

Author

Don Hauka

Praise for *Mr. Jinnah: Securities*:

"Jinnah is a delightful invention, embodying much of the sleaze and roguery attached to newsprint jockeys... *Securities* seduces the reader, just as it's hero does."

Vancouver Sun

"*Mr. Jinnah: Securities* is at times screamingly funny, yet manages to capture many of the subtleties of the multicultural aspects of the city."

Linda Richards,
January Magazine

"...Mister Jinnah is one of this year's funniest debuts."

Calgary Herald

"Hakim Jinnah is the funniest and most original detective to arrive on the Canadian mystery scene since Benny Cooperman."

Kerry J. Schooley,
Murder Out There

Don Hauka was born in Gibsons, BC and started in the newspaper business as a high school correspondent for the *Coast News* in 1976 and in 1978, and landed his first full-time job with the *Williams Lake Tribune*. He attended Simon Fraser University and then the BC Institute of Technology (broadcast journalism) before returning to the world of newspapers. In 1985, he joined the *Province* newspaper and has covered Vancouver City Hall, the provincial legislature and the labour beat. For ten years at the *Province*, Hauka sat next to Salim Jiwa, the paper's crime reporter and the inspiration for "Mr. Jinnah", his politically incorrect, neurotic, hypochondriac sleuth. Hauka story-edited Jiwa's book, *The Death of Air India Flight 182* (W.H. Allen and Co. 1986).

Don's first novel, *Mr. Jinnah: Securities*, (Dundurn 2001) served as the inspiration for his first TV movie, "Jinnah on Crime: Pizza 911". Produced by Force Four Productions of Vancouver, it aired on the *CBC* in January 2002. It has been nominated for a Gemini award in the Best Movie or Dramatic Mini-series category. A second Jinnah movie, "White Knight, Black Widow" based on his novel, aired in October 2003. A third Jinnah movie is currently being written. Hauka and Force Four are also developing Jinnah into a one-hour series in conjunction with the *CBC*.

Don Hauka's history of the birth of BC's peculiar politics, *McGowan's War*, was released for publication by New Star Books in the fall of 2003. He has also written several radio-dramas for *CBC Radio*.