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2005 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

Finalists Announced

Celebrating Excellence in Alberta Writing and Publishing

EDMONTON, AB After reviewing this year's entries, the judges have announced the finalists for the 2005 Alberta Book Awards. **51 nominees** have been shortlisted in **15 categories** for writing and publishing.

Award recipients will be named on Saturday, May 14th at the **Alberta Book Awards Gala** at The Fairmont Hotel Macdonald in Edmonton. Join emcee Chris Allen from CKUA to celebrate the finalists and winners, and recognize excellence in Alberta writing and publishing.

The **Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship** recipients will be announced at the Gala. The recipient of the \$25,000 Grant MacEwan Author's Award will be announced at Alberta Scene in Ottawa on Friday, April 29. The Grant MacEwan Literary Awards were created by the Alberta Government to recognize and commemorate the lifelong achievements of Dr. MacEwan. The Author's Award, one of the richest book prizes in Canada, is presented to an Alberta writer for a book that best reflects and represents Alberta and Dr. MacEwan's interests. The Young Writer's Scholarship is awarded to four young Albertans for their essay or short story, recognized by the same criteria as the Author's Award.

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

Tickets for the Gala are \$55 and may be ordered by calling the Writers Guild of Alberta at (780) 422-8174, or toll-free within Alberta 1-800-665-5354, or the Book Publishers Association of Alberta at (780) 424-5060.

For information on the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards, please call Alberta Community Development, Arts Branch at (780) 427-6315 or toll-free at 310-0000.

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Please see attached for detailed information on finalists.

The Finalists for the 2005 Alberta Book Awards are:

PUBLISHING SECTION

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Children's Book Award

- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Edmonton); *Kidmonton: True Stories of River City Kids* by Linda Goyette
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *A Team Like No Other* by Georgia Graham
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Heck Superhero* by Martine Leavitt
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Orphans in the Sky* by Jeanne Bushey, illustrated by Vldyana Krykorka

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
- River Books, an imprint of The Books Collective (Edmonton); *Barb's Miracle: How Barb Tarbox Transformed her Deadly Cancer into a Lifesaving Crusade* images by Greg Southam, words by David Staples
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Ethics for the Practice of Psychology in Canada* by Derek Truscott and Kenneth H. Crook
- Weigl Educational Publishers (Calgary); *Canadian Government* series, edited by Don Wells

Scholarly Book Award

- Broadview Press (Calgary); *A History of Science in Society: From Philosophy to Utility* by Andrew Ede and Lesley B. Cormack
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Damselflies of Alberta: Flying Neon Toothpicks in the Grass* by John Acorn
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *High River and the Times: An Alberta Community and Its Weekly Newspaper, 1905–1966* by Paul Voisey
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary); *The Bar U and Canadian Ranching History* by Simon M. Evans

Trade Fiction Book Award

- Frontenac House (Calgary); *Weave* by Lisa Pasold
- NeWest Press (Edmonton); *Displaced Persons* by Margie Taylor
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Mosh Pit* by Kristyn Dunnion

Trade Non-Fiction Award

- Hole's (Edmonton); *What Grows Here: Favorite Plants for Better Yards, Volume 1, Locations* by Jim Hole, foreword by Lois Hole
- Red Deer Press (Calgary); *Building Our Future: A People's Architectural History of Saskatchewan* by Joe Ralko
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Edmonton In Our Own Words* by Linda Goyette and Carolina Jakeway Roemmich
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton); *Folk Furniture of Canada's Doukhobors, Hutterites, Mennonites and Ukrainians* by John Fleming and Michael Rowan

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Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton):
Damselflies of Alberta: Flying Neon Toothpicks in the Grass by John Acorn,
cover design by Alan Brownoff
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton):
Folk Furniture of Canada's Doukhobors, Hutterites, Mennonites and Ukrainians
by John Fleming and Michael Rowan, cover design by Alan Brownoff
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary): *The Garden of Art: Vic Cicansky, Sculptor*
by Don Kerr, cover design by Mieka West
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary):
Songs of the North Woods: As Sung by O.J. Abbott and Collected by Edith Fowke
by László Vikár and Jeanette Panagapka, cover design by Mieka West

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

Book Illustration

- Frontenac House (Calgary): *Death Day Erection* by J. Fisher,
illustration by Rick Sealock
- Red Deer Press (Calgary): *Orphans in the Sky* by Jeanne Bushey,
illustrated by Vladyana Krykorka
- 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

- Frontenac House (Calgary)
- Red Deer Press (Calgary)
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)

Emerging Publisher of the Year

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

WRITING SECTION

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Georges Bugnet Award for Novel

- Paul Anderson (Calgary); *Hunger's Brides*, Random House Canada
- Greg Hollingshead (Edmonton); *Bedlam*, HarperCollins Canada
- Marie Jakober (Calgary); *Even the Stones*, Edge Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction

- Ken Rivard (Calgary); *Whiskey Eyes*, Black Moss Press
- Chava Rosenfarb (Lethbridge); *Survivors: Seven Short Stories*, Cormorant Books, translated by Goldie Morgentaler
- Thomas Wharton (Edmonton); *The Logogryph*, Gaspereau Press

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- Tim Bowling (Edmonton); *The Memory Orchard*, Brick Books
- Walter Hildebrandt (Calgary); *Where the Land Gets Broken*, Ekstasis Editions
- Mingus Tourette (Edmonton); *nunt*, Zygote Publishing

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- Linda Goyette and Carolina Jakeway Roemmich (Edmonton); *Edmonton In Our Own Words*, The University of Alberta Press
- Mark Lisac (Edmonton); *Alberta Politics Uncovered: Taking Back Our Province*, NeWest Press
- Paul Voisey (Edmonton); *High River and the Times: An Alberta Community and Its Weekly Newspaper, 1905–1966*, The University of Alberta Press

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- Ken Cameron (Calgary); *My One And Only*
- Karen Hines (Calgary); *The Pochsy Plays*, Coach House Books
- Stewart Lemoine (Edmonton); *A Teatro Trilogy: Selected Plays*, NeWest Press

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*, Whitecap Books, illustrated by Lorna Bennett
- Hazel Hutchins (Canmore); *A Second Is a Hiccup*, North Winds Press, a division of Scholastic Canada illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton
- Shenaaz G. Nanji (Calgary); *An Alien in My House*, Second Story Press, illustrated by Chum McLeod

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

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