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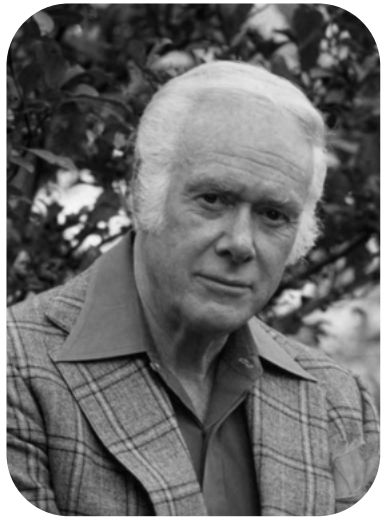

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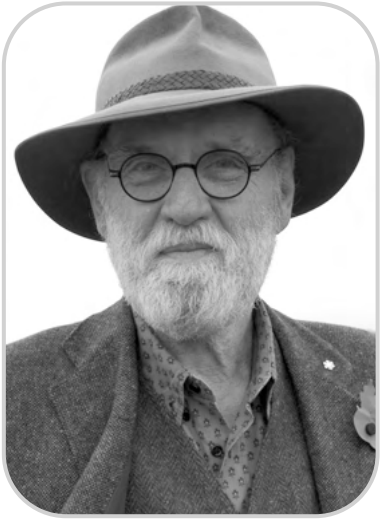

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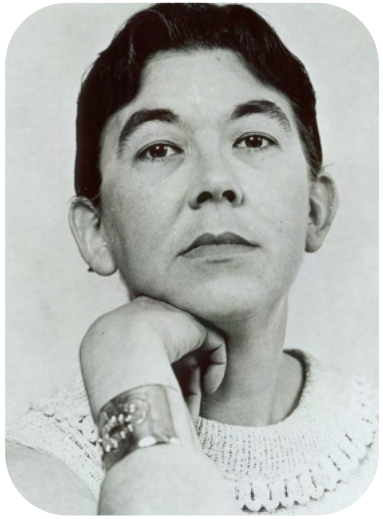

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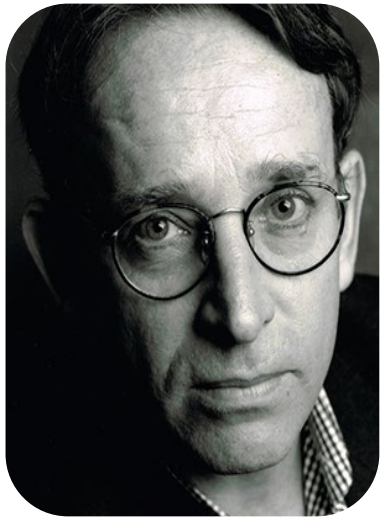

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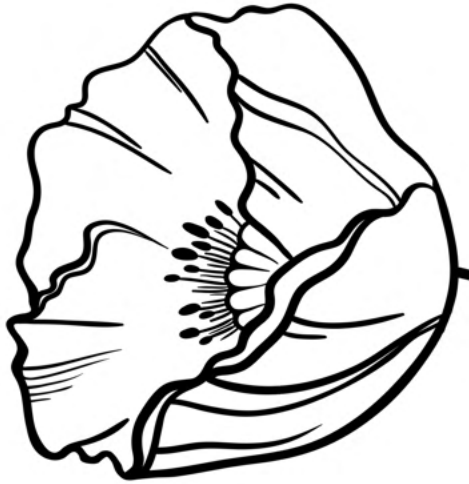

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Welcome

Our 50th anniversary celebrations begin tonight. Writers' Trust of Canada has been a steadfast advocate for our national literature and trusted literary voices since 1976.

The Trust was created by Canadian authors, for Canadian authors. That spirit and vision have been written into our story for the past 50 years and will drive our activities for the next 50. From amplifying the bold ideas of emerging writers to sustaining established authors through times of uncertainty, we have remained committed to preserving and expanding what it means for readers to choose Canada.

Writers' Trust has grown and flourished since 1976 thanks in large part to your generosity. Your support makes it possible for Canadian writers to stand tall on the national and international literary stages. We are so grateful for your contribution.

On behalf of everyone at Writers' Trust, thank you and enjoy the evening.

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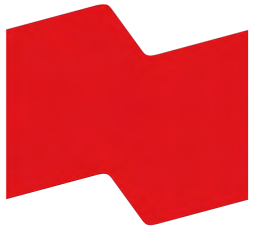

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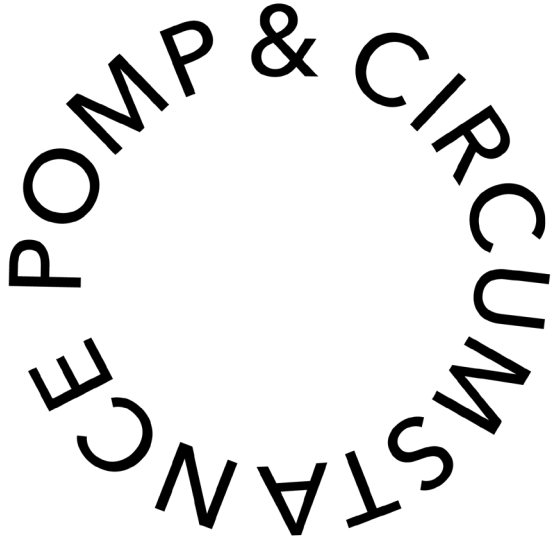

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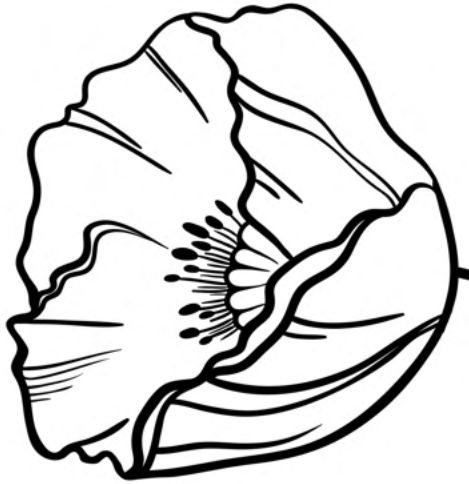

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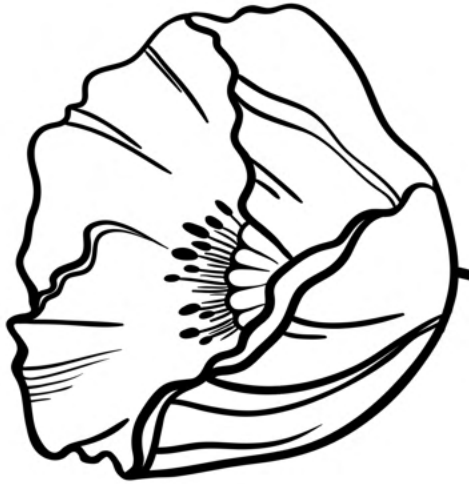

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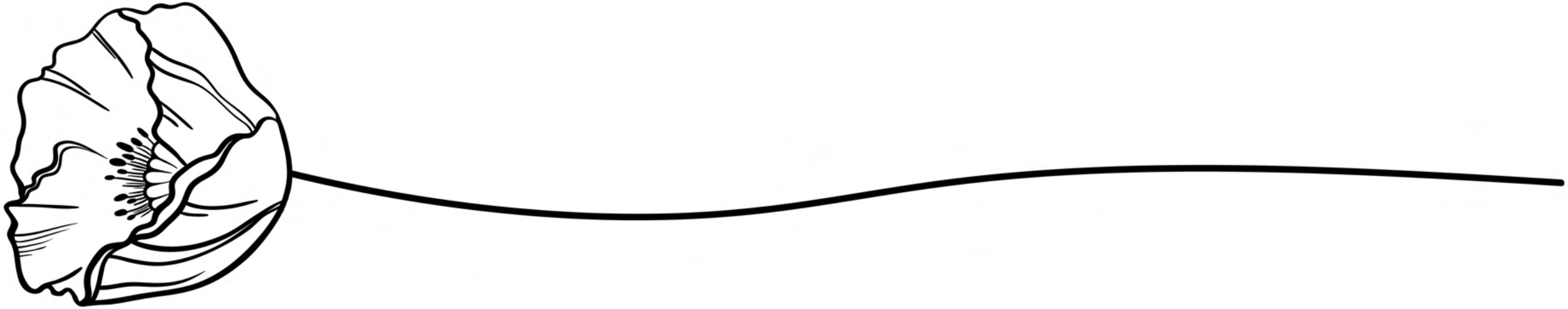

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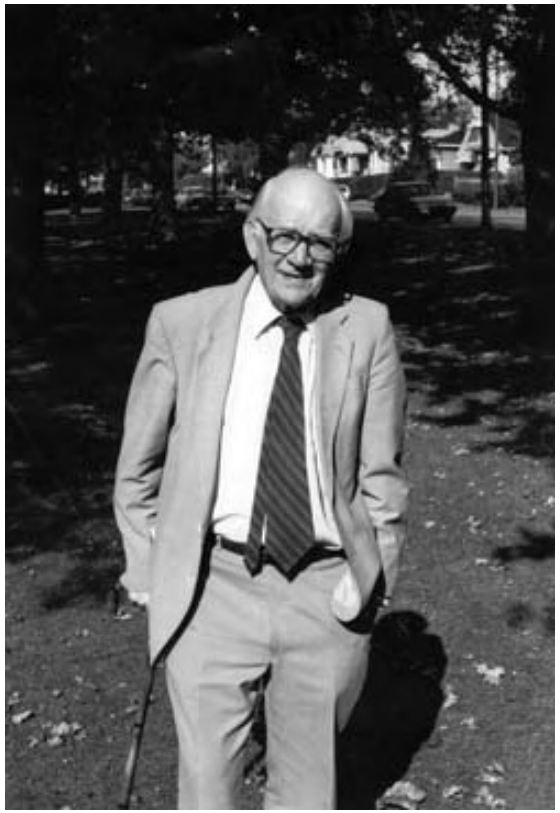

