2009 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Finalists Announced!

EDMONTON, AB   The finalists for the **2009 Alberta Book Publishing Awards** have been chosen! Juries have deliberated over 90 entries to select 30 finalists in 10 categories. We are delighted to announce the shortlists for Book Design (3 awards), Book of the Year (4 awards), the Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence, Emerging Publisher of the Year and Publisher of the Year.

We are particularly pleased to present a special award this year. **Jim Beckel**, of Friesens, will receive the **Contribution to Alberta Book Publishing** award, in recognition of his long service to Alberta's book publishers as a sales rep for Friesens.

Award recipients will be named on **Friday, May 8** at the **Alberta Book Publishing Awards Gala** at the Faculty Club in Edmonton. This celebration of our province's book publishing community is hosted by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of this celebration of Alberta books!

Ted Bishop, author of *Riding with Rilke,* will give the keynote address at the Gala. **Ken Davis**, Host of CKUA's *Bookmark*, will emcee the evening. Tickets for the Gala are available from the Book Publishers Association of Alberta at (780) 424-5060, info@bookpublishers.ab.ca.

Please see attached for detailed information on finalists. For complete information, please contact the Book Publishers Association of Alberta at info@bookpublishers.ab.ca or (780) 424-5060, and ask for Kieran Leblanc or Duncan Turner.

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. With thanks to our sponsors:

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Finalists for the 2009 Alberta Book Publishing Awards

Contribution to Alberta Book Publishing Award

This award is presented in recognition of an individual's contribution to Alberta's book publishing community. We are pleased to announce this award will go to **Jim Beckel** of Friesens, for his longstanding service to Alberta's book publishers.

Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover

- **AU Press & The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada to 1915* by Sarah Carter, cover design Alan Brownoff
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Cleavage* by Theanna Bischoff, cover design by Natalie Olsen
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Listening to Trees* by A.K. Hellum, cover design by Natalie Olsen
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Nightmarker* by Meredith Quartermain, cover design by Natalie Olsen
- **Rocky Mountain Books** (Calgary)—*The Weekender Effect: Hyperdevelopment in Mountain Towns* by Robert William Sandford, cover design by Chyla Cardinal

Book Illustration

- **Maggie & Pierrot: A Children's Book Publisher** (Edmonton)—*Ollie's Field Journal: A 9/10ths Happy Story from Africa* by Patti McIntosh, illustrated by Tara Langlois & Dustin Delfs
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Listening to Trees* by A.K. Hellum, illustrated by A.K. Hellum

Book Design

- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Cleavage* by Theanna Bischoff, book design by Natalie Olsen
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Listening to Trees* by A.K. Hellum, book design by Natalie Olsen
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Algal Bowl: Overfertilization of the World's Freshwaters and Estuaries* by David W. Schindler & John R. Vallentyne, book design by Alan Brownoff
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*Brilliant Strokes: Chinese Paintings from the Mactaggart Art Collection* by Ka Bo Tsang, book design by Alan Brownoff

Children's and Young Adult Book Award

- **Jason Leo Bantle Publishing** (Canmore)—*First Day of School* by Lori Nunn and Jason Leo Bantle, photographs by Jason Leo Bantle
- **Maggie & Pierrot: A Children's Book Publisher** (Edmonton)—*Ollie's Field Journal: A 9/10ths Happy Story from Africa* by Patti McIntosh, illustrated by Tara Langlois & Dustin Delfs
- **Small Shifts Books and Media** (Calgary)—*The Presents' Present* by Teresa de Grosbois, illustrated by Jennifer Llewellyn-Pollack

Education Book Award

No award will be presented.

Scholarly and Academic Book Award

- **AU Press & The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada to 1915* by Sarah Carter
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Algal Bowl: Overfertilization of the World's Freshwaters and Estuaries* by David W. Schindler & John R. Vallentyne
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*Imagining Science: Art, Science, and Social Change* edited by Sean Caufield & Timothy Caufield

Trade Fiction Book Award

- **Freehand Books (Broadview Press)** (Calgary)—*Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Office Tower Tales* by Alice Major

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

- **AU Press** (Edmonton)—*Imagining Head-Smashed-In: Aboriginal Buffalo Hunting on the Northern Plains* by Jack W. Brink
- **Frontenac House** (Calgary)—*Breathing Stone: Contemporary Haida Argillite Sculpture* by Carol Sheehan, photography by Jack Litrell & John W. Heintz
- **Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada** (Turner Valley)—*Heritage Trees of Alberta* by the Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)—*Listening to Trees* by A.K. Hellum
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*The Trouble with Lions: A Glasgow Vet in Africa* by Jerry Haigh, foreword by Jane Goodall

Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence

- **Freehand Books (Broadview Press)** (Calgary)—*Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott, edited by Melanie Little
- **The University of Alberta Press** (Edmonton)—*Driven to Kill: Vehicles as Weapons* by J. Peter Rothe, edited by Leah-Ann Lymer

Emerging Publisher of the Year

The recipient of this award will be named at the Gala.

Publisher of the Year

- **Freehand Books (Broadview Press)** (Calgary)
- **Frontenac House** (Calgary)
- **NeWest Press** (Edmonton)