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**Re: 2019 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Winners Announced**

**Edmonton** – The Book Publishers Association of Alberta is excited to announce the winners of the 2019 Alberta Book Publishing Awards. The winners represent the most outstanding work of the Alberta book publishing industry as adjudicated by experts and publishing professionals from across Canada.

At this year's awards gala, hosted at the Varscona Hotel on Whyte in Edmonton the industry honoured Sharon Budnarchuk for her lifetime achievements in publishing. We were also pleased to present Freehand Books with the Mel Hurtig Publisher of the Year Award.

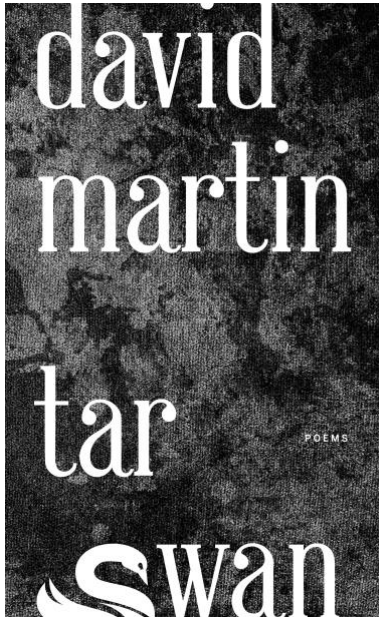
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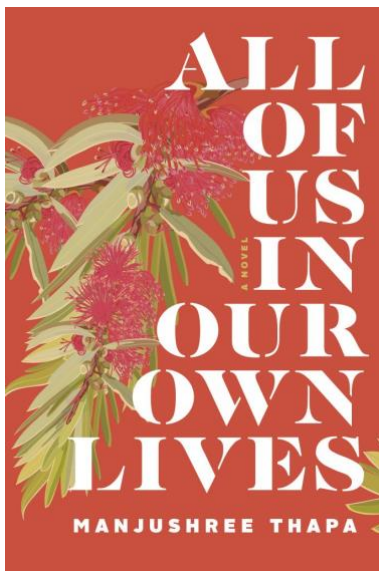
## 2019 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Winners

### Book Design



NeWest Press  
*Tar Swan* by David Martin  
Designer Natalie Olsen: Kisscut Design

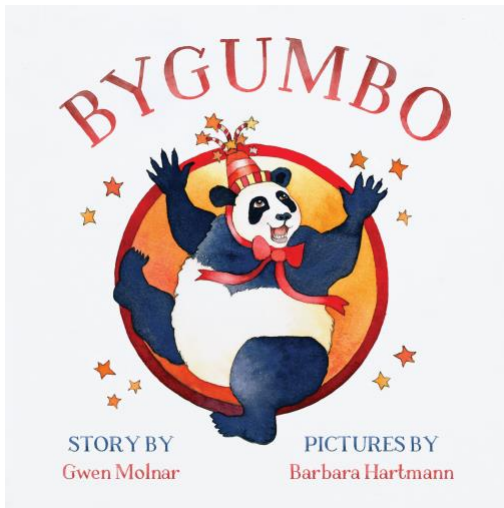
### Book Cover Design



Freehand Books  
*All of Us In Our Own Lives* by Manjushree Thapa  
Designer Natalie Olsen: Kisscut Design

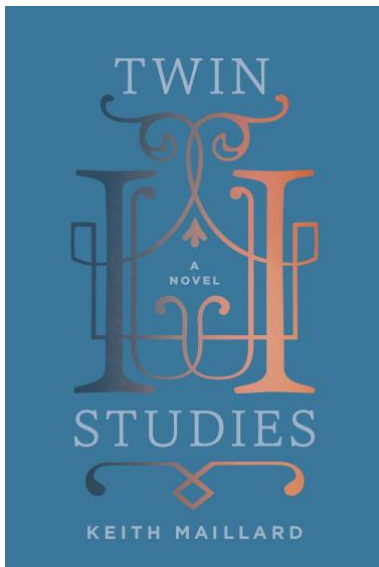
## Book of the Year Awards

### Children and Young Adult



Dempster + Craig Books/Robert Wuetherick  
*Bygumbo*  
Gwen Molnar and Barbara Hartmann