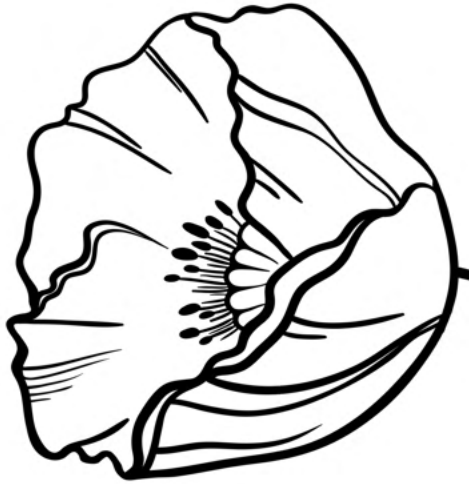

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Tonight's Menu

FIRST

Arugula, Frisee, and Endive Salad, Sundried Cherries, Roasted Apples, Caramelized Pecans,
Pomegranate Seeds, Calamansi, and Thyme Vinaigrette

MAIN

Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Smashed Potatoes, Charred Broccolini, Heirloom Carrots, Truffle Infused Jus

or

Fennel Pollen Roasted Maitake, Parsnip Puree, Mushroom Lentil Puree, Sauteed Spinach, Caramelized Fennel,
Sumac Glazed Carrot, Porcini Jus

DESSERT

Bourbon Vanilla Cheesecake, Cherry Glazed Fromage Blanc Dome,
surrounded by Crème Brûlée, Mixed Berry Compote

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TONIGHT'S FEATURED AUTHORS

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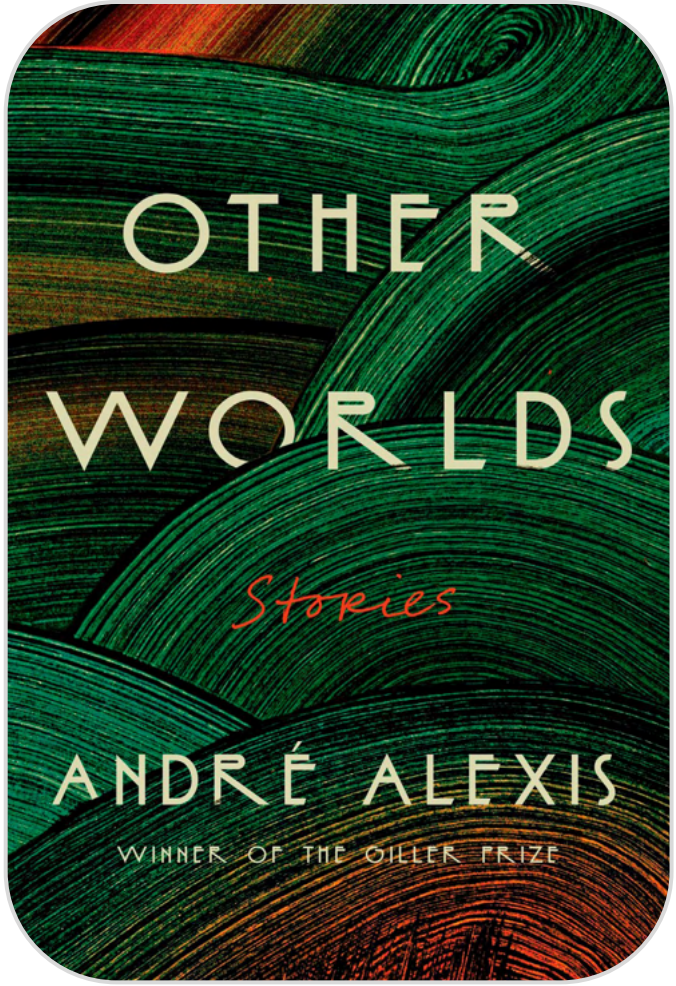
André Alexis

2022 Rising Stars Selector
2019 and 2015 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize
Winner for *Days by Moonlight* and *Fifteen Dogs*
2014 and 1998 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize
Finalist for *Pastoral* and *Childhood*



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1977 - 1988 Member, Writers' Trust
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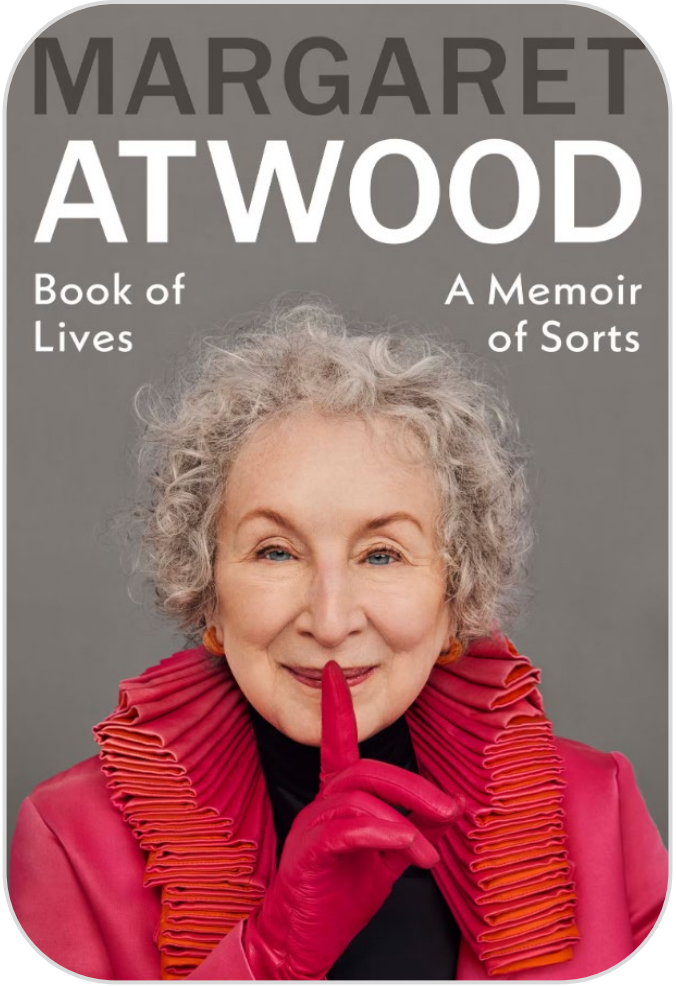

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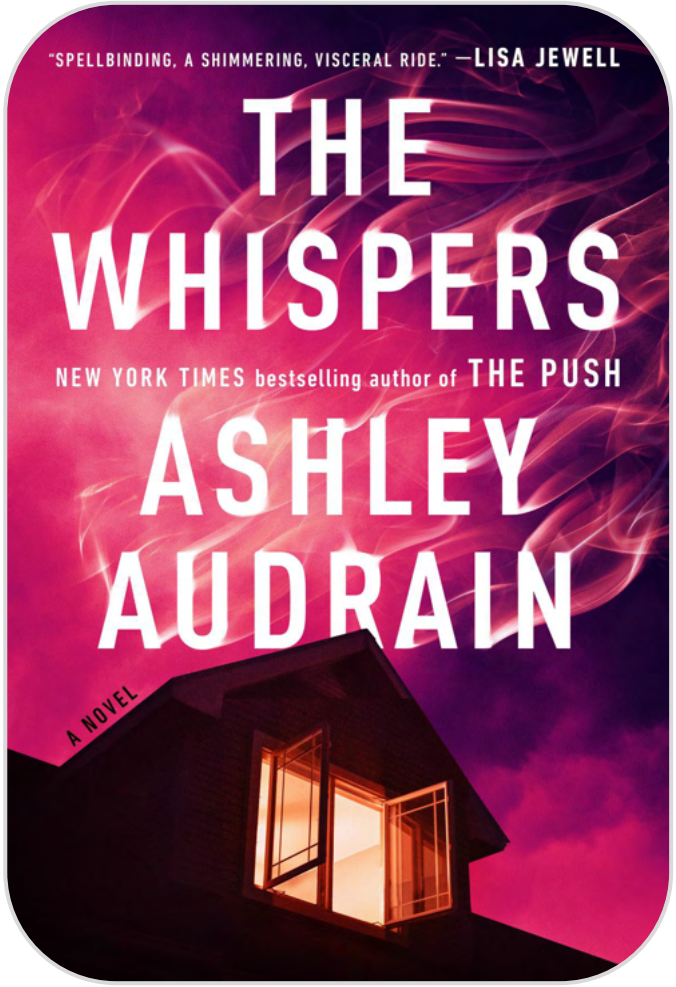

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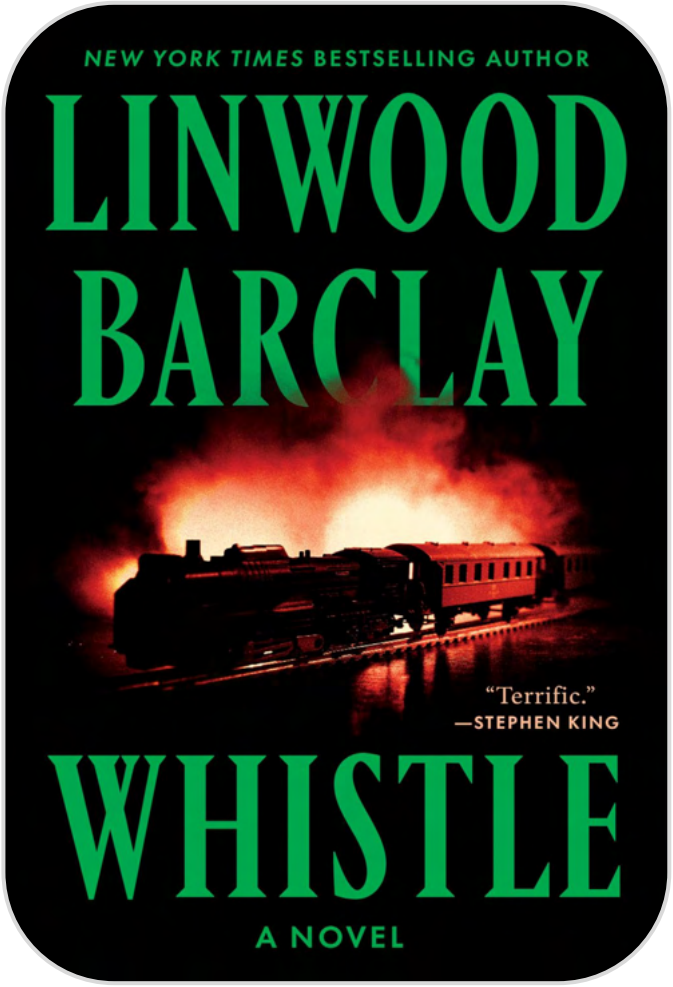

