

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **2005 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS Recipients Announced**

The **Writers Guild of Alberta** and the **Book Publishers Association of Alberta** have once again recognized and celebrated the high level of writing and publishing in Alberta. At their annual awards Gala, held in Edmonton on the evening of Saturday, May 14, the two organizations presented **15 awards** to authors and publishers.

**The Honourable Gary Mar**, Minister of Community Development, attended the Gala to present the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards, and to meet with many Alberta authors and publishers. For more information on the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards, please contact Alberta Community Development at (780) 427-6315, or toll free 310-0000.

The evening was emceed by CKUA's **Chris Allen**, who led more than 200 award sponsors, publishers, writers and guests from across Alberta in celebrating excellence in Alberta books.

Highlights of this year's awards:

- **The University of Alberta Press** was named **Publisher of the Year**, and also took home the Trade Non-Fiction Book award, for *Edmonton In Our Own Words*, and Book Design award for *Damselflies of Alberta*
- Calgary's **Paul Anderson** received the Georges Bugnet Award for Novel for his tour de force, *Hunger's Brides*
- **University of Calgary Press** received two awards: Scholarly Book for *The Bar U & Canadian Ranching History*, and Book Cover Design, for *The Garden of Art*.
- **Walter Hildebrandt**, Director of University of Calgary Press, received the Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry for his own collection, *Where the Land Gets Broken*, published by Ekstasis Editions
- Edmonton journalist **Mark Lisac** is awarded the Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction for his controversial *Alberta Politics Uncovered*, published by Edmonton's NeWest Press

Please see the following pages for a complete list of the 2005 Alberta Book Award winners!



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# WINNERS OF THE 2005 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

## WRITING SECTION

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### *Georges Bugnet Award for Novel*

- Paul Anderson (Calgary); *Hunger's Brides*, Random House Canada

### *Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction*

- Thomas Wharton (Edmonton); *The Logogryph*, Gaspereau Press

### *Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry*

- Walter Hildebrandt (Calgary); *Where the Land Gets Broken*, Ekstasis Editions

### *Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction*

- Mark Lisac (Edmonton); *Alberta Politics Uncovered: Taking Back Our Province*, NeWest Press

### *Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama*

- Karen Hines (Calgary); *The Pochsy Plays*, Coach House Books

### *R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature*

This year's award is for Children's Picture Books published in 2003 or 2004:

- Joan Marie Galat (Stony Plain); *Dot to Dot in the Sky: Stories of the Moon*, illustrated by Lorna Bennett, Whitecap Books

## PUBLISHING SECTION

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### *Children's Book Award*

- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Heck Superhero* by Martine Leavitt

### *Educational Book Award*

- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton); *Aboriginal Perspectives: Aboriginal Studies 10* by Kainai Board of Education, Métis Nation of Alberta, Northland School Division, Tribal Chiefs Institute of Treaty Six

### *Scholarly Book Award*

- University of Calgary Press (Calgary); *The Bar U & Canadian Ranching History* by Simon M. Evans

### *Trade Fiction Book Award*

- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Displaced Persons* by Margie Taylor

### *Trade Non-Fiction Award*

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Edmonton In Our Own Words* by Linda Goyette and Carolina Jakeway Roemmich

## Alberta Book Design Awards

### Book Cover

- University of Calgary Press (Calgary): *The Garden of Art: Vic Cicansky, Sculptor* by Don Kerr, cover design by Mieka West

### Book Design

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton): *Damselflies of Alberta: Flying Neon Toothpicks in the Grass* by John Acorn, book design by Alan Brownoff

### Book Illustration

- River Books, an imprint of The Books Collective (Edmonton): *Barb's Miracle: How Barb Tarbox Transformed her Deadly Cancer into a Lifesaving Crusade*, words by David Staples, images by Greg Southam

### Publisher of the Year

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Writers Guild of Alberta and the Book Publishers Association of Alberta express their sincerest thanks to the sponsors of the Alberta Book Awards:



**John Ballem**

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