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2006 ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

Finalists Announced

Celebrating Excellence in Alberta Writing and Publishing



EDMONTON, AB The finalists for the 2006 Alberta Book Awards have been chosen! Juries have deliberated over 200 entries to select 48 finalists in 16 categories, including Best Novel and Publisher of the Year.

Award recipients will be named on **Saturday, May 13** at the **Alberta Book Awards Gala**, being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary. This celebration of our province's literary and publishing community is co-hosted by the Writers Guild of Alberta and the Book Publishers Association of Alberta, with partner Alberta Community Development.

The **\$25,000 Grant MacEwan Author's Award** and the **Grant MacEwan Young Writers Scholarships** will be presented by Alberta Community Development as part of the Gala program. 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.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of this celebration of Alberta books, authors and publishers!

Tickets for the Gala are available 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.

The Writers Guild of Alberta is a provincial organization of 1,100 Alberta writers working in all genres and is the largest writers' organization in Canada. The Book Publishers Association of Alberta is a provincial association of book publishing companies and is one of the strongest communities of regional publishers in North America. The Book Publishers Association of Alberta and the Writers Guild of Alberta would like to thank their sponsors:

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Please see attached for detailed information on finalists.

The Finalists for the 2006 Alberta Book Awards are:

PUBLISHING SECTION

For more information, please contact Katherine Shute or Duncan Turner at (780) 424-5060.

Children's Book Award

- Maggie & Pierrot: A Children's Book Publisher (Edmonton)—*The Remarkable Maria* by Patti McIntosh, illustrations by Tara Langlois, featuring drawings by the children of SMART, Suriname Art
- Weigl Educational Publishers (Calgary)—*Canadian Geographic Regions* series, by Erinn Banting, Michael De Medeiros, Melanie Ostopowich, Bryan Pezzi, Tina Schwartzenberger and Galadriel Watson

Educational Book Award

- Canadian Circumpolar Institute Press (Edmonton)—*Inuit Qaujimaningit Namurnut (Inuit Knowledge of Polar Bears)*, prepared by Darren Keith, with Jerry Arqviq, Louie Kamookak, Jackie Ameralik and the Gjoa Haven Hunters' and Trappers' Organization
- 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
- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton)—*Peoples and Cultural Change: Aboriginal Studies 20* by Kainai Board of Education, Métis Nation of Alberta, Northland School Division and Tribal Chiefs Institute of Treaty Six
- Duval House Publishing (Edmonton)—*World Communities: Our World 3* by Patricia Shields and Douglas Ramsay

Scholarly Book Award

- NeWest Press (Edmonton)—*Always Someone to Kill the Doves: A Life of Sheila Watson* by F.T. Flahiff
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Gothic Canada: Reading the Spectre of a National Literature* by Justin D. Edwards
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*ReCalling Early Canada: Reading the Political in Literary and Cultural Production*, edited by Jennifer Blair, Daniel Coleman, Kate Higginson and Lorraine York
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)—*Calgary's Grand Story* by Donald B. Smith

Trade Fiction Book Award

- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Calgary/Edmonton)—*Afterall* by Lee Kvern
- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Calgary/Edmonton)—*The Madonna List* by Max Foran
- NeWest Press (Edmonton)—*The Far Away Home* by Marci Denesiuk

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

- Brindle & Glass Publishing (Calgary/Edmonton)—*Standing Together: Women Speak Out About Violence and Abuse*, edited by Linda Goyette
- Hole's (St. Albert)—*What Grows Here, Volume 2: Problems* by Jim Hole, foreword by Lois Hole
- 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
- This Country Canada (Red Deer)—*I Am Albertan: A Modern-Day Photographic Essay of the Albertan People* by Tim Van Horn and Kristen Wagner

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Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover

- Frontenac House (Calgary)—*Re:Zoom* by sheri-d wilson, cover design by Epix Design and Møe Clark
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Saskatchewan: Uncommon Views* by John Conway, essays by Sharon Butala, David Carpenter and Helen Marzolf, cover design by Alan Brownoff
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)—*Writing the Terrain: Travelling Through Alberta with the Poets*, edited by Robert M. Stamp, cover design by Mieka West

Book Design

- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Elegy* by E.D. Blodgett, photographs by Yukiko Onley, book design by Alan Brownoff
- 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, book design by Lara Minja
- 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
- University of Calgary Press (Calgary)—*Staying Human Through the Holocaust* by Teréz Mózés, book design by Mieka West

Book Illustration

- CanMedia (Edmonton)—*The Albertans: From Settlement to Super Province, 1905–2005* by Paul Stanway, design by Dean Pickup
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Portraits of the Bison: An Illustrated Guide to Bison Society* by Wes Olson, photographs by Johane Janelle, illustrations by Wes Olson
- The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)—*Saskatchewan: Uncommon Views* by John Conway, essays by Sharon Butala, David Carpenter and Helen Marzolf, photographs by John Conway

Publisher of the Year

The recipient of the award will be named at the Alberta Book Awards Gala.

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Georges Bugnet Award for Novel

- Marie Jakober (Calgary)—*Sons of Liberty: A Novel of the Civil War*, Forge Books
- Adrian Michael Kelly (Calgary)—*Down Sterling Road*, Coach House Books
- Chava Rosenfarb (Lethbridge)—*The Tree of Life: A Trilogy of Life in the Lodz Ghetto*, The University of Wisconsin Press

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

- Ted Bishop (Edmonton)—*Riding With Rilke: Reflections on Motorcycles and Books*, Penguin Group (Canada)
- Stephen R. Bown (Canmore)—*A Most Damnable Invention: Dynamite, Nitrates and the Making of the Modern World*, Penguin Group (Canada)
- Birk Sproxton (Red Deer)—*Phantom Lake: North of 54*, The University of Alberta Press

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction

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

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

- David Bateman (Calgary)—*Invisible Foreground*, Frontenac House
- Andy Weaver (Edmonton)—*Were the Bees*, NeWest Press
- sheri-d wilson (Calgary)—*Re:Zoom*, Frontenac House

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

- Mark Haroun (Edmonton)—*A Giraffe in Paris*
- Sharon Pollock (Calgary)—*Sharon Pollock: Collected Works, Volume I*, Playwrights Canada Press
- Vern Thiessen (Edmonton)—*Shakespeare's Will*, Playwrights Canada Press

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

- Colleen Heffernan (Edmonton)—*A Kind of Courage*, Orca Book Publishers
- Clem Martini (Calgary)—*The Plague: Feather and Bone, The Crow Chronicles*, Kids Can Press
- David A. Poulsen (Claresholm)—*Last Sam's Cage*, Key Porter Books

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

- Pam Chamberlain (Camrose)—“North of the River”
- Raymond Gariépy (Edmonton)—“A Culture of Permanence”
- A. Ellen Kelly (Airdrie)—“Keeping In Touch”