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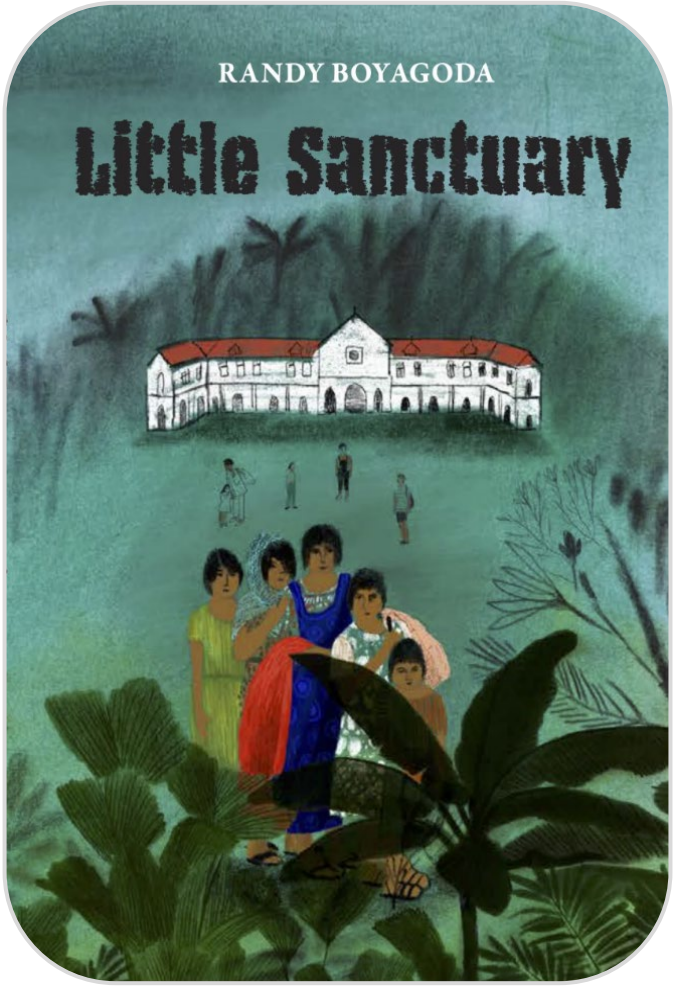

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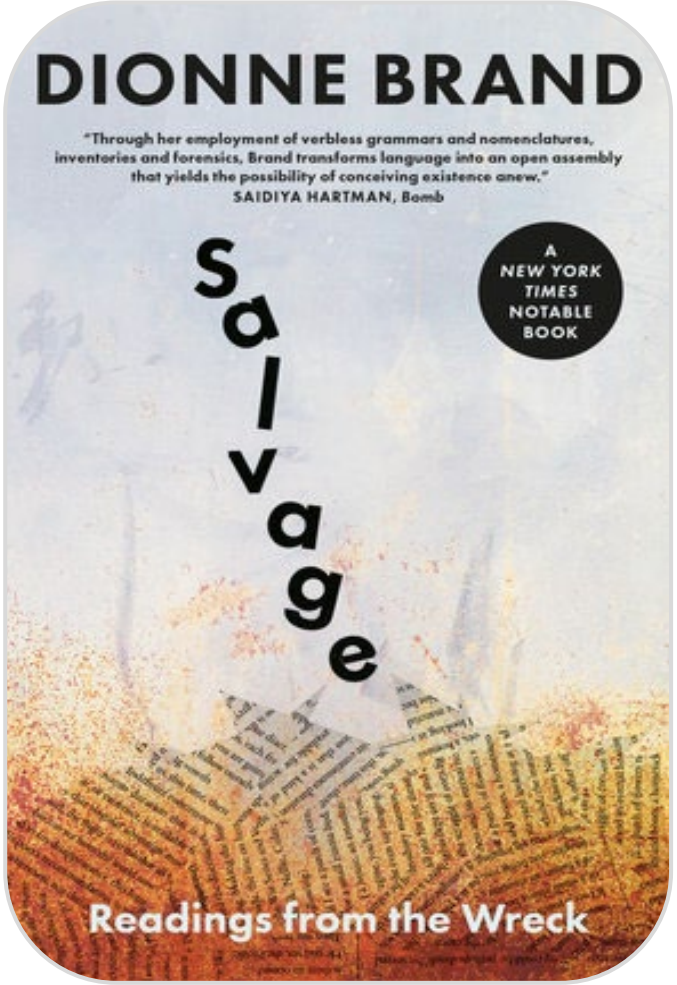
Dionne Brand

2012 Margaret Laurence Lecturer
2007 Journey Prize Juror



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2017 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Finalist
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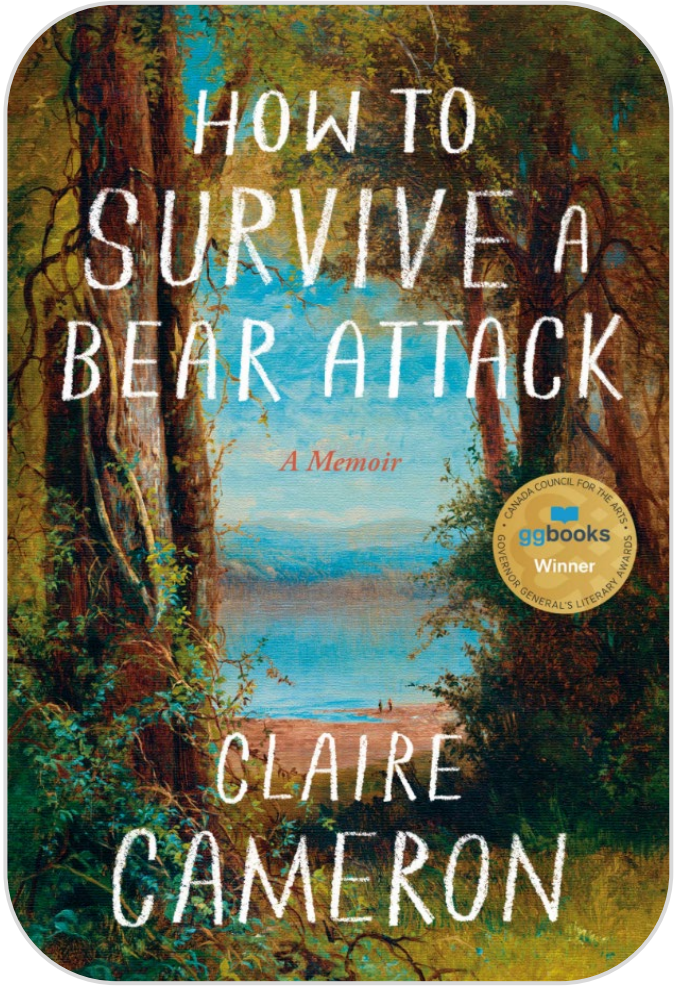

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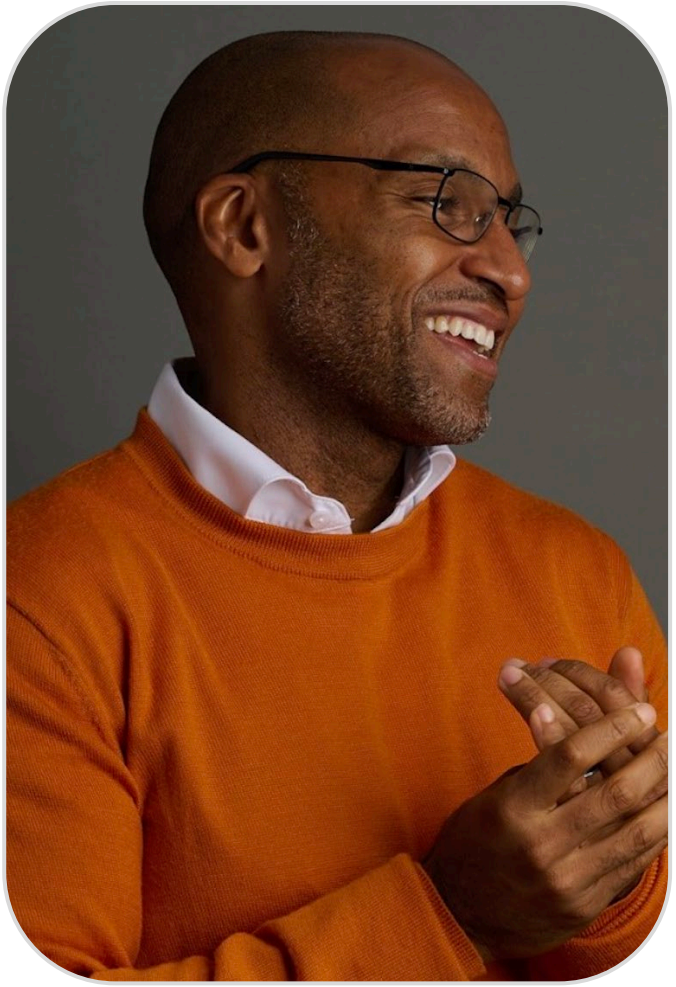

