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Re: 2023 Alberta Book Publishing Awards Shortlist Announced

Edmonton – The Book Publishers Association of Alberta (BPAA) is pleased to announce the shortlist for the [2023 Alberta Book Publishing Awards](#). The following shortlist represents the finest of Alberta book publishing as determined by leading professionals in the book industry from across Canada and showcases the wide range of Alberta-published books.

This year, jurors evaluated 126 submissions from Alberta publishers across 15 different categories, including the inaugural “Mystery and Thriller Book of the Year Award,” which is awarded to a work of mystery, crime, noir, or thriller fiction published primarily for the trade or bookstore market. The “Mel Hurtig Publisher of the Year Award” will be presented this year, with two excellent publishers shortlisted for this prestigious award.

The BPAA will also be awarding the “Lifetime Achievement in Publishing Award” to an individual who has made a tremendous contribution to the world of books in Alberta and the “Special Achievement in Publishing Award,” honouring an individual who best exemplifies the spirit of the Alberta book publishing community.

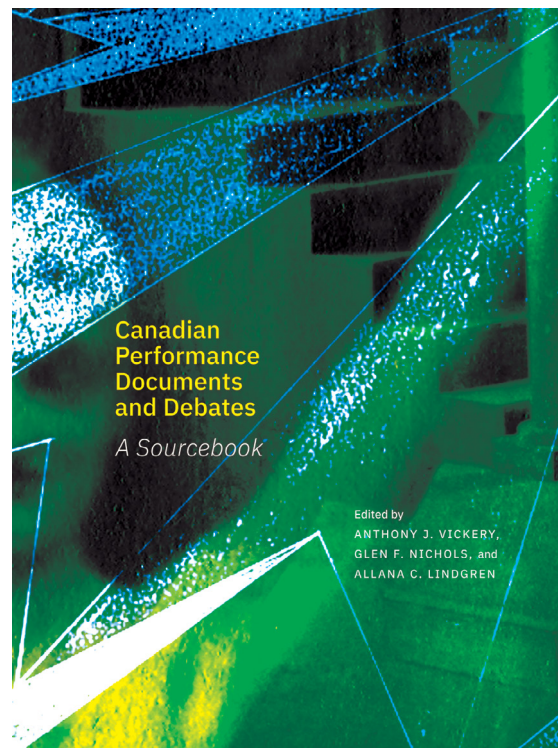
The winners of the 2023 Alberta Book Publishing Awards will be announced at a gala reception at the [Matrix Hotel](#) in Edmonton on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The gala is open to the public, and more information on how to purchase tickets will be shared on the [BPAA website](#) in mid-July. Leading up to the gala, the featured categories and shortlisted titles will be highlighted on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Follow along and join the conversation using the hashtags #ABPubShortlist and #ABPubAwards.

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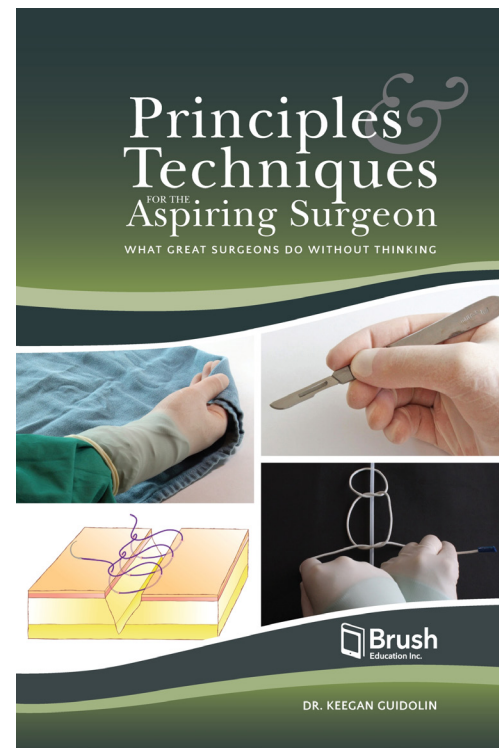
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Learning Book of the Year



Canadian
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A Sourcebook

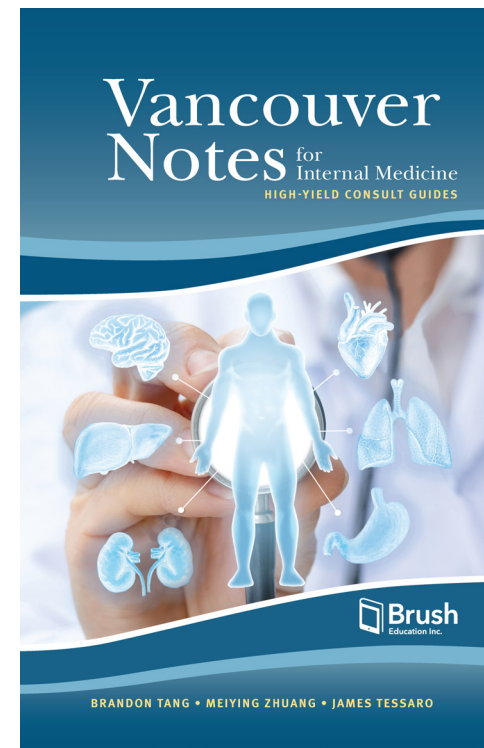
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Principles
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FOR THE
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WHAT GREAT SURGEONS DO WITHOUT THINKING

