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2015 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Finalists Announced!

Edmonton, AB — The shortlists for the 2015 Alberta Book Publishing Awards have been chosen. Jurors from across the country have deliberated on over 70 entries from 9 Alberta publishers, and have selected 24 finalists across 10 categories. We are pleased to announce the shortlists for Book Design (3 awards), and Book of the Year (5 awards).

The award recipients will be announced during the Alberta Book Publishing Awards Gala on Friday, September 18, 2015 at Fort Edmonton Park, along with the recipients of the Publisher of the Year award, and the Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence.

The Alberta Book Publishing Awards are presented by the Book Publishers Association of Alberta. This year, the awards will be hosted by Ken Davis, the Citadel Theatre's Director of Marketing and Communications, and will include a special keynote speech.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fantastic evening in celebration of excellence in Alberta publishing. Tickets will be available online beginning July 14, 2015.

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2015 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Shortlists

Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover/Jacket Design

Athabasca University Press
Film and the City: The Urban Imaginary in Canadian Cinema
by George Melnyk
cover design by Marvin Harder

NeWest Press
Blind Spot
by Laurence Miall
cover design by Michel Vrana

NeWest Press
Some Extremely Boring Drives
by Marguerite Pigeon
cover design by Justine Ma

Book Design

Athabasca University Press
Film and the City: The Urban Imaginary in Canadian Cinema
by George Melnyk
book design by Marvin Harder

Freehand Books (Imprint of Broadview Press)

Between Clay and Dust

by Musharraf Ali Farooqi

book design by Natalie Olsen (KissCut Design)

University of Alberta Press small things left behind by Ella Zeltserman book design by Alan Brownoff

Book Illustration

Frontenac House

The Calgary Project: A City Map in Verse and Visual
edited by Dymphny Dronyk and Kris Demeanor
design by Define Design

Frontenac House

Pat Martin Bates: Balancing on a Thread
by Patricia Bovey
design by Neil Petrunia

Alberta Book of the Year Awards

Scholarly and Academic Book Award

University of Alberta Press Aboriginal Populations: Social, Demographic, and Epidemiological Perspectives edited by Frank Trovato and Anatole Romaniuk

University of Alberta Press

Landscapes of War and Memory: The Two World Wars in Canadian

Literature and the Arts, 1977-2007

by Sherrill Grace

University of Calgary Press Coded Territories: Tracing Indigenous Pathways in New Media Art edited by Steven Loft and Kerry Swanson

University of Calgary Press
A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North:
Terrestrial Sovereignty, 1870-1939
by Gordon W. Smith
edited by P. Whitney Lackenbauer

Trade Fiction Book Award

Freehand Books
Boundary Problems
by Greg Bechtel

Frontenac House riel street by Colette Maitland

NeWest Press Some Extremely Boring Drives by Marguerite Pigeon

Trade Non-Fiction Book Award

Freehand Books (Imprint of Broadview Press)

One Hour in Paris: A True Story of Rape and Recovery
by Karyn L. Freedman

Freehand Books (Imprint of Broadview Press)

Detachment: An Adoption Memoir

by Maurice Mierau

University of Calgary Press *From Realism to Abstraction: The Art of J. B. Taylor* by Adriana A. Davies

Speculative Fiction Book Award

Tyche Books

Casserole Diplomacy and Other Stories

edited by Diane Walton, Ann Marston, and Barry Hammond, Barb
Galler-Smith, Jena Snyder, Susan MacGregor and Robin S. Carson

Tyche Books *Heritage: Book One of the Gairden Chronicles*by David L. Craddock

Tyche Books
Seeing the Light: a Marie Jenner mystery
by E. C. Bell

Robert Kroetsch Poetry Book Award

Frontenac House

Open Letter: Women Against Violence Against Women
by Sheri-D Wilson

University of Alberta Press *as if* by E. D. Blodgett

University of Alberta Press small things left behind by Ella Zeltserman

Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence

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

Publisher of the Year Award

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