Guthrie and provides assistance on a variety of events and all the seed to sale needs within the industry.

www.instagram.com/cannport



An industry legend and leader Bubbleman's brand of hash making supplies are used across the world.

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Glass and dab bar services are just the obvious talking points for Boro & Beyond, a long running business owned and operated by a newlywed couple, this brand adds elevated value to many industry events.

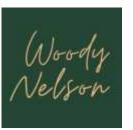
www.instagram.com/boroandbeyond



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www.weatheredislands.com

## MAGAZINE FAVOURITE BRANDS





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www.nstagram.com/violetwildbc

An award winning sister run dispensary that exudes community Violet Wild warms the heart of Vancouver Island.



RUBICON ™ ORGANICS

www.instagram.com/rubiconorganics

Bundling the brands 1964 and Simply Bare, Rubicon is an award winning producer focused on sustainability resulting in highly regarded quality.



www.instagram.com/allnationsretail

Community driven with a corporate culture enjoyed by the team, All Nations produces quality cannabis while promoting indigenous awareness and conscious consumption.



www.instagram.com/apacheflameworks

Iyá:q Tel Mexw AKA Chris Apache is an indigineous glass artist that has been supporting the community for over a decade, he makes collectable marbles and functional pieces.



www.instagram.com/carolyn.bcbc

BC Bud Co. is a collection of brands committed to honouring the heritage of BC cannabis, they represent a lovely selection of growers and innovative products.



## MAGAZINE FAVOURITE BRANDS



Gayonica produces 2 amazing edible brands. Blee and Jublee Canada





Not your average edible, Jublee produces both edibles and cosmetics. Jublee also produces a delicious fruit bar that is a quality vegan snack.

www.instagram.com/jublee\_cann



Voted BC's favourite infused beverage, Bubble Kush offers a selection of nostalgic soda flavours and always shows up big to support community events.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Bookclub is more than a weekly industry event, bookclub exclusive is a licensced nursery working with breeders in the community to bring fire to the market while fostering a community space where everyone is able to build their businesses.

www.instagram.com/bookclubyvr



Burb dispensaries are located across the GVRD and bring a curated vibe to your shopping experience with friendly and knowledgable staff.

www.instagram.com/shopburb



Ten years in the industry, leading the way in extract production. Kind Selections is a humble brand that offers consistent community support.

www.instagram.com/official.kindselections

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CannaRepsis dedicated to inspiring mindful cannabis appreciation through product knowledge, science, and cultural understanding.



In our quest to improve compassionate

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www.cannabissommelier.com

## OC Okanagan

Okanagan College is among the top educational leaders offering cannabis training courses that provide unique insights into the emerging industry of medicinal and recreational marijuana. Learn about the regulatory policies and business opportunities in this unfolding market, investment strategies for individual investors and best practices in pest management for cannabis production. From marketing to cultivation to cannabis business fundamentals - Okanagan Collage has you covered.

www.okanagan.bc.ca/cs/cannabis-training

AAPS is a registered college by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities since 2003. AAPS is a leader in training and professional development in the Healthcare, Cosmetics, Pharmaceutical, Cannabis, and Medical Device Industries. Course material has been developed by industry professional and designed for individuals looking to enter the cannabis industry, start their own cannabis business or seeking continued professional development within the field. The course is designed to provide a comprehensive

understanding of the industry, with a particular focus placed on regulations, compliance, laboratory techniques and quality assurance procedures.

www.aaps.ca/brochure/Cannabis-Online-Program-Brochure.pdf

## HIGH! CANADA MAGAZINE TOP EVENT BASED BRANDS



Growup dominated in 2023. From Edmonton to Victoria this seminal cannabis conference has taken a stale formula and added the fire. Everything you could want in a Canadian Cannabis Expo, Conference and Industry Award. They have an amazing team, offer top notch programming and speakers, amazing parties and more. Growup is... Canada's Cannabis Trade Show.