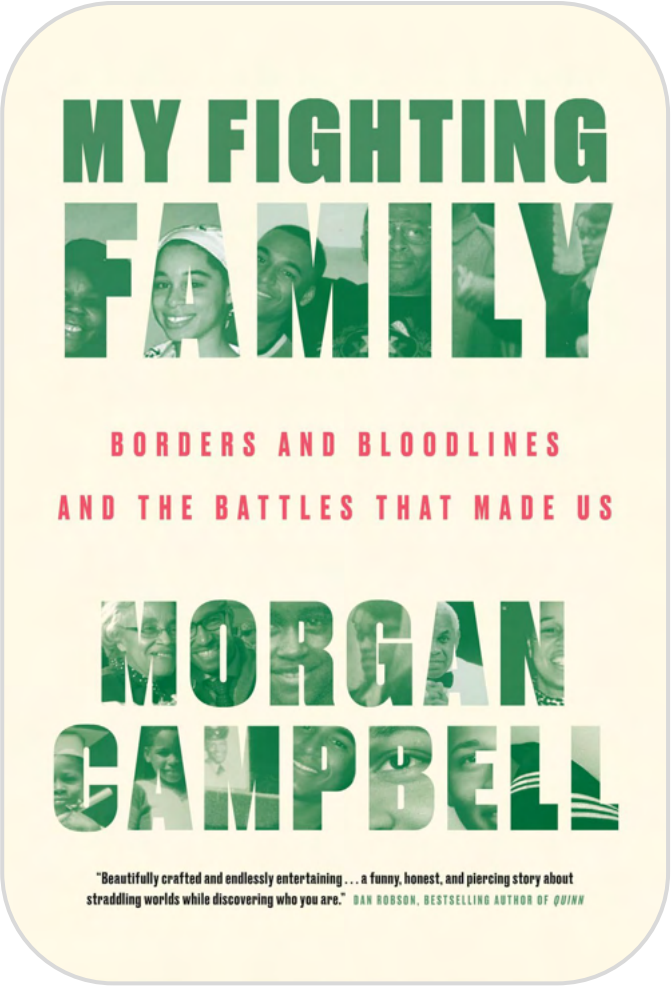

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2019 Rising Stars Selector
2017 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Winner
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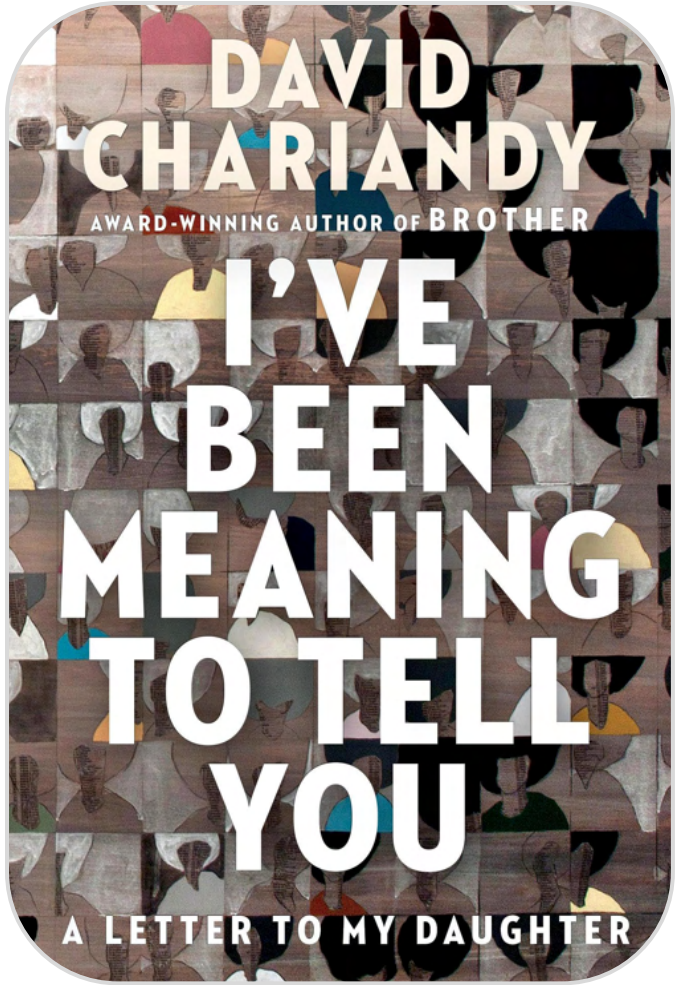
2015 Engel Findley Award Juror



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Ann Y.K. Choi

2018 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Juror

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Michael Crummey

2025 Rising Stars Selector
2019 and 2005 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Finalist
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2015 WT Fellowship Recipient
2007 Engel Findley Award Winner
1994 RBC Bronwen Wallace Award for
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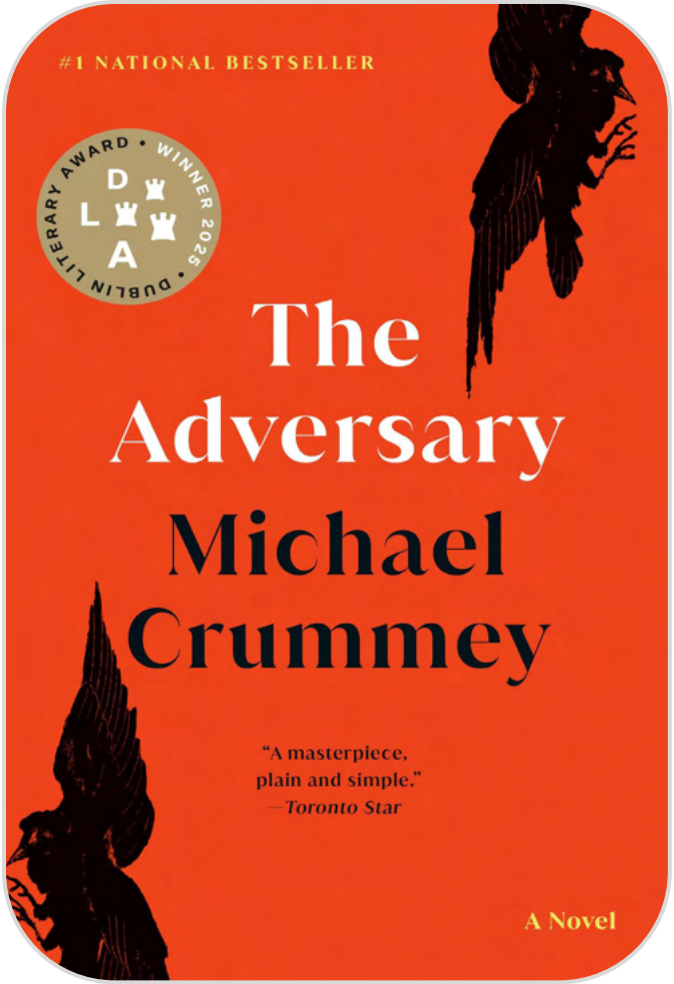

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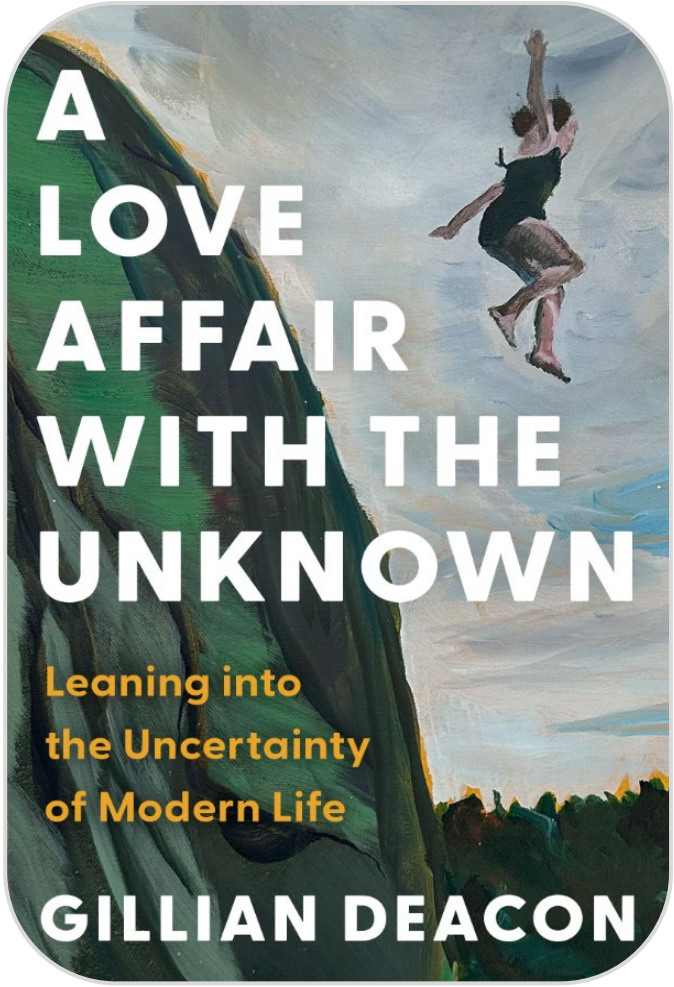

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2011 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Juror
2010 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Winner
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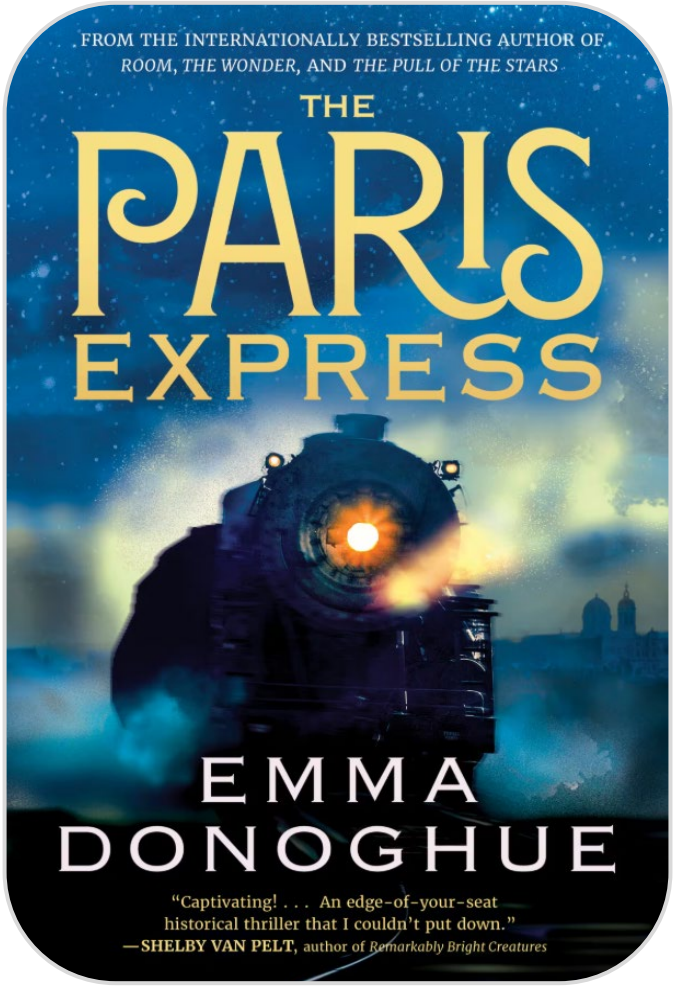

