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The 2011 City of Edmonton Book Prize Winner Announced!

Myrna Kostash, author of *Prodigal Daughter: A Journey to Byzantium* (University of Alberta Press), received **The 2011 City of Edmonton Book Prize**. Presented annually at the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts, this award is carried out through a partnership between The City of Edmonton and the Writers Guild of Alberta. The award, **now increased to \$10,000**, is sponsored by Audrey's Books and the Edmonton Arts Council.

The dazzling memoir *Prodigal Daughter: A Journey to Byzantium* is both spiritual journey and cultural history. In mapping out her roots, Myrna Kostash invites the reader to travel through time and space to where east and west meet. Every word is chiseled with the polished hand of a master writer. A tour de force, this creative nonfiction is by turns light-hearted, illuminating, and contemplative.

Also on the shortlist for The City of Edmonton Book prize include **Tim Bowling's** *In the Suicide's Library* (Gaspereau Press) and **Rudy Wiebe's** *Rudy Wiebe: Collected Stories, 1955-2010* (University of Alberta Press).

The City of Edmonton Book Prize was established in 1995 by City Council to recognize literary achievement by Edmonton Authors or about The City of Edmonton. The 2010 recipient was Thomas Trofimuk for *Waiting for Columbus*.

The award was presented on April 12, 2011 at the Mayors Celebration of the Arts in Edmonton.

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