

PRESS RELEASE

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2006 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS Recipients Announced



The **Writers Guild of Alberta** and the **Book Publishers Association** of Alberta recognized and celebrated the high level of writing and publishing in Alberta at their annual Awards Gala, held in Calgary on the evening of Saturday, May 13. The two organizations presented 16 awards to authors and publishers from across the province.

We were delighted to have Ms. Alana DeLong, MLA for Calgary-Bow, in attendance, bringing greetings from the Province. The Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarships and \$25,000 Author's Award were presented by Dr. Jeffrey Anderson. For more information on the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards, please contact Alberta Community Development at (780) 427-6315, or toll-free (within Alberta) 310-0000.

The evening was emceed by CBC's Allan Boss, who led more than 200 publishers, writers, guests and sponsors from across Alberta in celebrating excellence in Alberta books.

Highlights of this year's awards:

- **Sharon Pollock**, acclaimed playwright, wins the Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for her *Collected Works: Volume 1*
- Calgary poetry press **Frontenac House** is named Publisher of the Year
- **Ted Bishop** rides off with the Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction for *Riding With Rilke: Reflections on Motorcycles and Books*
- **The University of Alberta Press** scores with the awards for Book Design (*Portraits of the Bison* by Wes Olson) and Trade Non-Fiction (*Mapper of Mountains* by I.S. MacLaren, with Eric Higgs and Gabrielle Zezulka-Mailloux)
- Calgary performance poet **sheri-d wilson** is awarded the Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry for her collection *Re:Zoom*
- **University of Calgary Press** takes home two awards—Scholarly Book (*Calgary's Grand Story* by Donald B. Smith) and Book Cover (*Writing the Terrain*, edited by Robert M. Stamp)

Please see the following pages for a complete list of the 2006 Alberta Book Award winners!

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WINNERS OF THE 2006 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

WRITING SECTION

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Georges Bugnet Award for Novel

- Marie Jakober (Calgary)—*Sons of Liberty*, Forge Books

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction

- Laura J. Cutler (Calgary)—*This Side of Bonkers*, Turnstone Press

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- sheri-d wilson (Calgary)—*Re:Zoom*, Frontenac House

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- Ted Bishop (Edmonton)—*Riding with Rilke: Reflections on Motorcycles and Books*, Penguin Group (Canada)

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- Sharon Pollock (Calgary)—*Sharon Pollock: Collected Works, Volume I*, Playwrights Canada Press

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

- Colleen Heffernan (Edmonton)—*A Kind of Courage*, Orca Book Publishers

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

- Pam Chamberlain (Camrose)—“North of the River”

PUBLISHING SECTION

Contact: Book Publishers Association of Alberta, Katherine Shute or Duncan Turner at (780) 424-5060.

Children's Book Award

- Maggie & Pierrot (Edmonton)—*The Remarkable Maria* by Patti McIntosh, illustrations by Tara Langlois, featuring drawings by the children of Suriname Art

Educational Book Award

- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton)—*Contemporary Issues: Aboriginal Studies 30* by Kainai Board of Education, Métis Nation of Alberta, Northland School Division and Tribal Chiefs Institute of Treaty Six

Scholarly Book Award

- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)—*Calgary's Grand Story* by Donald B. Smith

Trade Fiction Book Award

- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Calgary/Edmonton)—*The Madonna List* by Max Foran

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Trade Non-Fiction Award

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Mapper of Mountains: M.P. Bridgland in the Canadian Rockies 1902–1930* by I.S. MacLaren, with Eric Higgs and Gabrielle Zezulka-Mailloux

Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover

- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)—*Writing the Terrain: Travelling Through Alberta with the Poets*, edited by Robert M. Stamp, cover design by Micka West

Book Design

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Portraits of the Bison: An Illustrated Guide to Bison Society* by Wes Olson, photographs by Johane Janelle, book design by Alan Brownoff

Book Illustration

- CanMedia (Edmonton)—*The Albertans: From Settlement to Super Province 1905–2005* by Paul Stanway, design by Dean Pickup

Publisher of the Year

- Frontenac House (Calgary)

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