

ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

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2011 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Finalists Announced!

Edmonton, AB—The finalists of the 2011 Alberta Book Publishing Awards have been chosen. Jurors have deliberated over 90 entries to select 34 finalists in 11 categories. We are delighted to announce the shortlists for Book Design (3 awards), Book of the Year (6 awards), the Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence and Publisher of the Year.

We are pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award, posthumously, to Dennis Johnson, in recognition of his long service to the Book Publishers Association of Alberta and to Alberta's book publishing industry.

Awards recipients will be announced on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Alberta Book Awards Gala at the Calgary Zoo, Safari Lodge. This celebration will be co-hosted by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta and The Writers' Guild of Alberta. In addition, we will be awarding the second annual Alberta Readers' Choice Award, a \$10,000 award to an Alberta published author.

Everyone is welcome to be part of this celebration of excellence in Alberta's publishing and literary community.

Brenda Finley, a well known Alberta journalist, will give the keynote address. 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 or by email at mmclaughlin@bookpublishers.ab.ca.

Please see the attached detailed information on the finalists.

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.

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Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover/Jacket Design

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Too Bad by Robert Kroetsch, cover design by Alan Brownoff

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Measure of Paris by Stephen Scobie, cover design by Alan Brownoff

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Will the Real Alberta Please Stand Up? by Geo Takach, cover design by Alan Brownoff

Athabasca University Press (Edmonton)

Roy & Me: This is Not A Memoir by Maurice Yacowar, cover design by Natalie Olsen

Book Illustration

RMB (Rocky Mountain Books) (Calgary)

The Will of the Land by Peter A. Dettling, illustrated by Peter A. Dettling

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

Tangles: A story about Alzheimer's, my mother, and me by Sarah Leavitt, illustrated by Sarah Leavitt

Summerthought Publishing (Banff)

Canadian Rockies ABC by Max Elliott, illustrated by Max Elliott

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Book Design

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Measure of Paris by Stephen Scobie, book design by Alan Brownoff

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Rudy Wiebe: Collected Stories, 1955-2010 by Rudy Wiebe, book design by Alan Brownoff

RMB (Rocky Mountain Books) (Calgary)

The Grizzly Manifesto: In Defence of the Great Bear by Jeff Gailus, book design by Chyla Cardinal

Children & Young Adult Book Award

Weigl Educational Publishers Limited (Calgary)

Canadian Icon Series:

Loonie by Simon Rose

Totem Pole by Jennifer Howse

Olympic Torch by Simon Rose

Mounties by Annalise Bekkering

Canoe by Sandra McIntyre

Bluenose by Tatiana Tomljanovic

Igloo by Lauren Diemer

Tatanka Productions (Rolling Hills)

Little Chief and Mighty Gopher: The Pemmican Frenzy By Victor Lethbridge

Lisa Young (Calgary)

Beatrice Goes to Mexico by Lisa Young

Summerthought Publishing (Banff)

Canadian Rockies ABC by Max Elliott

Educational Book Award

Weigl Educational Publishers Limited (Calgary)

Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Series:

Salish by Christine Webster

Denesuline by Carol Koopmans

Metis by Jennifer Howse

Algonquin by Heather Kissock

Blackfoot by Anna Rebus

Cree by Erinn Banting

Maven Publishing (Calgary)

The Little Gold Grammar Book By Brandon Royal

Scholarly and Academic Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

J.B. Harkin by E.J. (Ted) Hart

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Beginning of Print Culture in Athabasca Country by Patricia Demers, Naomi McIlwraith and Dorothy Thunder, Translators

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

“Collecting Stamps Would Have Been More Fun” by Stouck & Stouck, Eds.

University of Calgary Press (Calgary)

Looking Back: Canadian Women’s Prairie Memoirs and Intersections of Culture, History, and Identity by S. Leigh Matthews

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Trade Fiction Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Rudy Wiebe: Collected Stories, 1955-2010 by Rudy Wiebe

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

Blue Sunflower Startle by Yasmin Ladha

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

The Doctrine of Affections by Paul Headrick

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Measure of Paris by Stephen Scobie

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Prodigal Daughter by Myrna Kostash

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

Bitter Medicine: A Graphic Memoir of Mental Illness by Clem Martini and Olivier Martini

RMB (Rocky Mountain Books) (Calgary)

Bad Medicine: A Judge's Struggle for Justice in a First Nations Community by John Reilly

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Poetry Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Memory's Daughter by Alice Major

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

Aphelion by Jenna Butler

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

The Collected Works of Pat Lowther by Pat Lowther

Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

The Collected Works of Pat Lowther by Pat Lowther, edited by Christine Wiesenthal

Emerging Publisher of the Year

No award will be presented this year

Publisher of the Year

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

RMB (Rocky Mountain Books) (Calgary)

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)