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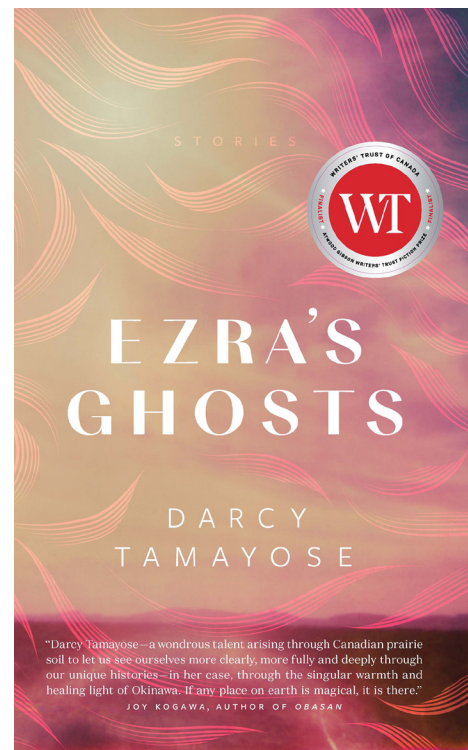
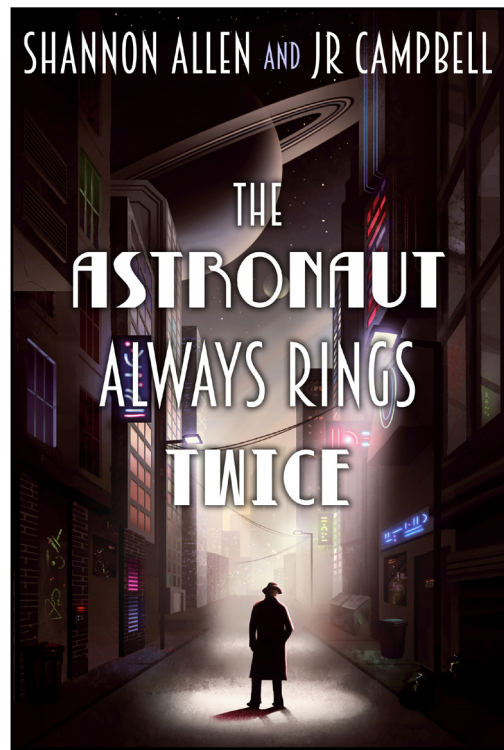
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University of Alberta Press | *Canadian Performance Documents and Debates: A Sourcebook* - edited by Anthony J. Vickery, Glen F. Nichols, and Allana C. Lindgren

Brush Education | *Principles and Techniques for the Aspiring Surgeon: What Great Surgeons Do Without Thinking* - Dr. Keegan Guidolin

Brush Education | *Vancouver Notes for Internal Medicine: High Yield Consult Guides* - Dr. Brandon Tang, Dr. Meiying Zhuang, and Dr. James Tessaro

Douglas Barbour Award for Speculative Fiction



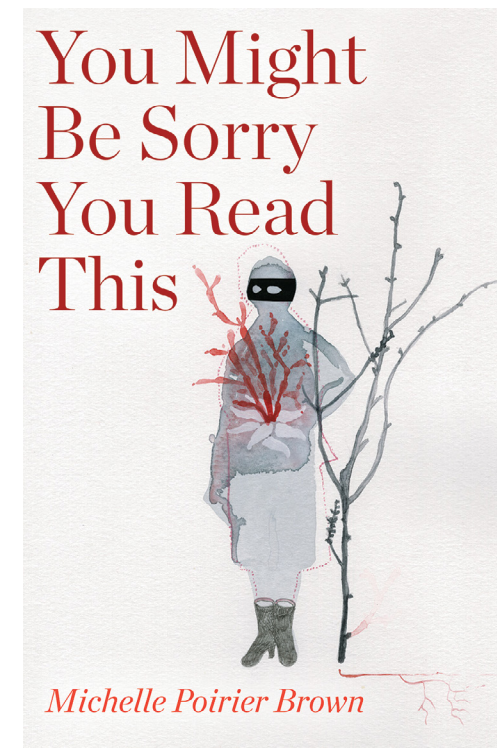
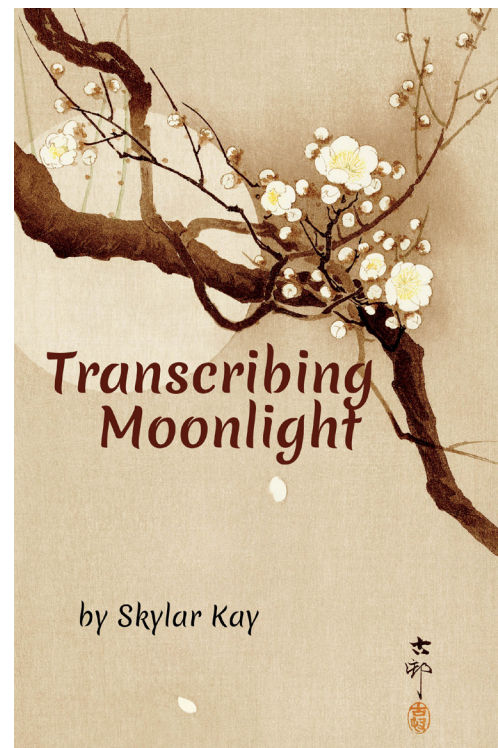
Tyche Books Ltd. | *The Astronaut Always Rings Twice* - edited by Shannon Allen and JR Campbell

NeWest Press | *Ezra's Ghosts* - Darcy Tamayose

EDGE Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing | *Pawns and Phantoms* - Misha Handman

EDGE Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing | *The Rosetta Mind* - Claire McCague