### Trade Fiction



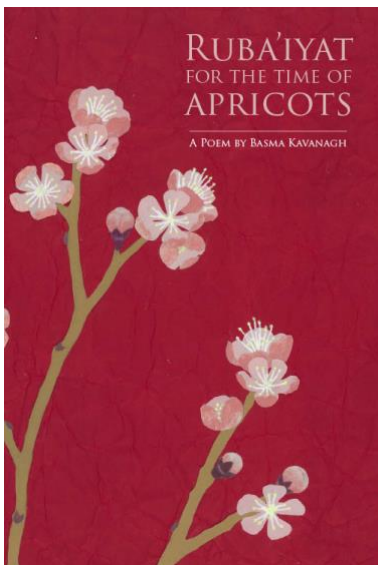
Freehand Books  
*Twin Studies*  
Keith Maillard

## Trade Non-Fiction



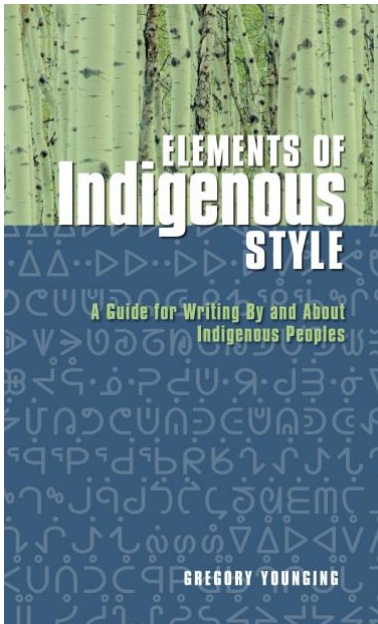
Freehand Books  
*Homes: A Refugee Story*  
Winnie Yeung & Abu Bakr al Rabeeah

## Robert Kroetsch Award for Poetry



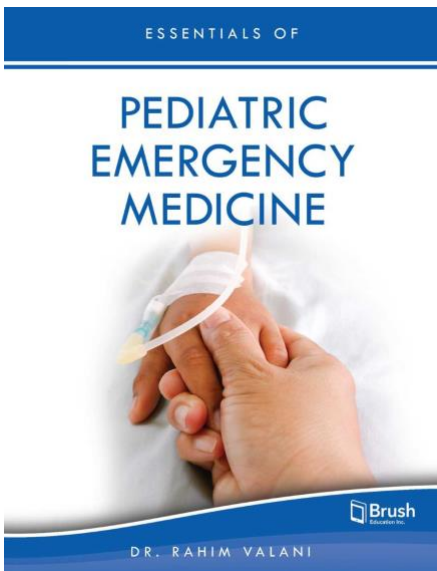
Frontenac House  
*Ruba'iyat For the Time of Apricots*  
Basma Kavanagh

## Scholarly and Academic



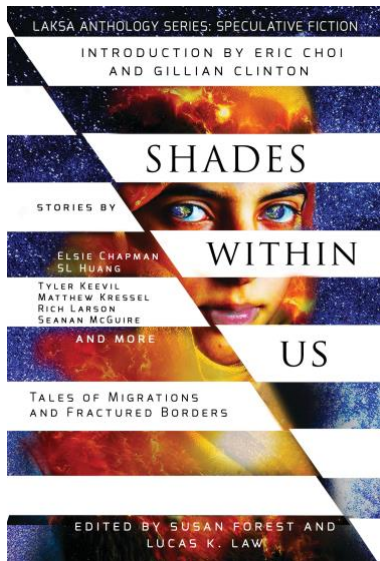
Brush Education  
*Elements of Indigenous Style*  
Gregory Younging

## Learning



Brush Education  
*Essentials of Pediatric Emergency Medicine*  
Dr. Rahim Valani

## Speculative Fiction



Laksa Media Groups Inc.  
*Shades Within Us: Tales of Migrations and Fractured Borders*  
Editor Susan Forest and Lucas K. Law

## Mel Hurtig Publisher of the Year



Freehand Books

## Lifetime Achievement in Publishing



Sharon Budnarchuk of Audreys Books