#### **Our #2 Event of 2023**

Produced and presented by Cannareps and featuring Canada's very Best Bud and Cannabis - This Best Bud and Cannabis Sommelier competition tcelebrated YOU. This ultra FUN event created the unique opportunity to be surrounded by good bud and great community, "edu-tainment" from the CannaReps team, and industry professionals sparking connections in the networking sesh-sions.

## Collector's BUDTENDER

#### **Our #3 Event of 2023**

The Unicorn Music Festival and Rosebud Bowl were absolutely among the best events of 2023 and were honestly more fun then we ever thought possible. We cannot wait to see them continue to grow and thrive. The organizers and speakers were on-point and phenomenal and both the music festival and cannabis competition over-delivered on quality and excellence. Plus... Best. Location. Ever.





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When is a person also a brand - well... in this case when that person is David Hyde. David is the CEO of Hyde Advisory & Investments, a cannabis-focused business brokerage and strategic advisory firm. David's team brokers global cannabis M&A and partnership

transactions, in addition to conducting pre-acquisition due diligence. David is also co-founder of CannaNavigators, a global cannabis licensing, compliance and regulatory consultancy servicing cannabis companies, new market entrants, foreign/local governments, cannabis start-ups and investment groups, with experience in 19 countries.

www.hydeadvisory.com



#### MOUNTAIN WOMAN CONSULTANTS

When it comes to one-on-one personal guidance on cannabis or cannabis related or cannabis adjacent treatment options - a number of people in the know, recommend Karli Thiessen. She has worked for the last decade educating people on personalized approaches to all things cannabis from CBD to RSO. She spent her early days mentored by some of the greatest formulators in our sector and her knowledge base runs deep.

#### Email KarliThiessen@gmail.com

## HIGH! CANADA MAGAZINE TOP CULTIVATION BRANDS



One of the most recognizable faces in the industry and a reliable source for growing needs. This brand is family run, with long time employees that have become like family, Remo Nutrients is an admirable and iconic member of the cannabis community.

www.remonutrients.com

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y journey with Rick Simpson Oil began in June of 2017 when at 46 years old I discovered I had stage 2 Oligodendroglioma brain cancer.

I had a grand mal seizure. I was told I had a stroke. I knew I didn't have a stroke.

#### Two months later an MRI confirmed that I had a tumor the size of a golf ball in my brain.

I was living in Alberta at the time of my diagnosis. I have smoked cannabis since I was a teenager.

I started getting messages from growers who told me to research Rick Simpson Oil so I did. I couldn't believe all of the testimonials from people who were still living very normal lives because of Rick Simpson Oil. I drove to Nelson BC and I started networking with growers who took me under their wings and educated me on the powers of Rick Simpson Oil.

I went back to Alberta and started taking a gram to two grams a day up until 2 days before my brain surgery on October 3rd, 2017.

#### It's also very important that you eat clean. It's half of the battle.

On October 3rd, 2017 I had brain surgery to remove my golfball sized tumor.

Dr. Kelly at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta was able to remove 97% of my tumor. My surgery took 5.5 hours and 22 staples.



I remember waking up and cheering that I was still alive!

#### I felt great for just having major brain surgery.

The doctors and nurses were shocked at how well I was getting around just hours after surgery. I was discharged 26 hours after surgery!

I started back on my Rick Simpson protocol of a gram to two a day. My goal was to get 60 gram or more into me in 3 months which I did.

On January 3rd, 2018 I had my follow up with Foothills Hospital in Calgary. It was then that I was informed that the 3% that was left in my brain after surgery was now gone! I can't tell you how thrilled I was but not s urprised.

After speaking to so many people around the world like me I am convinced that there is a life with cancer and cannabis and I have no d o u b t t h a t R i c k Simpson Oil is keeping me alive.

Over the last six years I have dedicated my life to helping others with cancer learn to

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live with cancer using Rick Simpson Oil. Unfortunately, Rick Simpson Oil is illegal in Canada so us who have cancer have no choice but to turn to the black market to get our medicine and it's not cheap!

