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A Flight of Aquavit, by Anthony Bidulka, Insomniac Press, 299 pages, \$21.95

What's in the air in Saskatoon? First we have bestselling Gail Bowen, now another bright and witty novel from Anthony Bidulka, whose *Amuse Bouche* was a critical success and nominated for an Arthur Ellis Award.

This return visit from Russell Quant, gay detective, is even better than the debut. Quant is on the trail of a blackmailing rat known only as Loverboy when a late-night meeting turns into an ambush. With treachery at every turn, Quant goes on-line to search for clues in the netherworld of e-dating and one-night stands. That leads to New York and back to Saskatoon for a dashing finish.

There's plenty of action here, and Bidulka spreads it out with witty dialogue, smart commentary and plenty of good, sharp writing. This one is more than just a tasty morsel.