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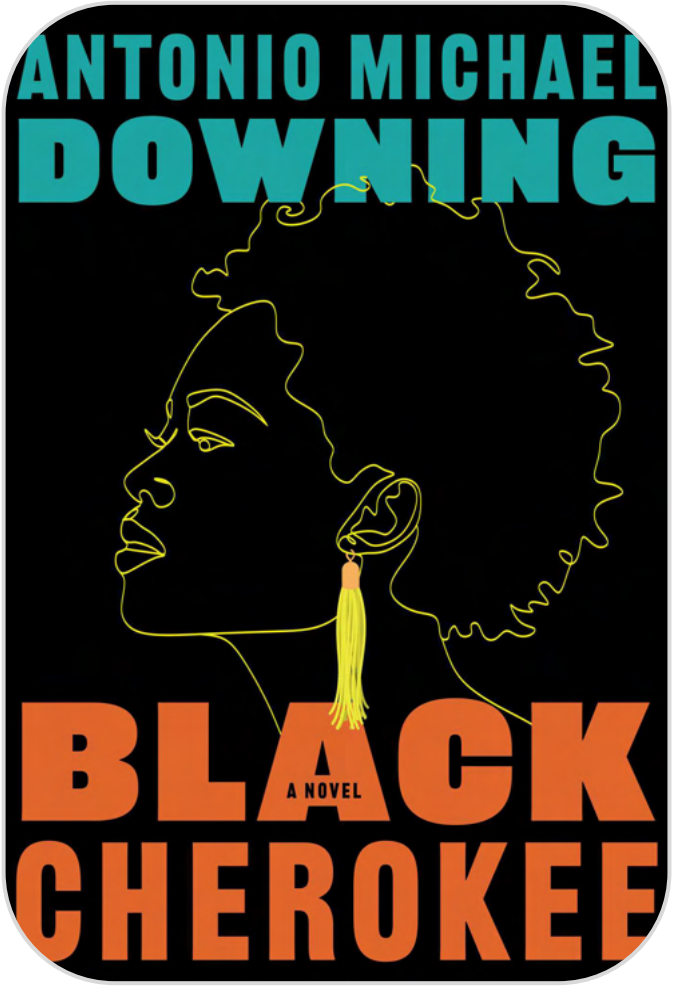

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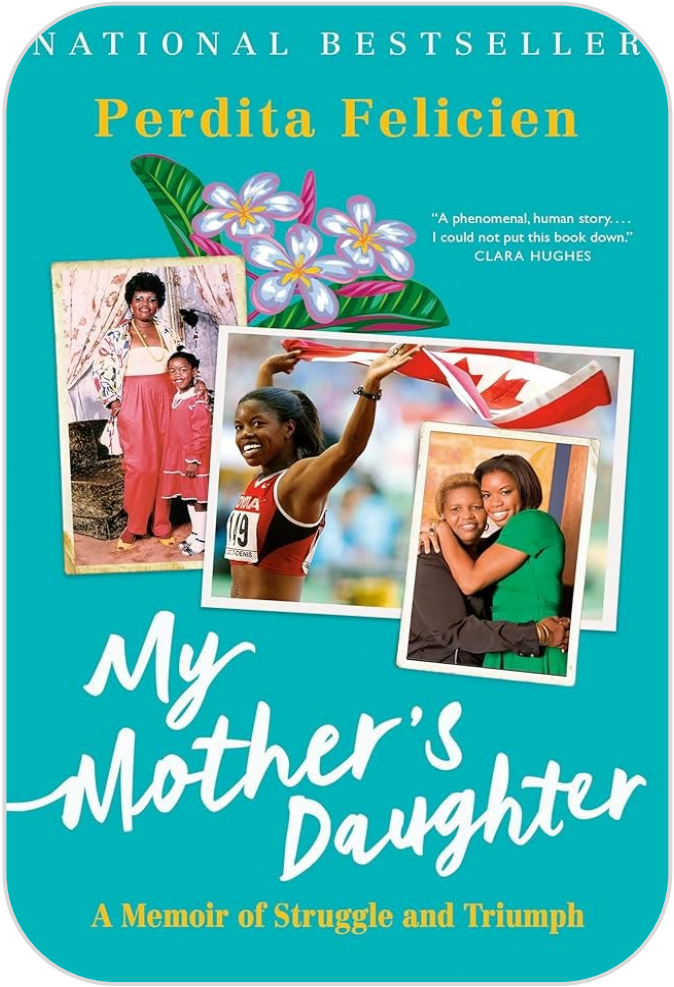

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2014 Hilary Weston Prize for Nonfiction Juror
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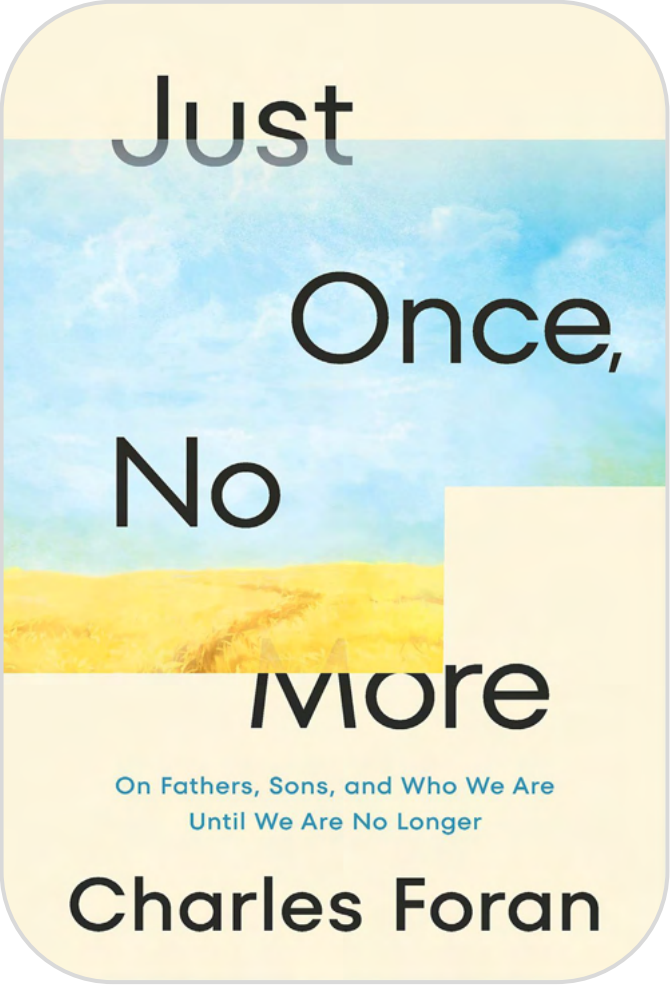

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Each table at the Storytellers Ball features a wonderful Canadian author and includes a copy of their latest book for you to take home and enjoy. Be sure to have them sign it too!

There's a bookmark to tuck into your new book.

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Emma Knight

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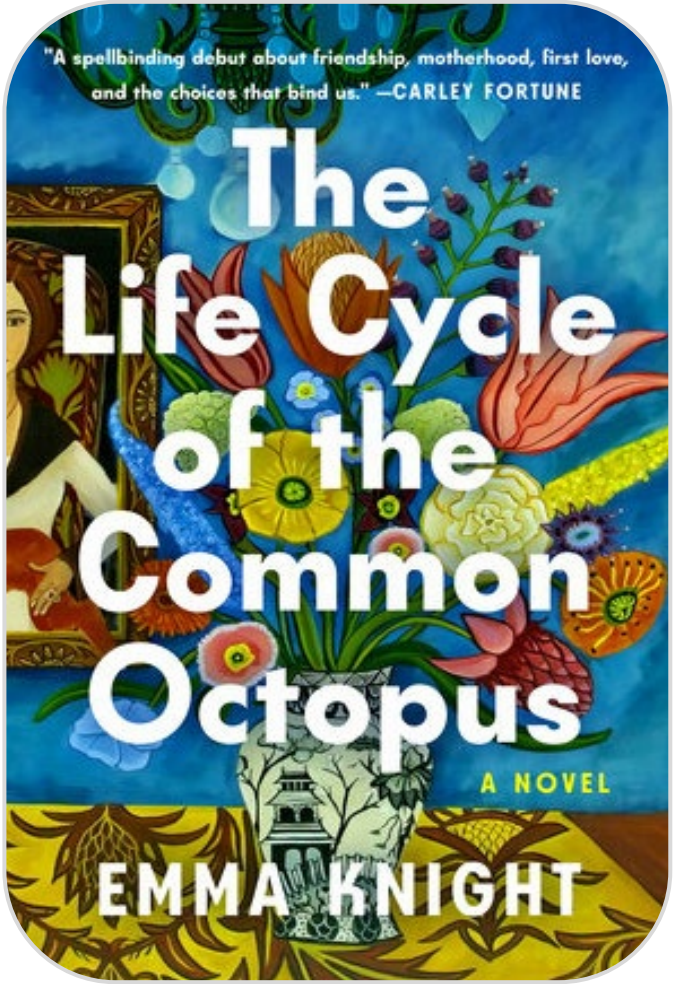

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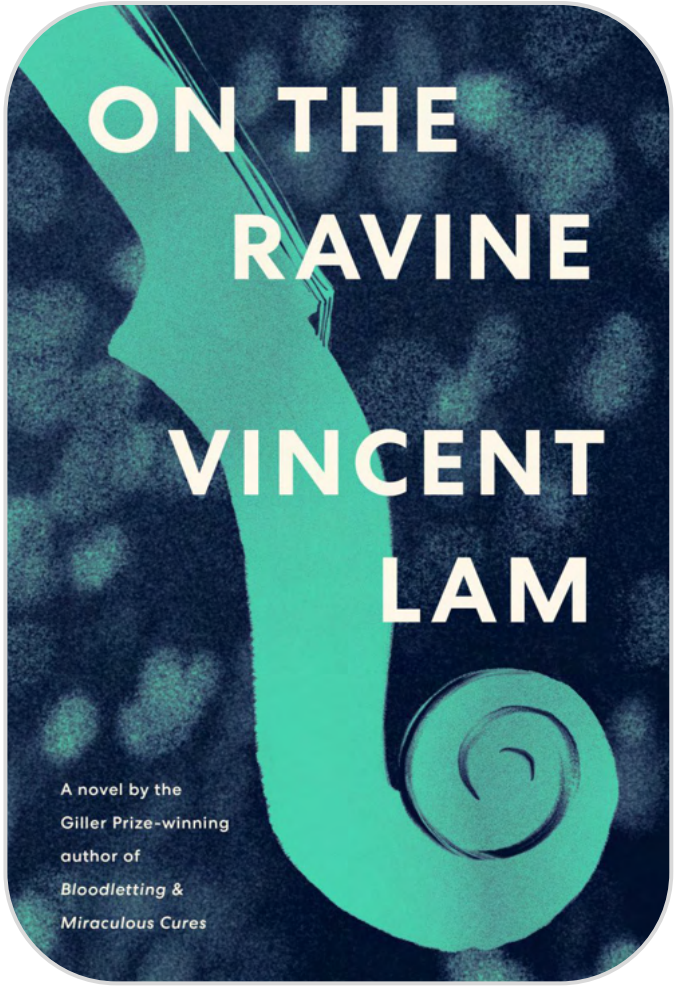

