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2004 Alberta Book Awards

Finalists Announced

Celebrating Excellence in Alberta Writing and Publishing Alberta Book Awards with the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards

Edmonton, AB After reviewing this year's entries, the judges have announced their shortlists for the **Alberta Book Awards in Writing and Publishing** and the **Grant MacEwan Literary Awards**. 50 nominees have been named as finalists in 16 categories, including Best Novel, Publisher of the Year and the prestigious Grant MacEwan Author's Award.

Recipients of each award will be announced on April 17, 2004 at the **Alberta Book Awards Gala** at The Fairmont Palliser in Calgary. Join emcee Chris Allen from CKUA to celebrate the finalists and winners, and to recognize excellence in Alberta writing and publishing.

The **Grant MacEwan Literary Awards** were created by the Alberta Government to recognize and commemorate the lifelong achievements of Dr. MacEwan. The **Grant MacEwan Author's Award**, one of the richest book prizes in Canada, will be presented to an Alberta writer for a book that best reflects and represents Alberta and Dr. MacEwan's interests. Also, the recipients of the **Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship** will be announced and presented to four young Albertans for their essay or short story that meets the same criteria as the Author's award. For information on the Grant MacEwan Awards call Alberta Community Development, Arts Branch at (780) 427-6315 or toll-free 310-0000.

The Gala evening includes cocktails, dinner, the awards presentation and entertainment. The Alberta Book Awards are hosted jointly by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta, the Writers Guild of Alberta and Alberta Community Development. Everyone is welcome to attend and be a part of this celebration of Alberta books, authors and publishers.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be ordered by calling the **Writers Guild of Alberta** at (780) 422-8174, toll-free 1-800-665-5354 (inside Alberta), or the **Book Publishers Association of Alberta** at (780) 424-5060 in Edmonton.

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The Finalists for the 2004 Alberta Book Awards are:

PUBLISHING SECTION

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Children's Book Award

- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Hidden Buffalo* by Rudy Wiebe, paintings by Michael Lonechild
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *My Home Bay* by Anne Laurel Carter, illustrated by Alan and Lea Daniel

Educational Book Award

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Adapted Physical Activity* edited by Robert D. Steadward, Garry D. Wheeler and E. Jane Watkinson
- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton); *Faces of Government* by Mary Cairo and Luci Soncin
- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton); *Stories of the Century: World History from 1900 to 2000* by Robert Gardner, Jim Parsons and Lynn Zwicky
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Telling Tales: Storytelling in the Family* by Gail de Vos, Merle Harris and Celia Barker Lottridge

Scholarly Book Award

- Broadview Press (Calgary); *Western Visions, Western Futures: Perspectives on the West in Canada* by Roger Gibbins and Loleen Berdhal
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary); *The Madwoman in the Academy: 43 Women Boldly Take on the Ivory Tower*, edited by Deborah Keahey and Deborah Schnitzer
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary); *The Wild Rose Anthology of Alberta Prose* edited by George Melnyk and Tamara Palmer Seiler

Trade Fiction Book Award

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett, illustrations by Jacques Brault
- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Better than Life* by Margaret Gunning
- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Jumping Off* by Laura J. Cutler

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

- Banff Centre Press (Banff); *Word Carving: The Craft of Literary Journalism* edited by Moira Farr and Ian Pearson
- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Calgary); *The Food Lover's Trail Guide to Alberta* by Mary Bailey and Judy Schultz
- Hole's (Edmonton); *Lois Hole's Favorite Bulbs: Better Choices, Better Gardens* edited by Jim Hole and Valerie Hole
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Mordecai & Me: An Appreciation of a Kind* by Joel Yanofsky

Book Design Award

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett, illustrations by Jacques Brault, book design by Alan Brownoff
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Haiku in Papiamentu* by Elis Juliana, translated by H  l  ne Garrett, book design by Alan Brownoff
- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Letters from Deadman's Cay* by Nina Berkhout, book design by Ruth Linka

Book Cover Design Award

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett, illustrations by Jacques Brault, cover design by Alan Brownoff
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Haiku in Papiamentu* by Elis Juliana, translated by H  l  ne Garrett, cover design by Alan Brownoff
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Falling for Snow: A Naturalists's Journey into the World of Winter* by Jamie Bastedo, cover design by Duncan Campbell
- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Letters from Deadman's Cay* by Nina Berkhout, cover design by Ruth Linka

Book Illustration Award

- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Hidden Buffalo* by Rudy Wiebe, paintings by Michael Lonechild
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *In Abby's Hands* by Wendy A. Lewis, illustrated by Marilyn Mets and Peter Ledwon
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *My Home Bay* by Anne Laurel Carter, illustrated by Alan and Lea Daniel

Publisher of the Year

- Broadview Press
- Frontenac House
- Red Deer Press

Emerging Publisher of the Year

The jury has decided not to present an award in this category this year.

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Georges Bugnet Award for Novel

- *The Paperboy's Winter*, Tim Bowling (Edmonton), Penguin Books
- *Damselfish*, Susan Ouriou (Calgary), XZY Publishing
- *Lightning*, Fred Stenson (Calgary), Douglas & McIntyre

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction

- *A Hard Witching*, Jacqueline Baker (Edmonton), HarperCollins
- *Jumping Off*, Laura Cutler (Calgary), NeWest Press
- *Knucklehead (and other stories)*, W. Mark Giles (Calgary), Anvil Press

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- *The Witness Ghost*, Tim Bowling (Edmonton), Nightwood Editions
- *A Painted Elephant*, Jill Hartman (Calgary), Coach House Books
- *Wrapped Within Again: Poems New & Selected*, Robert Hilles (Calgary), Black Moss Press

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- *The American Empire and the Fourth World*, Anthony J. Hall (Lethbridge), McGill-Queen's University Press
- *Wild Theatre: The History of One Yellow Rabbit*, Martin Morrow (Calgary), Banff Centre Press
- *Teaching Places*, Audrey Whitson (Edmonton), Wilfrid Laurier University Press

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- *The Forbidden Phoenix*, Marty Chan (Edmonton)
- *The Red Priest*, Mieko Ouchi (Edmonton), Playwrights Canada Press
- *Einstein's Gift*, Vern Thiessen (Edmonton), Playwrights Canada Press

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

- *Stitches*, Glen Huser (Edmonton), Groundwood Books
- *Tom Finder*, Martine Leavitt (High River), Red Deer Press
- *Peacekeepers*, Dianne Linden (Edmonton), Coteau Books

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

The jury has decided not to present an award in this category for this year.