

In 1981 Rooke published a short story collection called Death Suite (ECW Press) and another novel The Magician in Love (Aya Press). A new novel, Shakespeare's Dog, will be out in September.

Rooke has written nearly a hundred short stories, and so it seems appropriate that he has edited, along with John Metcalf, the 1981 and 1982 editions of Best Canadian Stories. Rooke has had several plays produced as well, among them Ms. America, which was put on by Factory Lab Theatre in Toronto.

Born in North Carolina in 1934, Rooke has lived in Victoria since 1969 and is now a Canadian Citizen.