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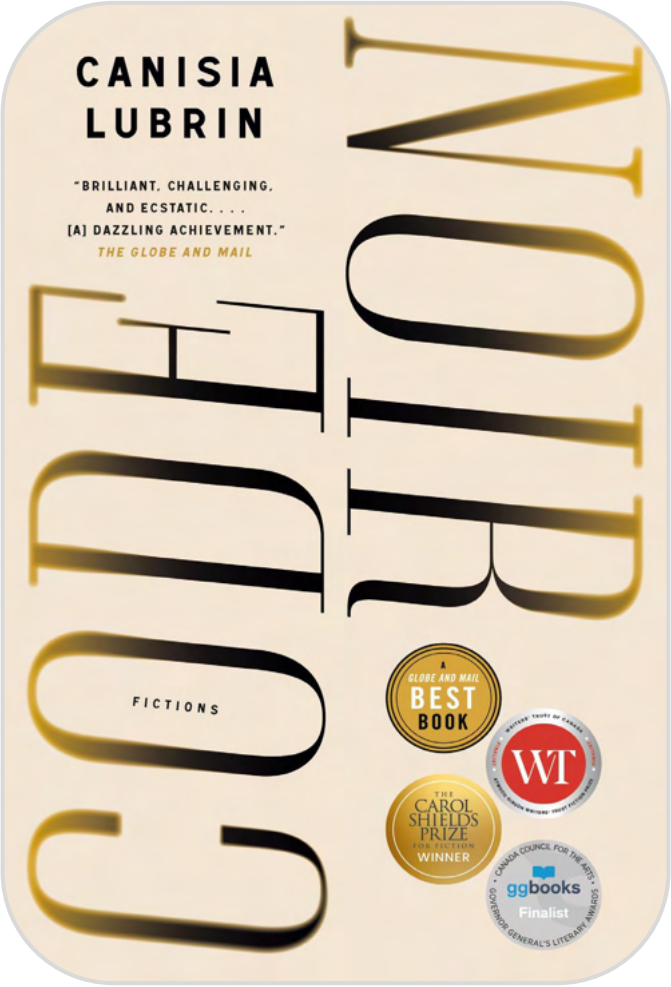

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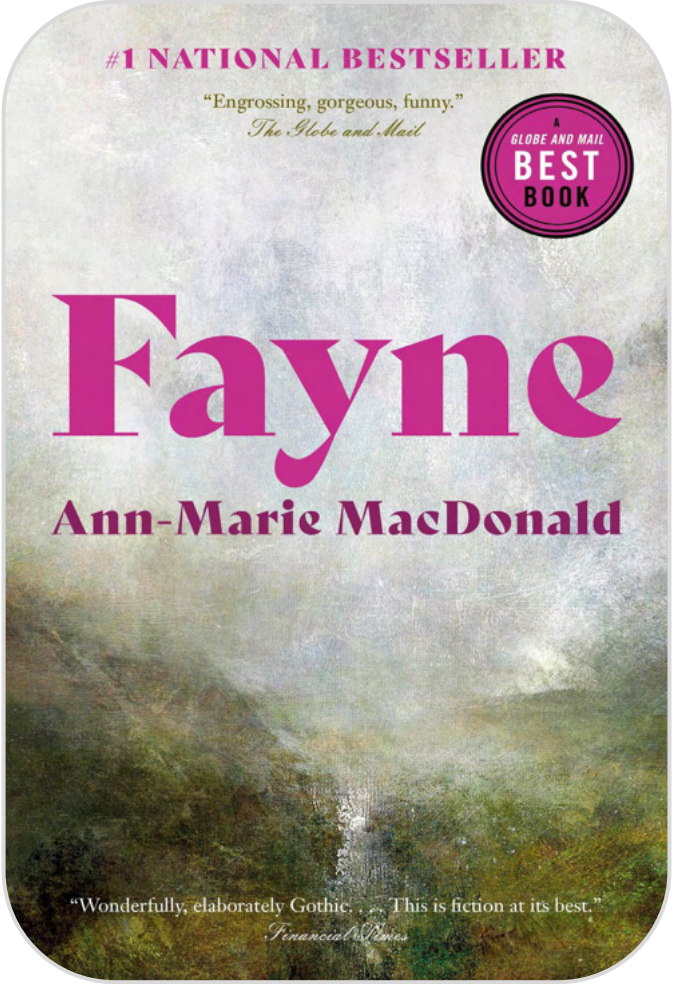

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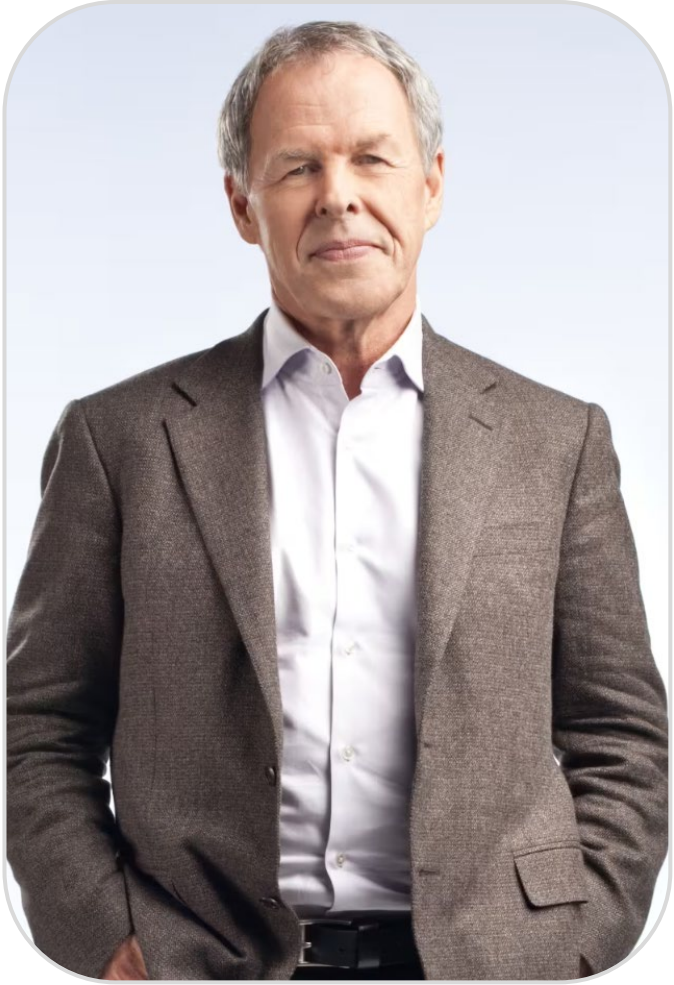

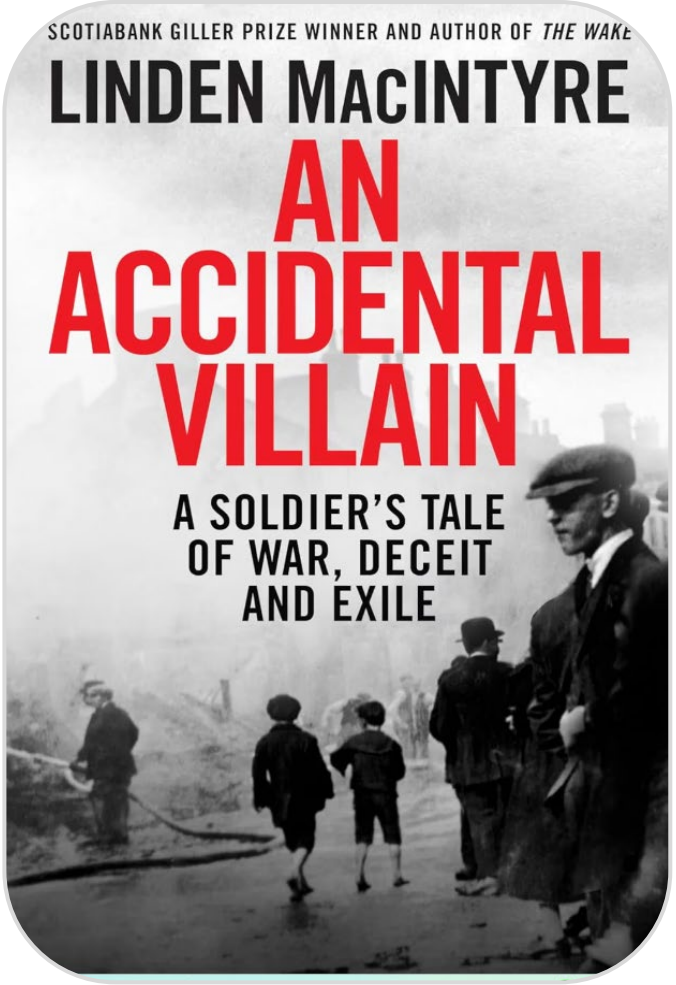

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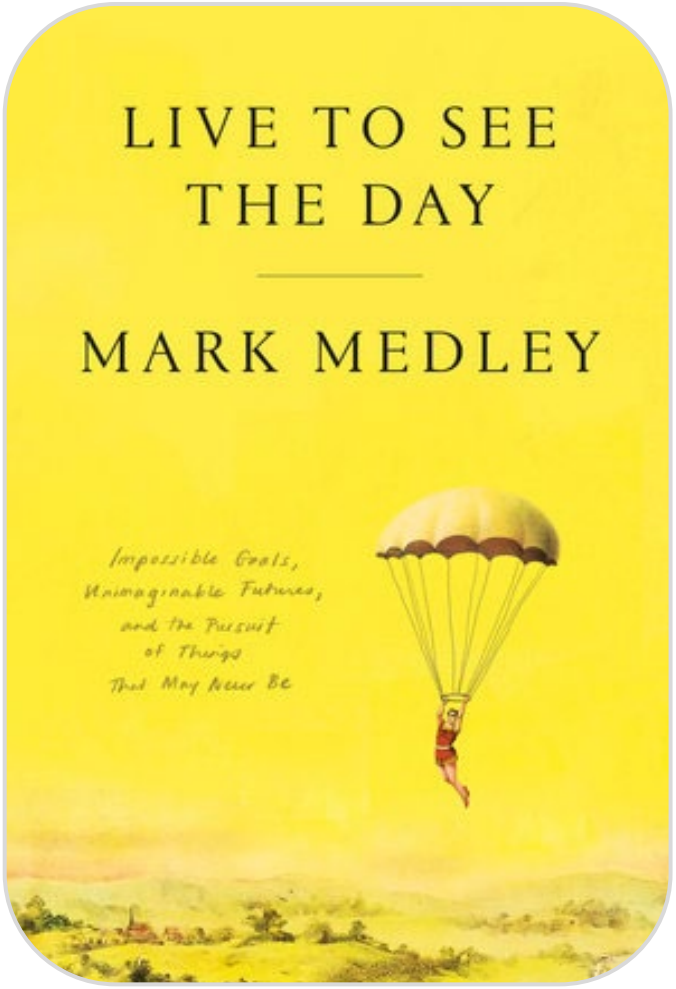
Mark Medley