Robert Kroetsch Award for Poetry

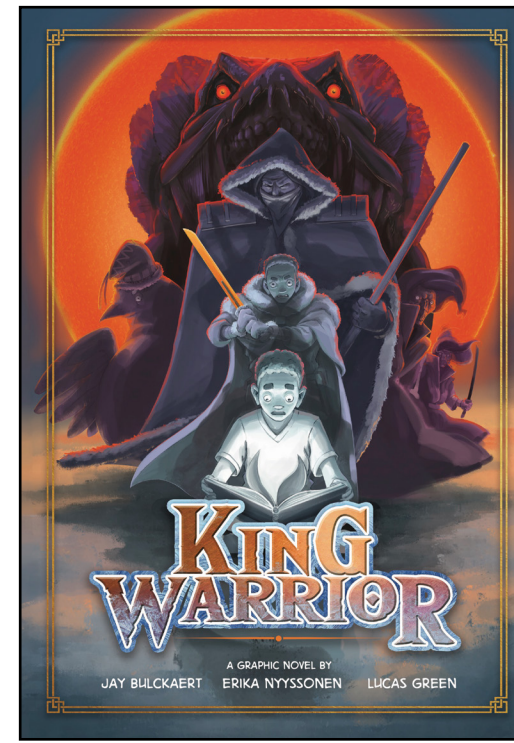
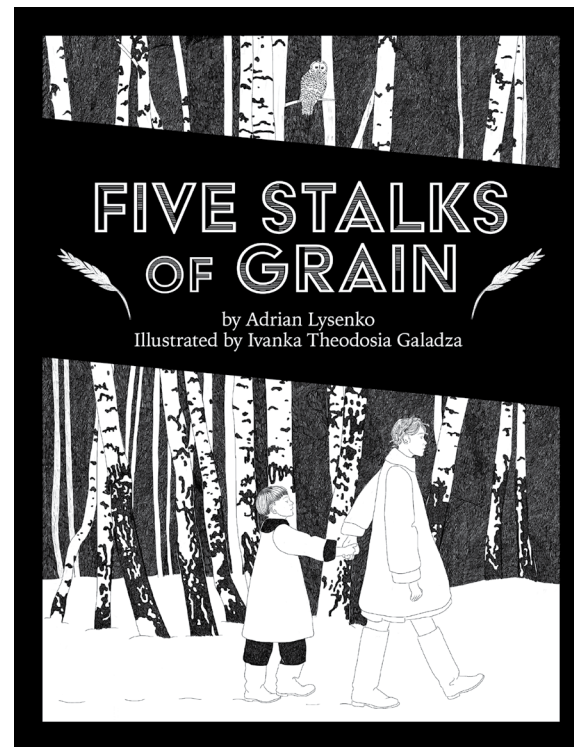


University of Alberta Press | *Separation Anxiety* - Gavin Bradley

Frontenac House Ltd. | *Transcribing Moonlight* - Skylar Kay

University of Alberta Press | *You Might Be Sorry You Read This* - Michelle Poirier Brown

Graphic Novel of the Year



Renegade Arts Entertainment | *Alberta Comics: Home* - edited by Alexander Finbow, Shea Proulx, and Emily Pomeroy

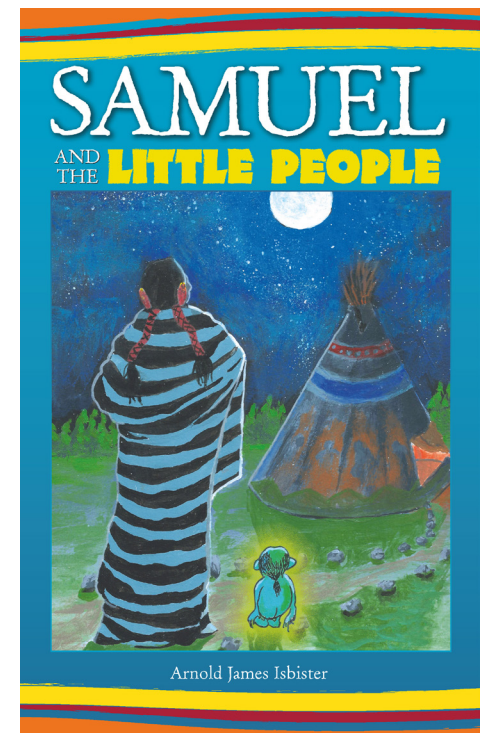
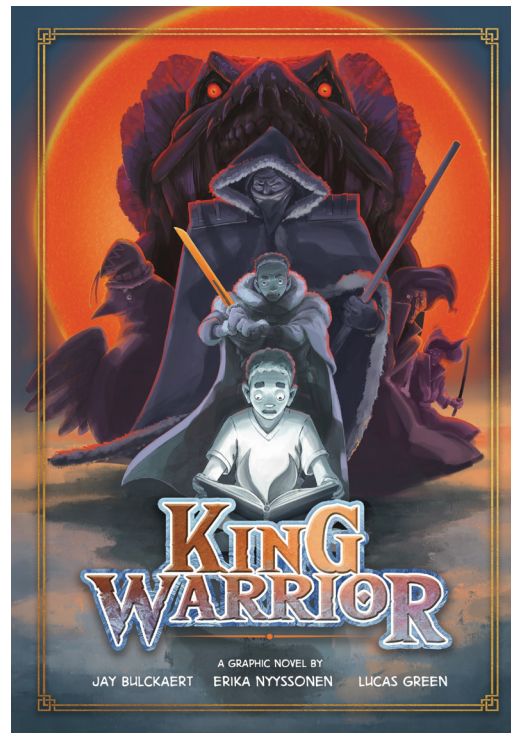
University of Calgary Press | *Five Stalks of Grain* - Adrian Lysenko, illustrated by Ivanka Theodosia Galadza

Renegade Arts Entertainment | *King Warrior* - Jay Bulckaert, Erika Nyyssonen, and Halima Muhamud, illustrated by Lucas Green

Renegade Arts Entertainment | *Siegfried: Dragon Slayer* - Mark Allard-Will, illustrated by Jasmine Redford

