

Help is at hand

Author continues her computer guidebook series

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Tsawwassen's Louise Latremouille has added another book to her series of Computer and Internet guides.

Her newest release is *My Parents' Computer Guide: Beyond the Basics*. The guide tackles subject matter like Skype, Twitter, Facebook and includes how to's for digital cameras and iPods.

Latremouille says she got feedback from her readers asking for help with Skype, which allows users to make voice calls over the Internet, as well as with Twitter and Facebook, both social networking websites.

"I heard lots of people asking when a new book was coming out before I even thought I was writing a new book," she says with a laugh.

Another impetus behind the *Beyond the Basics* was Windows 7, a new version of the Microsoft Windows operating system.

"I always take care to make my books fairly generic so they won't get quickly outdated. But Windows 7 changed so many things," she says.

Beyond the Basics stays with the easy to understand theme from her previous books.

"It makes it simple. It's very user friendly."

Latremouille got started by putting together how-to notes for her parents after they received a hand-me-down PC in the early 2000s, organizing the notes into a book and printing 20 copies for family and friends.

Latremouille, who lost her father to cancer in 2003, donates a portion of the profits from her book sales towards cancer research and patient care. She's donated close to \$25,000 to date.

"My dad was my inspiration in the beginning."

Her first book, now into its third edition, has sold 30,000 copies. Latremouille also released a how-to book for Mac computers last year.

The book is available online at www.myparentsfirst.com, at local bookstores and at Chapters. The suggested retail price for the book is \$19.95.

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