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Re: 2022 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Winners

Edmonton – The Book Publishers Association of Alberta (BPAA) is pleased to announce the winners of the [2022 Alberta Book Publishing Awards](#). These awards celebrate the essential role Alberta book publishers play in supporting authors and telling Alberta's Story. As the critical middle piece of the storytelling process, Alberta book publishers bring stories by Alberta authors to life.

The awards gala was hosted at the Hotel Arts in Calgary, and was our first in-person event in over two years. Thank you to our funders, in particular the Government of Alberta and the Canada Book Fund, and our sponsors, Friesens, Marquis, and Houghton Boston Printers, whose contributions helped to make this event possible.

At this year's gala, we presented Carol Holmes, former executive director of the Writers Guild of Alberta, with a Lifetime Achievement in Publishing Award for her long standing contributions to Alberta's literary and publishing community. We also recognized Laberinto Press and publisher Luciana Erregue Sacchi with the Emerging Publisher of the Year Award. It is a challenging job to establish a publishing company, but Laberinto Press is off to a great start and we are excited to see them grow. Congratulations to all the winning and shortlisted publishers, authors, and designers.

For those that were unable to attend, a recording of the awards gala will be available on the [BPAA YouTube Channel](#) in a few weeks. Please subscribe to our channel to be notified when it is released. We look forward to next year's awards and the continued growth of the Alberta book publishing industry.

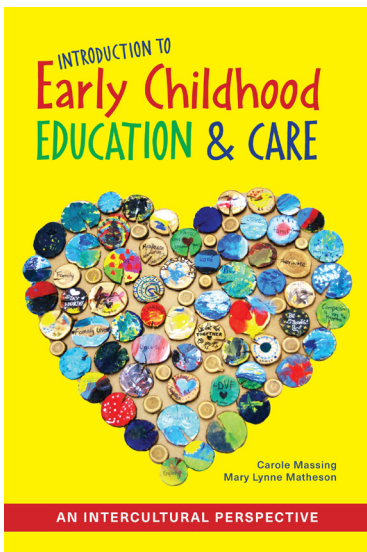
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ALBERTA BOOK PUBLISHING *Awards*



Learning *Book of the Year*



Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care

by Carole Massing and Mary Lynne Matheson

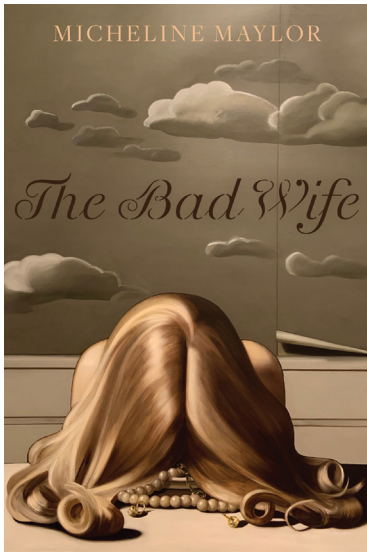


Douglas Barbour Award for Speculative Fiction



Water

edited by Rhonda Parrish



Robert Kroetsch Award for Poetry



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The Bad Wife
by Micheline Maylor