Children's & Young Adult Book of the Year

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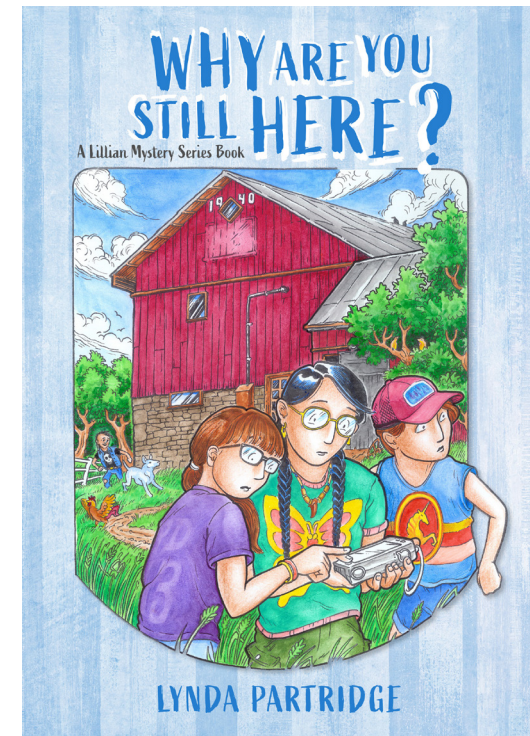
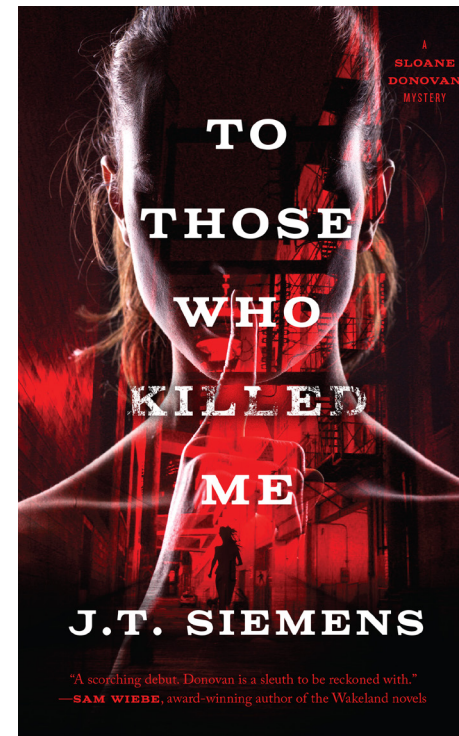
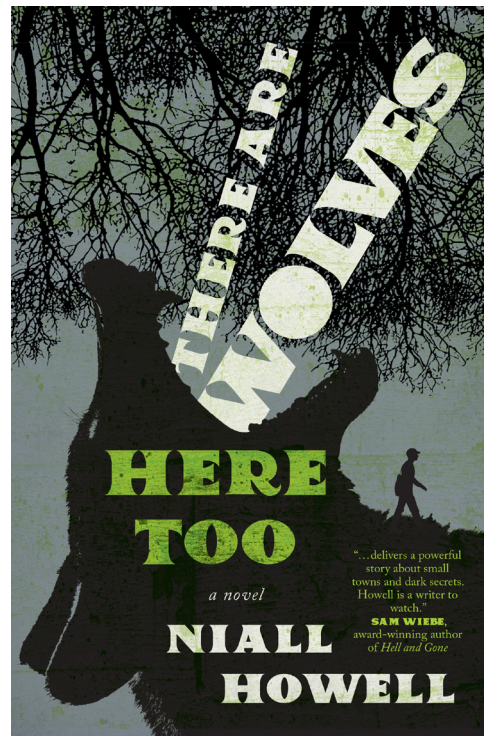
Red Barn Books | *Howdy, I'm Flores LaDue* - Ayesha Clough, illustrated by Hugh Rookwood with Keegan Starlight

Renegade Arts Entertainment | *King Warrior* - Jay Bulckaert, Erika Nyyssonen, and Halima Muhamud, illustrated by Lucas Green

Durvile & UpRoute Books | *Olya & Olena Escape the Invaders* - Olya Illichov and Maddy Shyba, illustrated by Diana Bezukh

Eschia Books | *Samuel and the Little People* - Arnold James Isbister

Mystery & Thriller Book of the Year



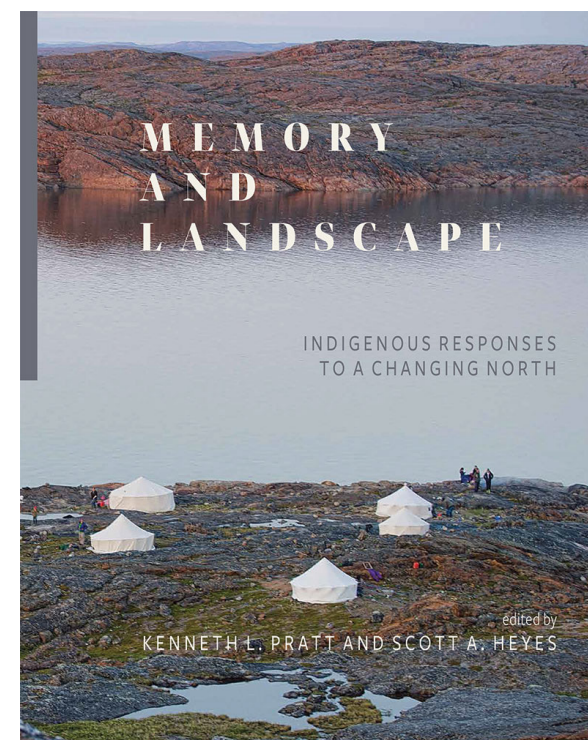
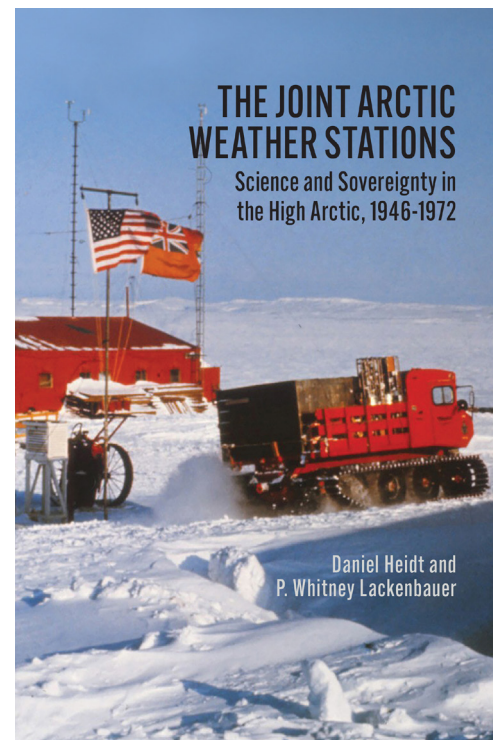
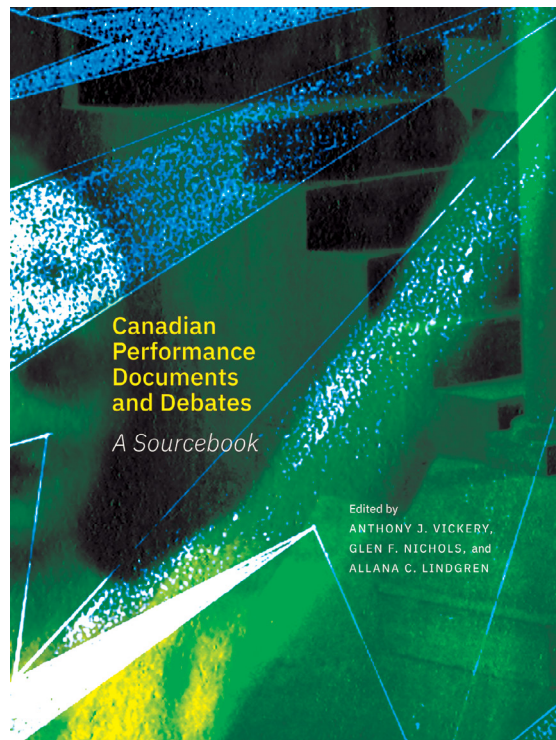
Stonehouse Publishing | *Going to Beautiful* - Anthony Bidulka