One day my dream would be that all Canadians with cancer had a place to access Rick Simpson Oil at no cost? Maybe one day we can make this happen? That would be my dream.

Thankfully, the amazing cannabis community has donated Rick Simpson Oil to me for the past 6 years and I can't tell you how grateful I am. Because of you I am still here to help others.

**By Sheriann Baker** Photo: *Terry Fox's Uncle Terry and me* 



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THE BUD-NAMING BONANZA: A HILARIOUS HI-TECH ODYSSEY IN CANNABIS BRANDING

In a world where naming your bud is as important as picking the right strain, let's delve into the side-splitting saga of how technology and cannabis branding collided, creating an uproar of pot-naming pandemonium. Hold onto your bongs, folks, as we blaze through the zany highs and lows of this tech-infused reefer renaissance where innovation meets inhalation.

BY TONY LAWAND

& RICHARD KERN

#### SILICON VALLEY GREENHOUSES: WHERE PLANTS WEAR WI-FI HATS

Imagine Silicon Valley, but instead of coding sessions, these tech geniuses are turning their talents to hydroponics instead of algorithms. Welcome to High Tech Potheads, where THC is the new TCP/IP. Tech moguls are trading algorithms for plant algorithms, cultivating the finest strains with the precision of a finely tuned Al or a stoned surgeon. Welcome to Silicon Valley Greenhouses, where the only lines of code you'll find are on the labels of meticulously crafted cannabis products. and the only bugs are the ones you're smoking.

#### HIGH-FIDELITY HIGHS: WHEN YOUR VAPE PEN BECOMES A DJ

**Engineers aren't building** chips, they're perfecting the latest vape pens with more precision than a Swiss watchmaker. These gadgets have more settings than your grandma's blender and promise highs so fine-tuned, they make Mozart jealous. It's not just about inhaling; it's about customizing your buzz like you're ordering a bespoke suit. Sativa for brunch meetings, Indica for Netflix marathons - your personalized playlist of pot. Why not let an algorithm decide based on your daily Astro or Aura?

#### POTENT PACKAGING PROTOCOLS- WEED, NOW VACUUM-SEALED FOR FRESHNESS

Gone are the days of plain Ziplock plastic baggies. The cannabis industry has embraced the art of packaging, these packaging gurus have turned the mundane into a tech spectacle turning it into a tech-infused spectacle. Think smart packaging that tracks freshness, warns you when it's time to re-up, and even suggests the perfect strain based on your astrological sign. Try 'Heartbreak Haze'



for a therapeutic smoke." Your weed, now smarter than your smartphone.

#### BLOCKCHAIN BUDS: WHEN YOUR WEED HAS A SECURE DIARY

Techies love their blockchain, and cannabis enthusiasts are no exception. Enter the age of blockchain buds, where every step of your strain's journey is more secure than your grandma's secret cookie recipe.

Curious about your weed's teenage years? Blockchain has the receipts, where every step of a strain's journey from preseed to smoke is securely recorded on the blockchain. Want to know the exact moment your favorite strain sprouted?

Curious about your weed's teenage years? Blockchain has got your back. Blockchain buds, because even your weed wants to be verified on Instagram.

Trust, but verify, especially when it comes to your green companions.

#### AI BUDTENDERS: SIRI'S STONED SIBLING

Awkward conversations with your local budtender are so last century. Say hello to AI Budtenders, your digital companions for all things cannabis. These digital gurus analyze your preferences, suggest new strains, and crack jokes that would make a dad proud. "Why did the stoner break up with the internet? Too many connection issues." "Why did the cannabis plant go to therapy? It had too many issues." The future of customer service is as potent as the strains they recommend. The future of customer service is as baked as a batch of special brownies.

#### DRONING DELIVERIES: WHEN YOUR WEED DROPS FROM THE SKY

Who needs a pizza delivered when you can have your favorite strain air-dropped via drone? Grasshopper Aerospace have created OMGDrones, the world's first airborne marijuana dispensary fleet. Droning Deliveries are taking the cannabis delivery game to newhighs.

