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**Winners are announced at the 2010
Alberta Book Awards Gala**

Edmonton – The Writers Guild of Alberta (WGA) and the Book Publishers Association of Alberta (BPAA) announced the **winners of the 2010 Alberta Book Publishing Awards, the Alberta Literary Awards, and the highly anticipated Alberta Readers' Choice Award** tonight. About 300 people attended the 2010 Alberta Book Awards Gala, a joint celebration that celebrated excellence and innovation in Alberta writing and book publishing.

Author Thomas Wharton gave an entertaining keynote address, and many authors and publishers were celebrated for their achievements during the past year.

Lois Hawkins, Deputy Minister of Culture and Community Spirit was among the attendees, as well as members of the Alberta Legislature, Edmonton City Council, and Mayor Stephen Mandel.

The inaugural \$10,000 Alberta Readers' Choice Award was presented to Michael Davie for his first novel, *Fishing For Bacon*, published by Edmonton's NeWest Press.

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2010 Alberta Literary Award Winners

R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature (Sponsored by Marni Fullerton Features Inc.)

- Linda Smith (Grande Prairie)—*The Broken Thread*, Coteau Books

Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction (Sponsored by The Banff Centre)

- Michael Davie (Calgary)—*Fishing for Bacon*, NeWest Press

Wilfred Eggleston Award for Nonfiction

- Will Ferguson (Calgary)—*Beyond Belfast: A 560-Mile Walk Across Northern Ireland on Sore Feet*, Penguin Group Canada

Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama (Sponsored by Alberta Views)

- Beth Graham (Edmonton), Charlie Tomlinson and Daniela Vlaskalic —*The Drowning Girls*, from *The Drowning Girls/Comrades*, Playwrights Canada Press

Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry (Supported by Stephan V. Benediktson)

- Catherine Owen (Edmonton)—*Frenzy*, Anvil Press

Amber Bowerman Memorial Travel Writing Award (Supported by Ann Campbell)

- Mia Atienza (Edmonton)—“One Flamenco Night”

James H. Gray Award for Short Nonfiction (Sponsored by Western Financial Group's West Magazine)

- Joan Dixon (Redwood Meadows)—“The Perils of War and Mother-Son Relationships”

Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Story (Supported by John Ballem)

- Ben Lof (Edmonton)—“When in the Field with Her at His Back,” in *The Malahat Review*

Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize (Supported by Vanna Tessier and Guy Tessier)

- Diana Davidson (Edmonton)—“Ahead of the Ice”

2010 Alberta Book Publishing Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award

- This award is presented in recognition of an individual's contribution to Alberta's Book Publishing community. The BPAA are pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to **Katherine Shute**, in recognition of her long service to the Book Publishers Association of Alberta and to Alberta's book publishing industry.

Alberta Book Design Awards

Book Cover/Jacket Design

- **Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press) (Calgary)**—*Buying Cigarettes for the Dog* by Stuart Ross, cover design by Fidel Pena, Underline Studio

Book Illustration

- **Maggie & Pierrot: A Children's Publisher (Edmonton)**—*Theo in the Spotlight* by Patti McIntosh, illustrated by Tara Langlois

Book Design

- **RMB (Rocky Mountain Books) (Calgary)**—*The Incomparable Honeybee* by Reese Halter, book design by Chyla Cardinal

Children & Young Adult Book Award

- **Maggie & Pierrot: A Children's Publisher (Edmonton)**—*Theo in the Spotlight* by Patti McIntosh, illustrated by Tara Langlois

Educational Book Award

- **Weigl Educational Publishers Limited (Calgary)**—*Canadian Citizenship in Action Series* by Heather C. Hudak, Jill Foran, and Heather Kissock

Scholarly and Academic Book Award

- **University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)**—*People of the Lakes* by Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and Shirleen Smith

Trade Fiction Book Award

- **NeWest Press (Edmonton)**—*Seal Intestine Raincoat* by Rosie Chard

Trade Nonfiction Book Award

- **Glenbow Museum (Calgary)**—*Vistas: Artists on the Canadian Pacific Railway* by Roger H. Boulet, Photography by Owen Melenka

Poetry Book Award

- **Freehand Books (imprint of Broadview Press)(Calgary)**—*subUrban Legends* by Joan Crate

Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence

- **University of Alberta Press (Edmonton)**—*People of the Lakes* by Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and Shirleen Smith, Edited by Mary Lou Roy, Production Editor and Meaghan Craven, Copy Editor

Publisher of the Year

- **NeWest Press (Edmonton)**

2010 Alberta Readers' Choice Award

This \$10,000 award is presented to the author of a book published in the previous year that has a large appeal to the Alberta public and is published by an Alberta Publisher. This year's award goes to **Michael Davie (Calgary) for *Fishing for Bacon*, published by NeWest Press.**

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