NeWest Press | *There Are Wolves Here Too* - Niall Howell

NeWest Press | *To Those Who Killed Me* - J.T. Siemens

Durvile & UpRoute Books | *Why Are You Still Here: A Lillian Mystery* - Lynda Partridge, illustrated by Dave Nicholson

Scholarly & Academic Book of the Year

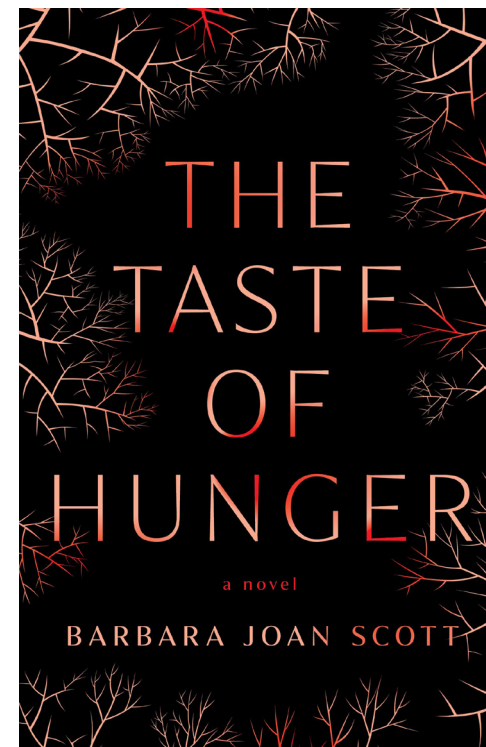
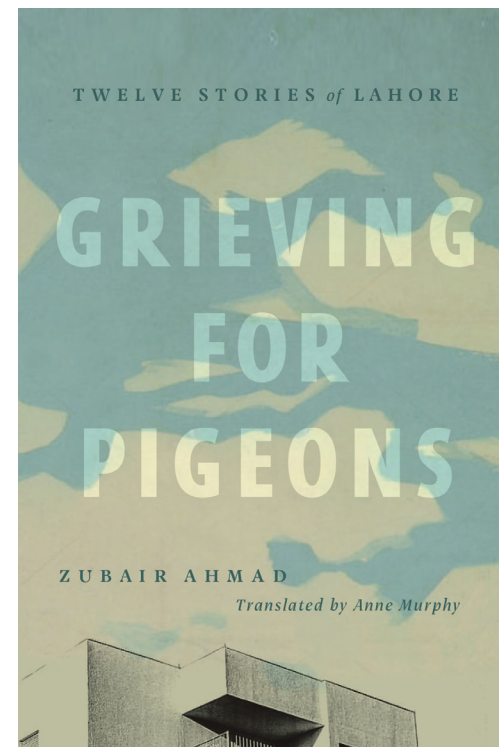
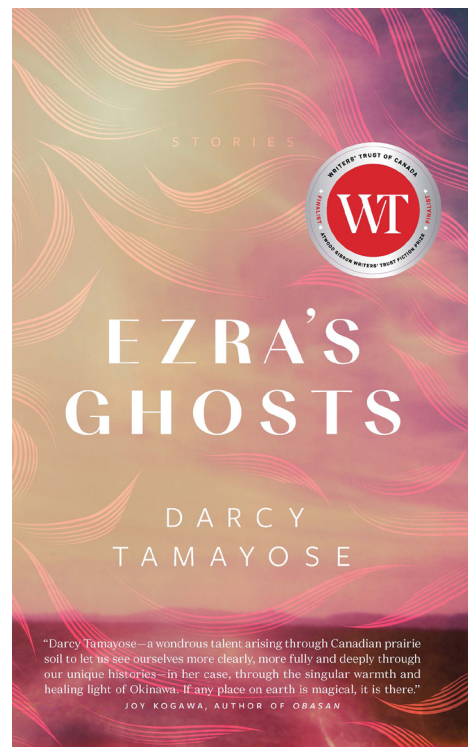


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Trade Fiction Book of the Year