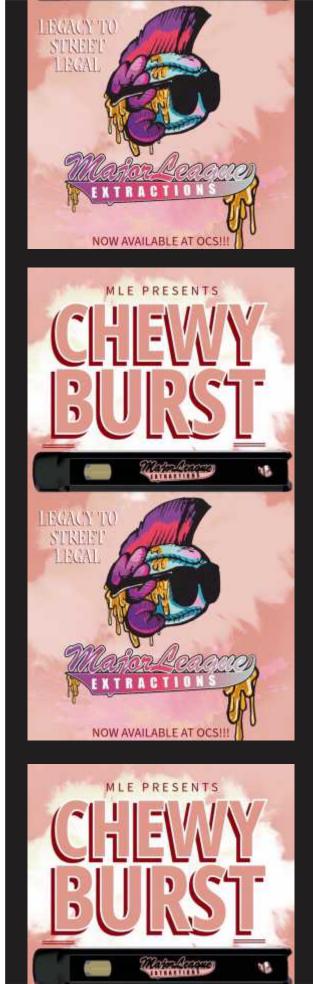
Imagine a squadron of hightech drones buzzing overhead, ensuring your stash arrives faster than you can say, "Is it 4:20 yet?" It's the future, and it's soaring higher than your imagination or best gummy!

#### SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE SOCIALLY DAZED: INSTA-BUDS AND TOKE TALK

(Yes I had to throw that in-sue me)

In the era of social media, even cannabis has gone digital.

From Instagram-worthy bud pics to TikTok tutorials on joint rolling, the online cannabis community is thriving. Hashtags like #PuffPuffPassport and #TheGreenScreenChronicles #TechandToke are uniting stoners and tech enthusiasts alike in a virtual smoke circle where pixels puff and codes collide.



#### GAMING GANJA: LEVEL UP YOUR GAME

Why just smoke when you can g a m i f y your g a n j a experience? Tech-savvy stoners are diving into virtual reality experiences, where smoke clouds become interactive landscapes, and strains come to life in a psychedelic pixilated dance.

#### It's not just about getting high; it's about leveling up your consciousness and perhaps unlocking the secret boss level of enlightenment.

#### VIRTUAL STRAIN TESTING: TRY BEFORE YOU BUY, VIRTUALLY

Testing a strain before committing is so old-school. Welcome to Virtual Strain Testing, where VR simulations let you experience the effects of a strain without actually lighting up.

It's like a video game for stoners, where the only decision you need to make is whether to pass the virtual joint to the left or the right. Spoiler: The left is always the right choice.

#### CYBERSPACE CANNA-BRANDS FROM 0 TO 420 IN A CLICK

In the fast-paced world of tech and cannabis branding, cyberspace is the new dispensary.

From sleek websites to interactive apps, cannabis brands are establishing their digital presence with style.



Your favorite strain is just a click away, and the only thing higher than this content is the user experience.

In conclusion, as technology and cannabis continue to dance in a cloud of innovation, the future is looking bright (and perhaps a little hazy). Whether you're into Blockchain buds, Al budtenders, or virtual strain testing, the tech and cannabis branding landscape is evolving at a pace that even the most seasoned stoner might find mind-blowing. So, grab your tech gadgets and your favorite strain, because the future of cannabis is hightech, and it's here to elevate your experience to new heights. Welcome to the era where branding is so dope; it's practically inhaled.

With ventures like these lighting up Silicon Valley faster than a freshly sparked doobie, the future looks bright and THC-infused. So spark up your rigs and load up your vape pen playlists. The High Tech Potheads are here to bring innovation and inhalation together at last!



By Tony Lawand & Richard Kern High! Canada Magazine Technology Editors

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Hello neighbor, and welcome.

The days of remembrance are once again upon us, here at lovely Pajama Flats, and around the world as well. But, as usual, on these cool days of late fall, my thoughts turn to freedom.

Mostly, I think of those few shreds of it that remain in our rapidly closing society here at home.

