

ALBERTA BOOK AWARDS

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2012 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Finalists Announced!

Edmonton, AB—The finalists of the 2012 Alberta Book Publishing Awards have been chosen. Jurors have deliberated over 90 entries to select 29 finalists in 9 categories. We are delighted to announce the shortlists for Book Design (2 awards), Book of the Year (5 awards), the Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence and Publisher of the Year.

We are pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Diane Bessai in recognition of her long service to Alberta's book publishing industry.

Award recipients will be announced on Saturday, June 09, 2012 at the Alberta Book Awards Gala at the Hotel Arts in Calgary. This celebration will be co-hosted by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta and The Writers' Guild of Alberta. In addition, Edmonton Public Library will be awarding the third annual Alberta Readers' Choice Award, a \$10,000 award, to an Alberta author.

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

Jackie Flanagan, founder and former Publisher and Editor of "AlbertaViews" magazine, will give the keynote address. Paul Kennet, Host of CJSW Radio's weekly foray into literature, 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

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

House of Spells by Robert Pepper-Smith, cover design by Natalie Olsen

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

Gangson by Andy Weaver, cover design by Natalie Olsen

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Intersecting Sets by Alice Major, cover design by Alan Brownoff

Banff Centre Press (Banff)

Science, She Loves Me by Mary Anne Moser, cover design by Grace Cheong

Book Design

CAHS Press (Red Deer)

Three-Persons and the Chokitapix by Allen Ronaghan, book design by Marvin Harder

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

House of Spells by Robert Pepper-Smith, book design by Natalie Olsen

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Kat Among the Tigers by Kath MacLean, book design by Alan Brownoff

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Intersecting Sets by Alice Major. Book design by Alan Brownoff

Children & Young Adult Book Award

Weigl Educational Publishers Limited (Calgary)

Canadian Hockey Teams:

Toronto Maple Leafs by Don Cruickshank

Calgary Flames by Don Cruickshank

Montreal Canadiens by Don Cruickshank

Vancouver Canucks by Don Cruickshank

Edmonton Oilers by Don Cruickshank

Ottawa Senators by Don Cruickshank

Summerthought Publishing (Banff)

Canadian Rockies Wildlife for Kids by Wayne Lynch, illustrated by Wayne Lynch

Bayeux Arts (Calgary)

The Umbrella by Judd Palmer, illustrated by Judd Palmer

Scholarly and Academic Book Award

University of Calgary Press (Calgary)

A Century of Parks Canada, 1911-2011 edited by Claire E. Campbell

University of Calgary Press (Calgary)

Hearts and Minds by Dan Azoulay

Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) Press (Edmonton)

A Thousand Years of Whaling by Seán Kerins

Athabasca University Press (Edmonton)

Recollecting: Lives of Aboriginal Women of the Canadian Northwest and Borderlands edited by Sarah Carter and Patricia McCormack

Trade Fiction Book Award

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

House of Spells by Robert Pepper-Smith

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

And Me Among Them by Kristen den Hartog

Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)

Hold Me Now by Stephen Gauer

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Grads Are Playing Tonight! by M. Ann Hall

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Intersecting Sets by Alice Major

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Man in Blue Pyjamas by Jalal Barzanji

Argenta Press (imprint of Dragon Hill Publishing) (Edmonton)

Storm Chaser by Ian Sheldon

Robert Kroetsch Poetry Book Award

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Kat Among the Tigers by Kath MacLean

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

Demeter Goes Skydiving by Susan McCaslin

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

Gangson by Andy Weaver

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Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

In Flux by Roy Miki, Edited by Smaro Kamboureli

University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)

The Man in Blue Pyjamas by Jalal Barzanji, Edited by Peter Midgley

Publisher of the Year

NeWest Press (Edmonton)

University of Calgary Press (Calgary)