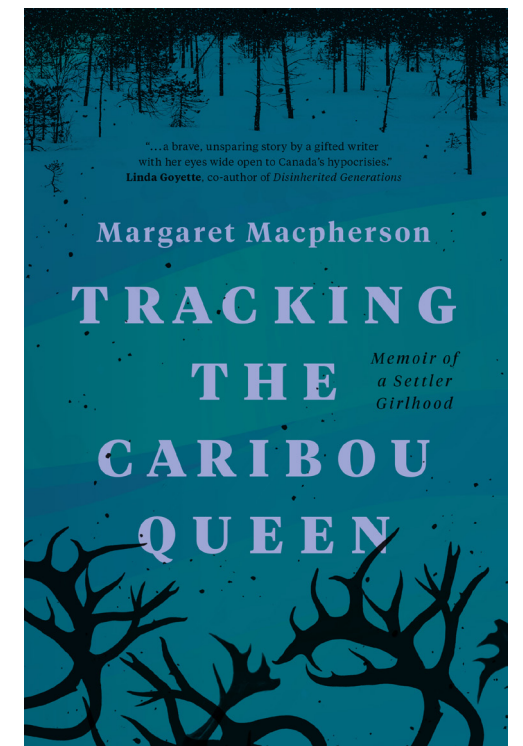
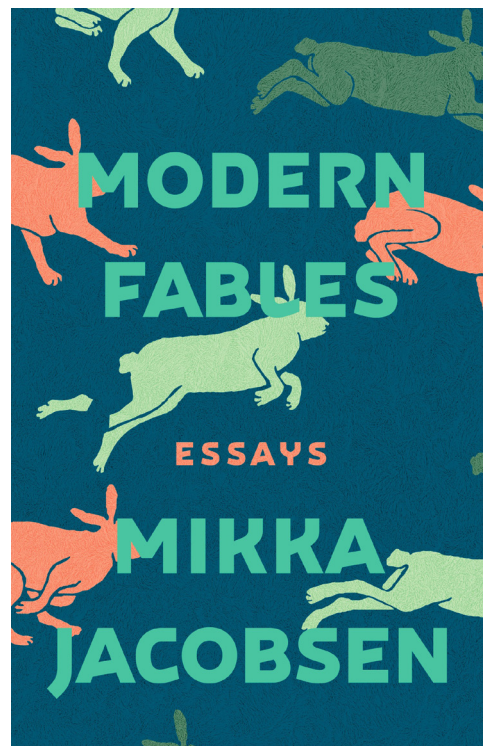
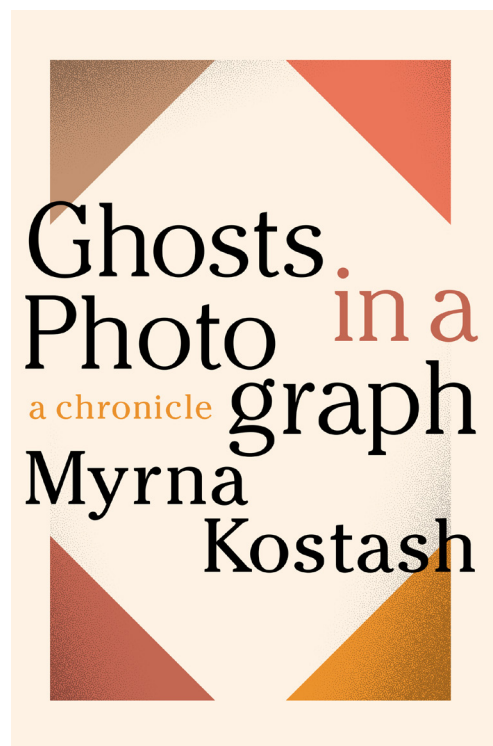
NeWest Press | *Ezra's Ghosts* - Darcy Tamayose

Athabasca University Press | *Grieving for Pigeons: Twelve Stories of Lahore* - Zubair Ahmad, translated by Anne Murphy

Freehand Books | *The Taste of Hunger* - Barbara Joan Scott

Trade Non-Fiction Book of the Year

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NeWest Press | *Ghosts in a Photograph: A Chronicle* - Myrna Kostash

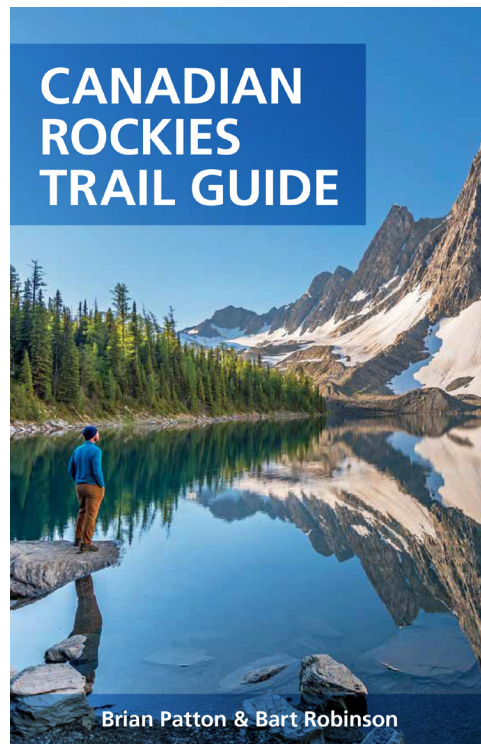
Freehand Books | *Modern Fables* - Mikka Jacobsen

University of Calgary Press | *A Stunning Backdrop: Alberta in the Movies, 1917-1960* - Mary Graham

NeWest Press | *Tracking the Caribou Queen: Memoir of a Settler Girlhood* - Margaret Macpherson