2015 WT Fellowship Juror
2013 Journey Prize Juror



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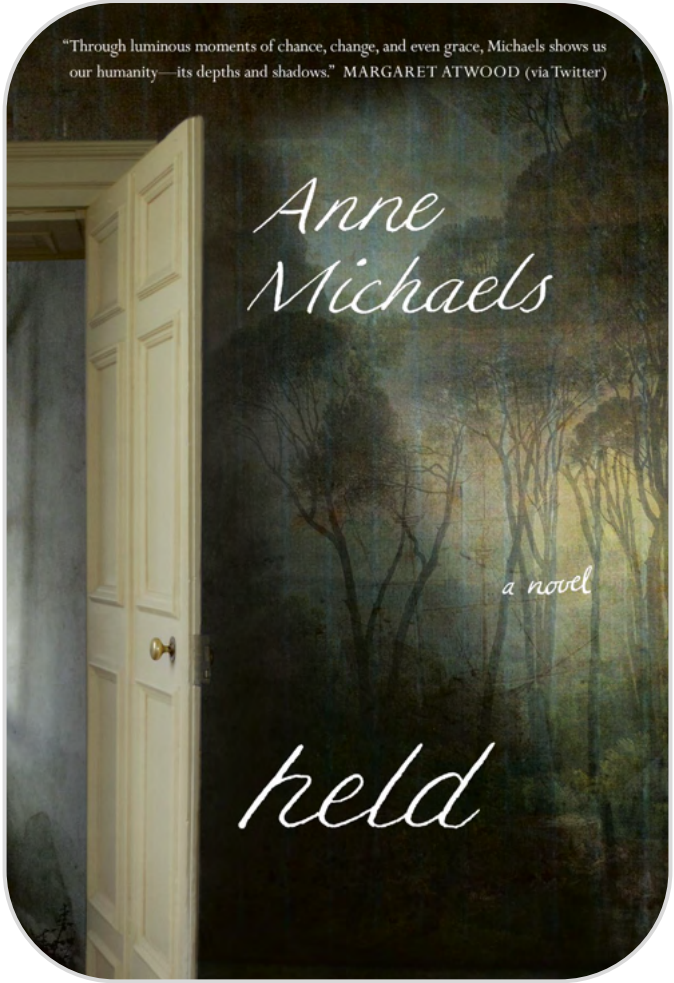

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Carol Off

2017 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing Finalist and 2017 Hilary Weston Prize for Nonfiction Finalist for *All We Leave Behind*
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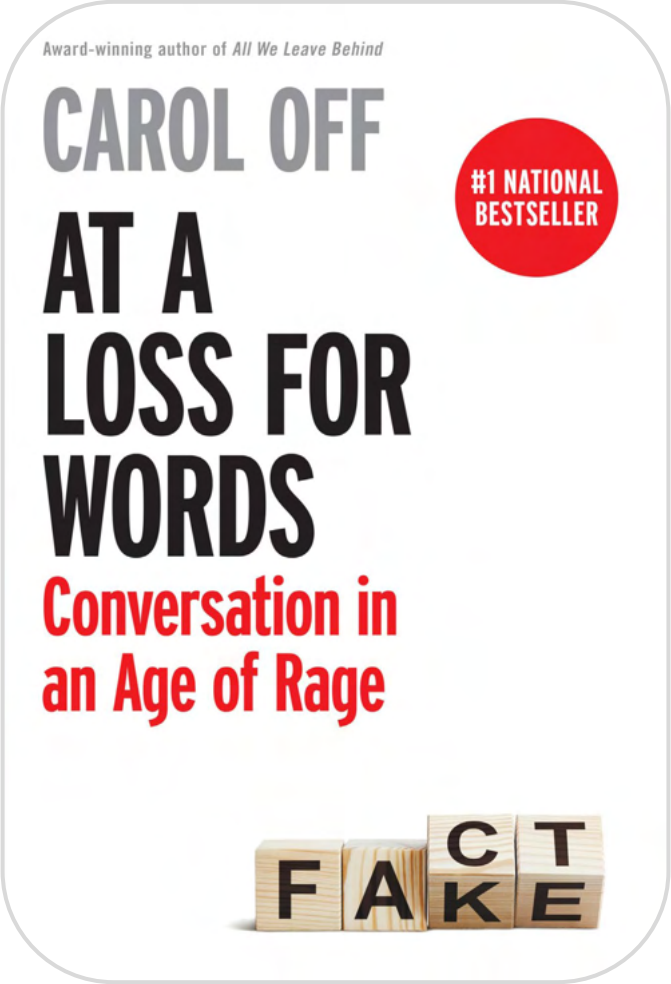
2000 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing Finalist for *The Lion, the Fox, & the Eagle*



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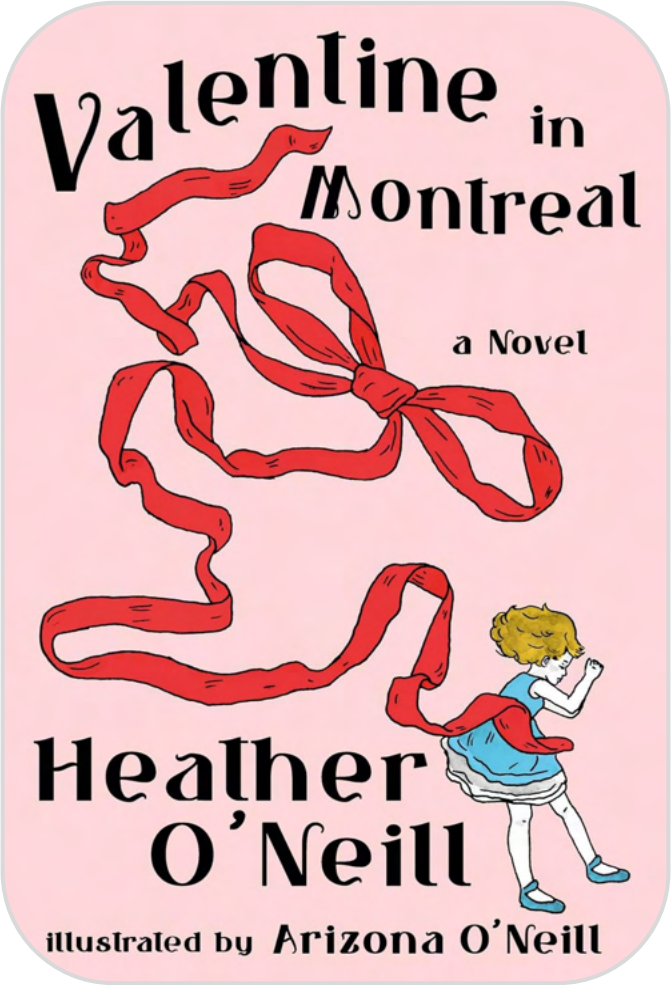

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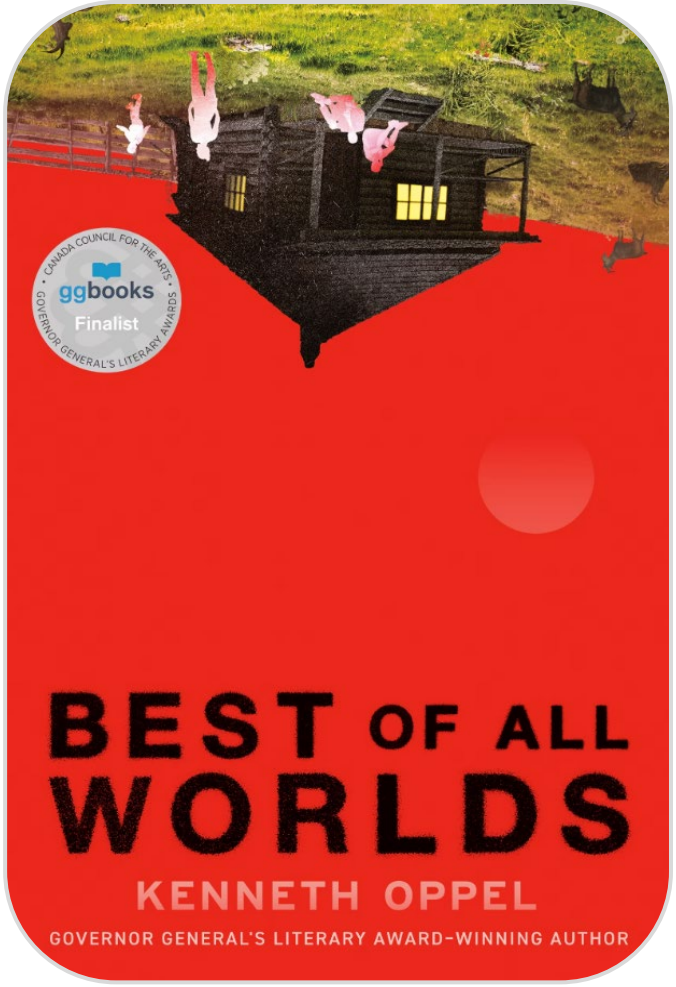
2006 Vicky Metcalf Award for Literature for Young People Winner



