

# Doug Little

## Biography

Doug Little's day job is Marketing and Communications Manager with the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa. As an ancient mucky-muck in the events business, Doug is recognized as one of the most capable festival professionals in Canada. A former journalist who is predisposed to every addiction known to humanity, Doug is a recovered alcoholic, compulsive gambler and *now a* recovering workaholic.

Born in Saint John, New Brunswick and educated there and in Ontario at Saint Mary's College, Brockville, ON Doug was a long-term resident of Timmins where he worked at The Daily Press, and of Orillia, where he was the founder and chairman of The Leacock Heritage Festival.

Doug's just published book - *Losing Mariposa* - is the harrowing memoir of his two-year binge as a compulsive gambler - a fall from grace that made national front-page headlines, destroyed his life, and brought him to the very gates of prison, insanity, and death.

Today, six and a half years in recovery, Doug is a newly wed, having married Louise on June 14. They will be returning from his honeymoon in Italy in time to attend the reunion.

He has one daughter, Melanie who recently published her first collection of short stories - *Confidence* - to rave reviews across Canada. Melanie is married to poet and writer Peter Norman and they too live in Ottawa.

### Publications:

Losing Mariposa, The Memoir of a Compulsive Gambler, Toronto, Ontario, ECW Press, 2002.

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