Graphic Novel of the Year

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ARTS ENTERTAINMENT

Electric Vice
by Kat Simmers and Ryan Danny Owen

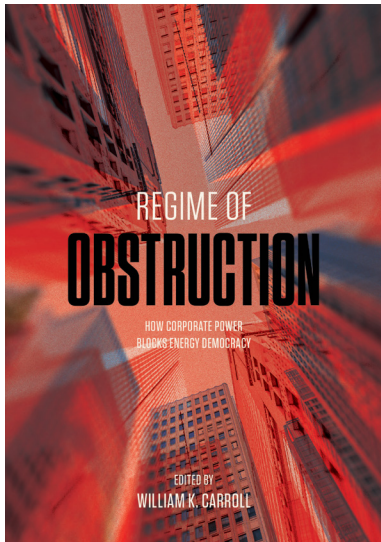


Children's & Young Adult Book of the Year



Alberta Blue
by Pat Hatherly, illustrated by Jesse Horne

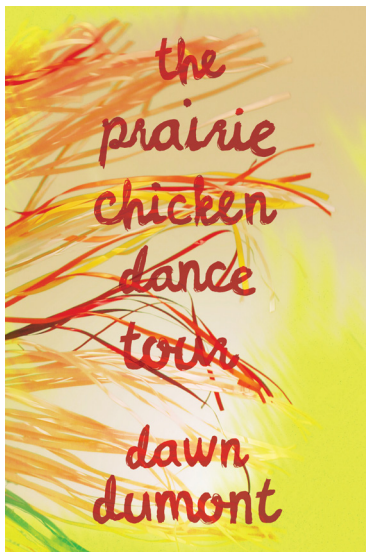
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Scholarly & Academic *Book of the Year*



Regime of Obstruction
edited by William K. Carroll



Trade Fiction *Book of the Year*



The Prairie Chicken Dance Tour
by Dawn Dumont



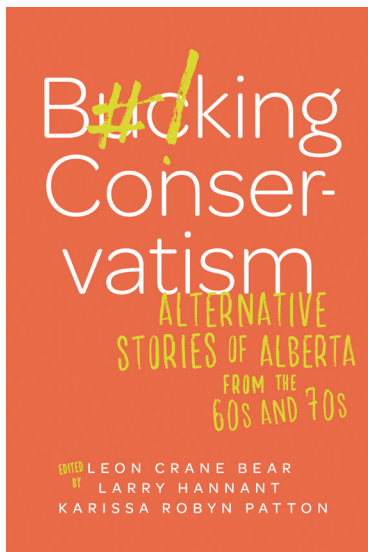
Trade Non-Fiction *Book of the Year*



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Impact
edited by E.D. Morin and Jane Cawthorne

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Regional *Book of the Year*



Bucking Conservatism

edited by Leon Crane Bear, Larry Hannant,
and Karissa Robyn Patton



Book Cover Design

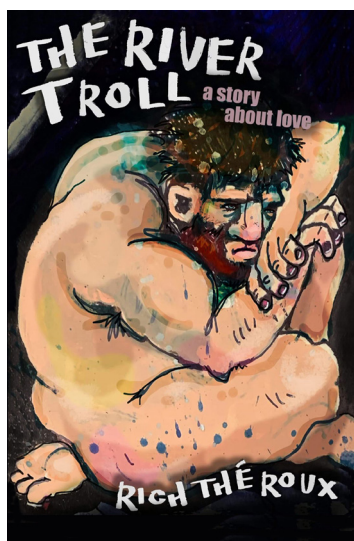


The Party Is Here

by Georgina Beaty

cover design by Natalie Olsen, Kisscut Design

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Book Illustration



The River Troll

written and illustrated by Rich Thérroux



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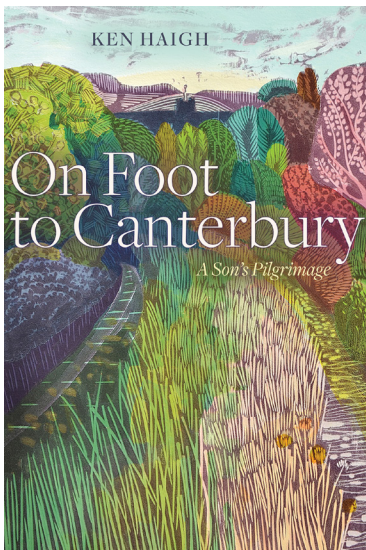


NEWEST PRESS

Coconut

by Nisha Patel

designed by Natalie Olsen, KisscutDesign



Book Design



UNIVERSITY of **ALBERTA** PRESS

On Foot To Canterbury

by Ken Haigh

designed by Alan Brownoff



LABERINTO PRESS

Emerging Publisher of the Year

Laberinto Press

Publisher Luciana Erregue Sacchi