Regional Book of the Year

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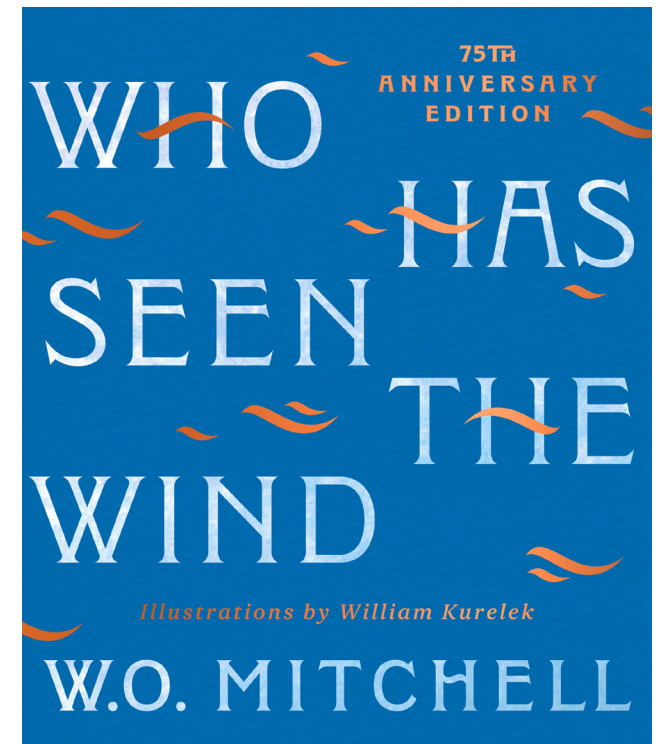
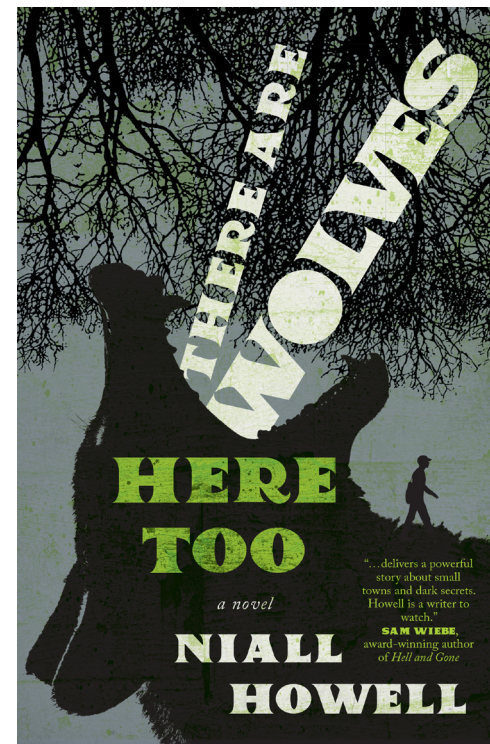
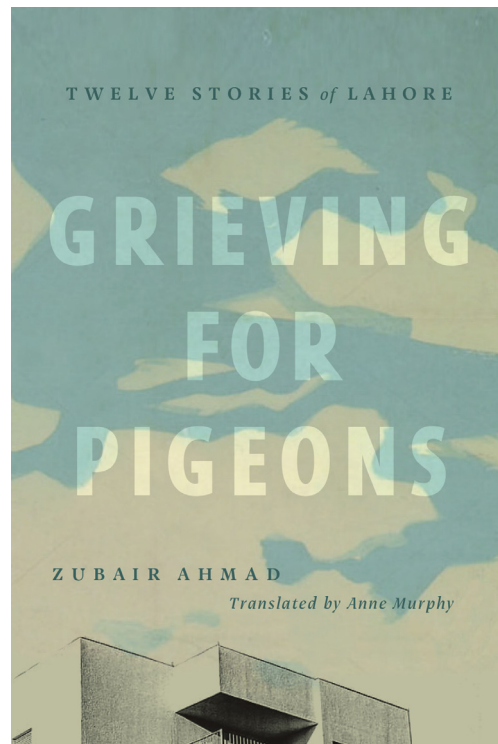
Summerthought Publishing | *Canadian Rockies Trail Guide* - Brian Patton and Bart Robinson