That's because, here and everywhere else, the people continue to get exactly what they want. While denying fault for the results, of course.

Those results, both here at home, and abroad, by the way, are simple enough to grasp, too.

We're killing freedom. Along with democracy.

The tools we're using to do the job are widespread apathy and a deep commitment to ignorance. I also know this news is no surprise.

The times being what they are, some, of course, will angrily shout their dismay. Others will demand to know the reason for such a claim. The rest, with the apathy common to our times, will instead ignore the obvious.

For the sake of my sanity, I'm going to pretend a few will agree, and that some of those will want to change it. The rest of you can go ahead and damn me for being such a fool.

My claim remains the same; I'm an optimist.

Anyway, I can do little besides have my say, and share it. Because I'm a writer, and my job is saying what I think is true. Not only that, but I'm a democratist, and believe in the concept of one-man, one-vote.

How many of you, wrapped in the cloak of sensitivity, just took offense at the phrasing chosen, with the greatest care, used in that last sentence? Many more than will admit to it later, I'm guessing.

Why? Because it's easier to waste time and energy on nonsense than face life on its own terms.

You disagree? Or, better yet, chastise me as a dinosaur? That's because you refuse to face real life, snowflake.

That means you're part of the problem, by the way. And the sooner you face it, the better off you, and me, and everyone else, will be.

Listen close, if you have the nerve, and I'll tell you why.

In these narcissistic times, few people will demand the Big Five

tech companies pay their fair share of taxes, protect consumer privacy, or respect the rule of law.

Why? Because doing so would mean them having to pay to use social media software.

Likewise, few people will demand their elected governments live up to the promises to fight climate change made on the election trail.

Why? Because doing so means the price of gas goes up to pay for it.

Meanwhile, the volume of sensitive bleating over PC nonsense and foreign affairs ratchets ever higher.

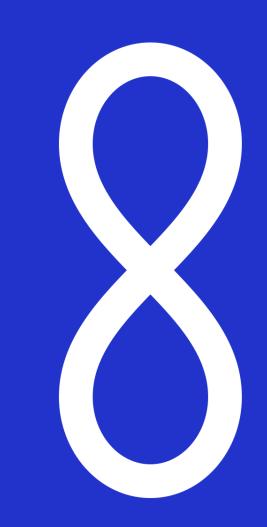
Why? Because pointing fingers at Gaza or Ukraine means not having to deal with our racist institutions and bigoted streets at home.

How was that? Did a dose of the facts sicken you? Are your precious feelings hurt by a quick peek at the facts of life?

Well, rest assured that I sure hope so. I hope you hate me for saying it, too. And I hope your hatred for me causes you to try to prove me wrong.

Because, more than anything, I want to be.

I also have to say my annual public thanks to all the vets. For giving me the freedom to say what I think is true. And thanks to my dad, and all the other Metis and Indigenous warriors, who fought and died in uniform, and lived without it, to give this right to me. My gratitude to each of you will never die.



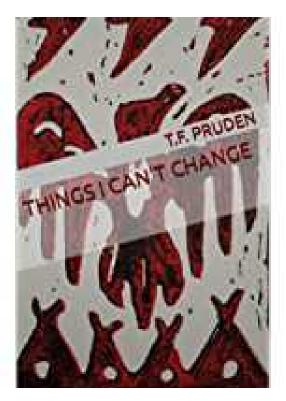
And because you gave your lives for the freedom of this democracy, the least I can do is fight to keep it.

So, go ahead, reader, and hate on me. I hope you'll despise me, and all I've said, and everything I stand for, too.

Because I'm sitting here at lovely Pajama Flats, enjoying the freedom my daddy gave to me, and daring you to prove me wrong.

Until next time, smoke 'em if you got 'em, and happy growing.

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serious work lightened by plenty of noir humor, 'Things I Can't Change' by T.F. Pruden is a frank, gritty, but heartwarming tale of shared recovery. In this, his seventh novel, the Canadian author shows the challenges lived by three unlikely roommates, as they struggle to get sober.

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