

## Media Release

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## The Writers Guild of Alberta Announces The 2010 Alberta Literary Awards Shortlist!

The Writers Guild of Alberta is thrilled to announce the finalists for the **2010 Alberta Literary Awards!** The Alberta Literary Awards recognize and celebrate the highest standards of literary excellence from Alberta authors.

Awards jurors have deliberated 183 submissions to select 32 finalists in nine categories. Finalists represent extraordinary literary work written by Alberta authors and published in 2009.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the **Alberta Book Awards Gala on Friday May 14, 2010** at the **Delta South Hotel (4404 Gateway Boulevard)** in conjunction with the Book Publishers Association of Alberta's (BPAA) **Alberta Book Publishing Awards** and the presentation of the inaugural **Alberta Readers' Choice Award, a \$10,000 prize!**

**Information on this year's shortlisted authors is attached with this media release.**

The Writers Guild of Alberta is a provincial arts service organization that represents both professional and emerging writers in Alberta. Their mission is to support, encourage and promote writers and writing, to safeguard the freedom to write and to read, and to advocate for the well-being of writers.

**Registration for the Awards Gala is \$55/person.** For more information or to register, please call **1-800-665-5354** or visit [www.writersguild.ab.ca](http://www.writersguild.ab.ca).

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# 2010 Alberta Literary Awards Shortlist

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

- Hazel Hutchins (Canmore)—*After*, Smith, Bonappétit & Son
- Dianne Linden (Edmonton)—*Shimmerdogs*, ThistleDown Press
- David A. Poulsen (Claresholm)—*Numbers*, Key Porter Books
- 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
- Cecelia Frey (Calgary)—*A Raw Mix of Carelessness and Longing*, Brindle & Glass
- Lori Hahnel (Calgary)—*Nothing Sacred*, ThistleDown Press
- Betty Jane Hegerat (Calgary)—*Delivery*, Oolichan Books
- Thomas Trofimuk (Edmonton)—*Waiting for Columbus*, McClelland & Stewart

## Wilfred Eggleston Award for Nonfiction (Sponsored by the Writers Guild of Alberta)

- Stephen Bown (Canmore)—*Merchant Kings*, Douglas & McIntyre
- Will Ferguson (Calgary)—*Beyond Belfast*, Penguin Group Canada
- Gordon Laird (Calgary)—*The Price of a Bargain*, McClelland & Stewart
- Ed Struzik (Edmonton)—*The Big Thaw*, John Wiley & Sons Canada Ltd.

## 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
- Gordon Pengilly (Calgary)—*Seeing in the Dark*, from *Metastasis and Other Plays*, NeWest Press
- Eugene Stickland (Calgary)—*Queen Lear*, B House

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

- Joan Crate (Calgary)—*subUrban Legends*, Freehand Books
- Catherine Owen (Edmonton)—*Frenzy*, Anvil Press
- Anna Marie Sewell (Edmonton)—*Fifth World Drum*, Frontenac House
- Bob Stallworthy (Calgary)—*Things That Matter Now*, Frontenac House

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

- Mia Atienza (Edmonton)—“One Flamenco Night”
- Karyn Robertson (Edmonton)—“Good Karate”
- Sebastian X. Samur (Calgary)—“A New Oishii”

## 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”
- Elizabeth Haynes (Calgary)—“Seventeen Postcards”
- Marguerite Watson (Edmonton)—“What Grows in the Soil”

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

- Gregory Koop (Devon)—“Jive Willie No-Nose,” in *The Nashwaak Review*
- Lee Kvern (Okotoks)—“I May Have Known You,” in *Descant*
- Ben Lof (Edmonton)—“When in the Field with Her at His Back,” in *The Malahat Review*

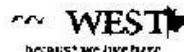
## Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Prize

### (Co-sponsored by Vanna Tessier and Guy Tessier and the Writers Guild of Alberta)

- Diana Davidson (Edmonton)—“Ahead of the Ice”
- Joan Dixon (Redwood Meadows)—“Embedded on the Home Front,” in *Chatelaine*
- A. Ellen Kelly (Airdrie)—“Contemplating My Father's War”

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