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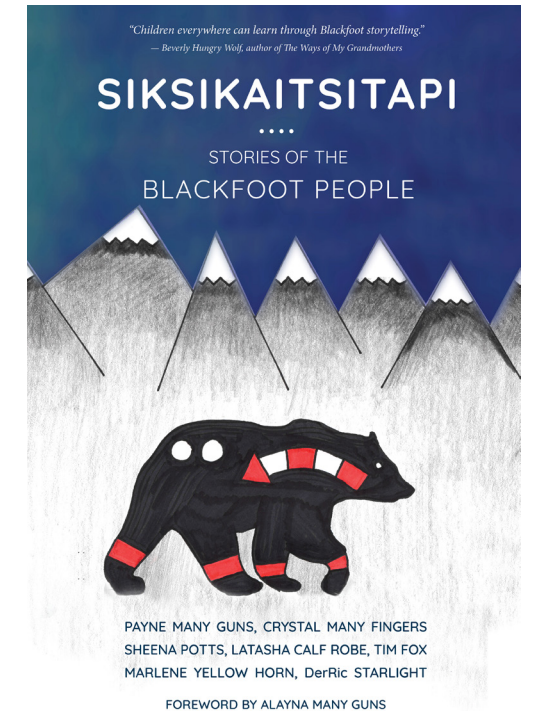
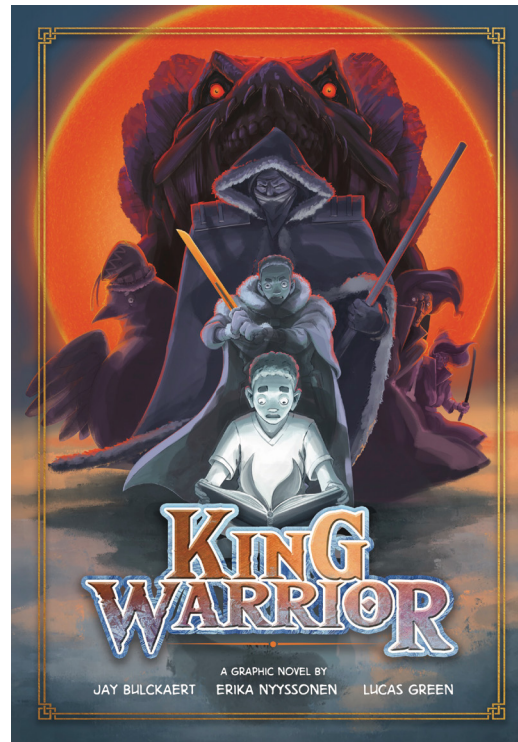
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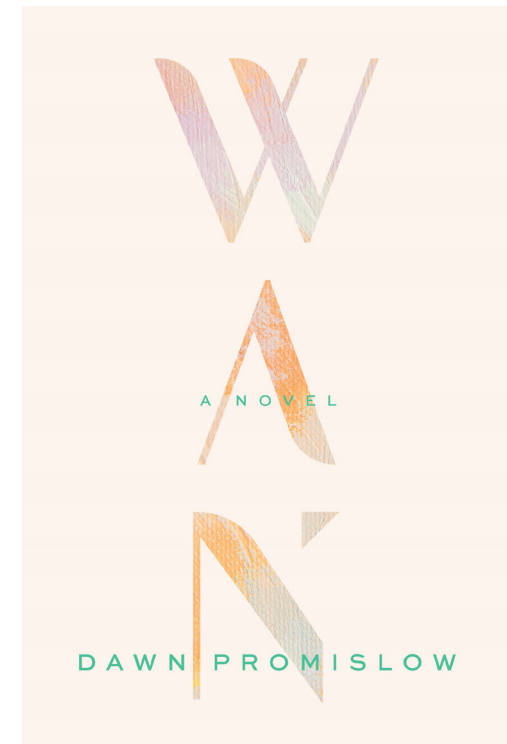
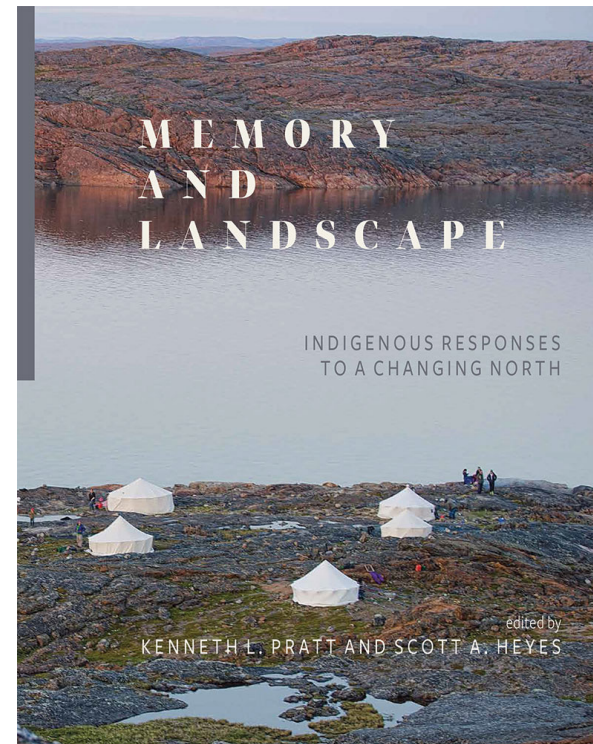
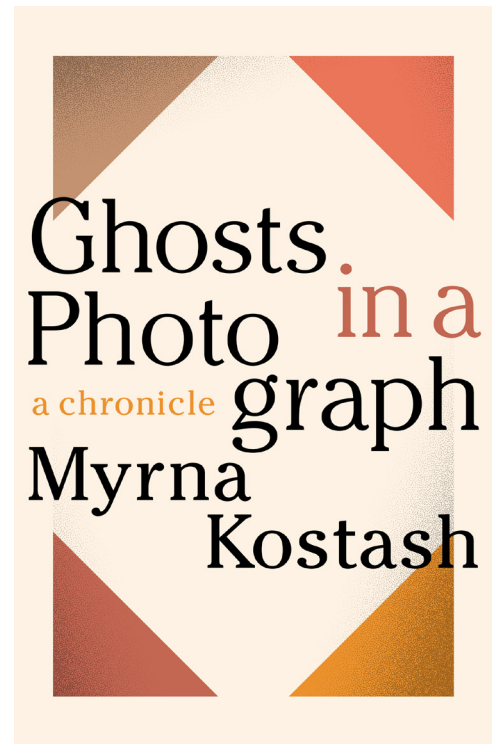
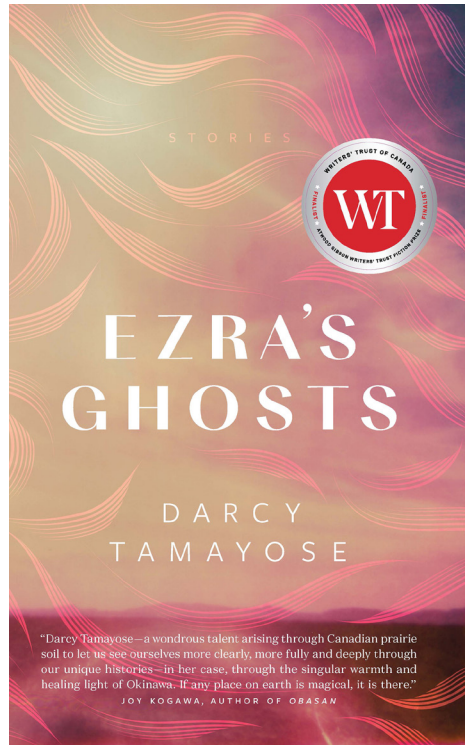
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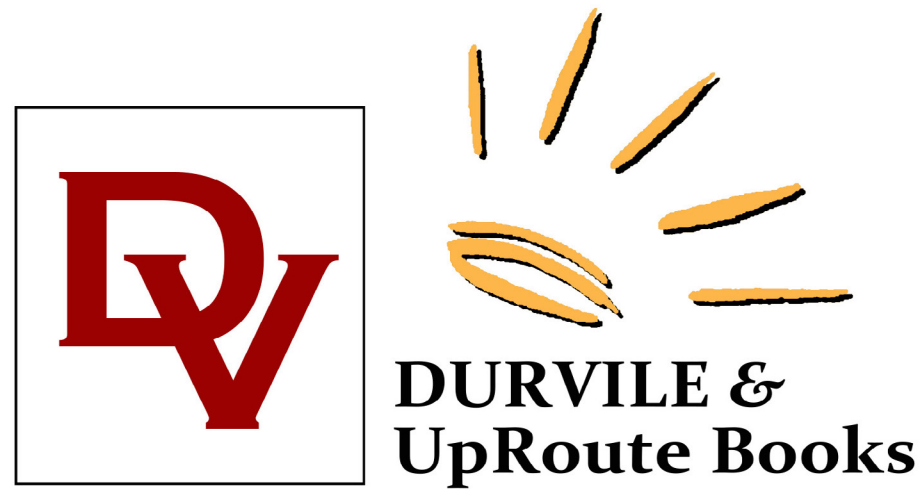
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Mel Hurtig Publisher of the Year



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