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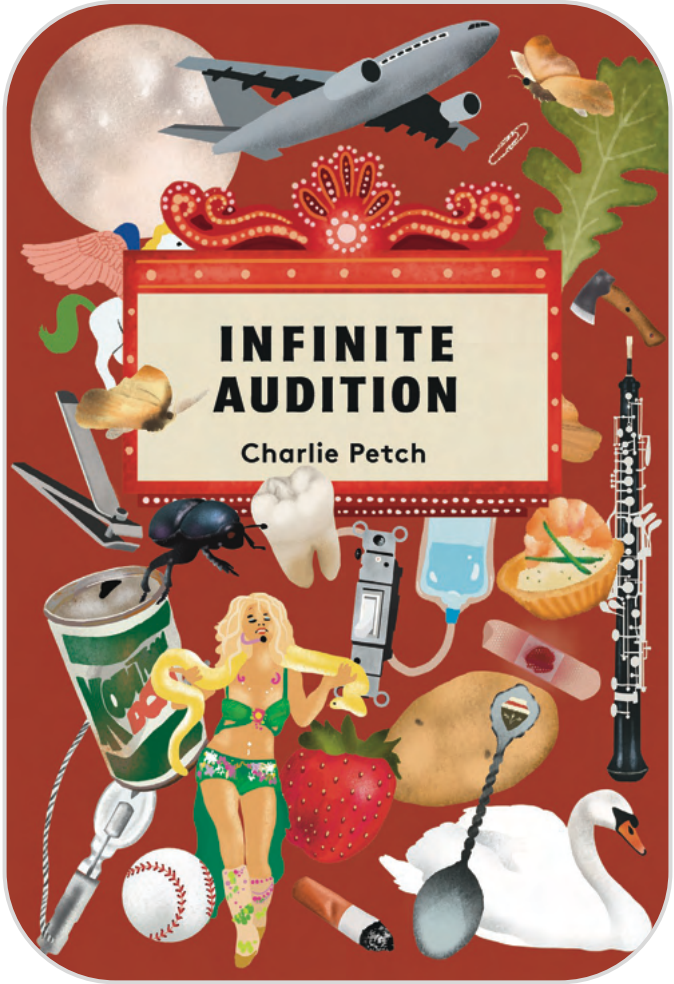
2023 Berton House Writers' Residency



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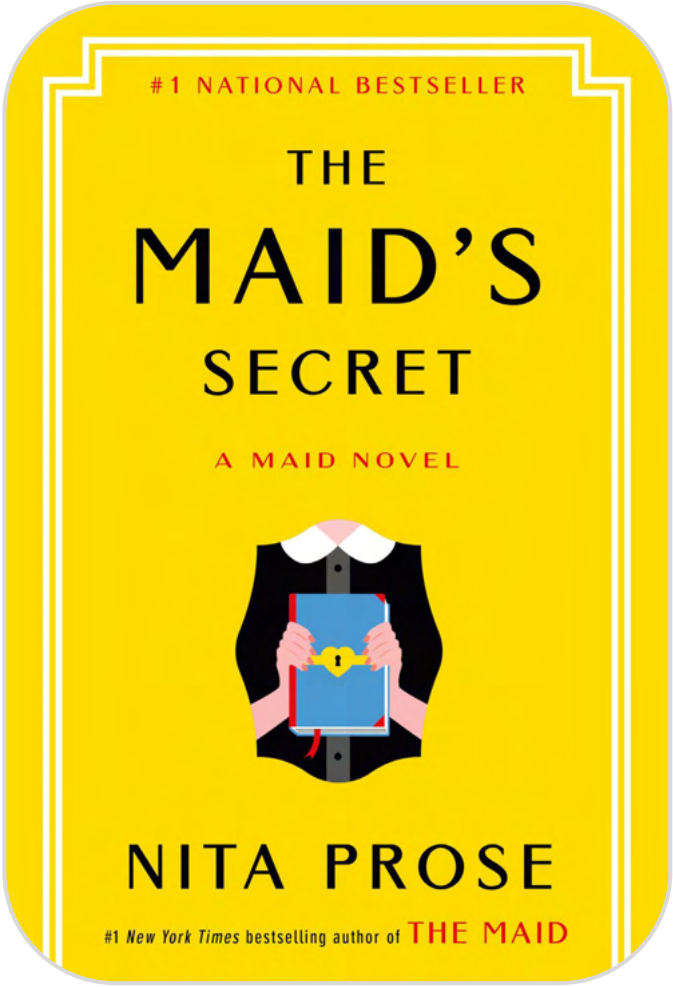

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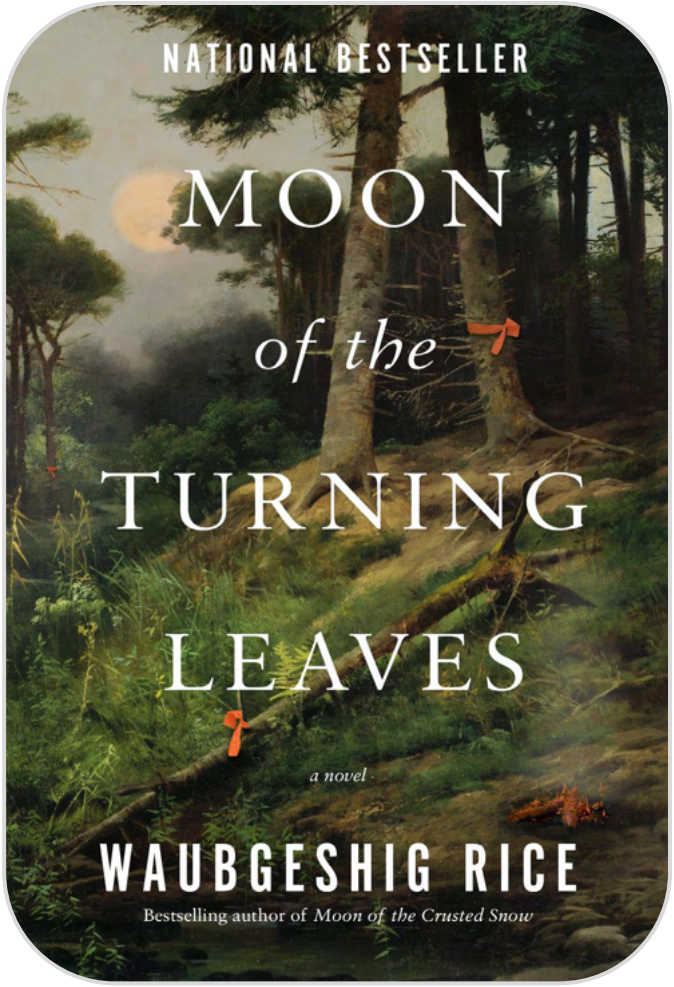
Waubgeshig Rice

2020 - 2026 Authors' Advisory Group Member

2020 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Juror



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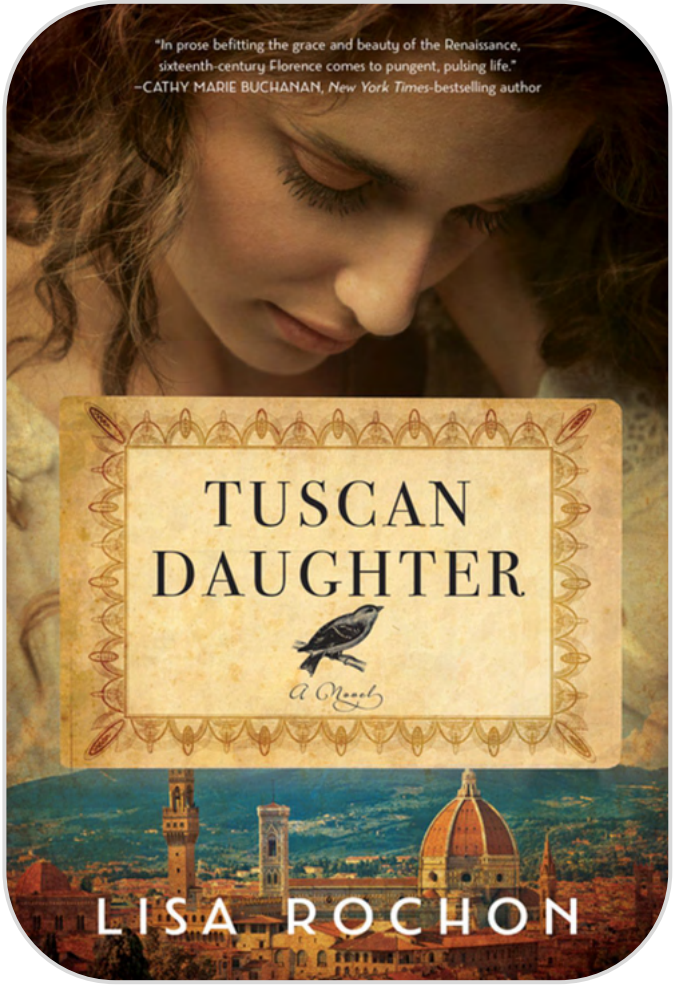
2026 Storytellers Ball Committee Member



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2024 Hilary Weston Prize for Nonfiction Juror
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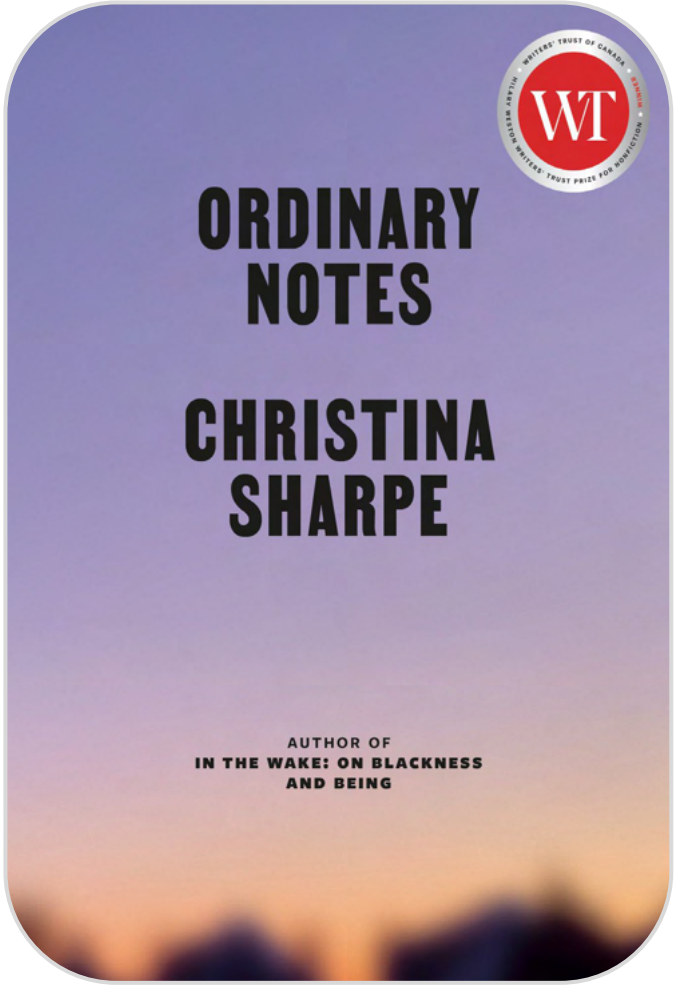
for *Ordinary Notes*



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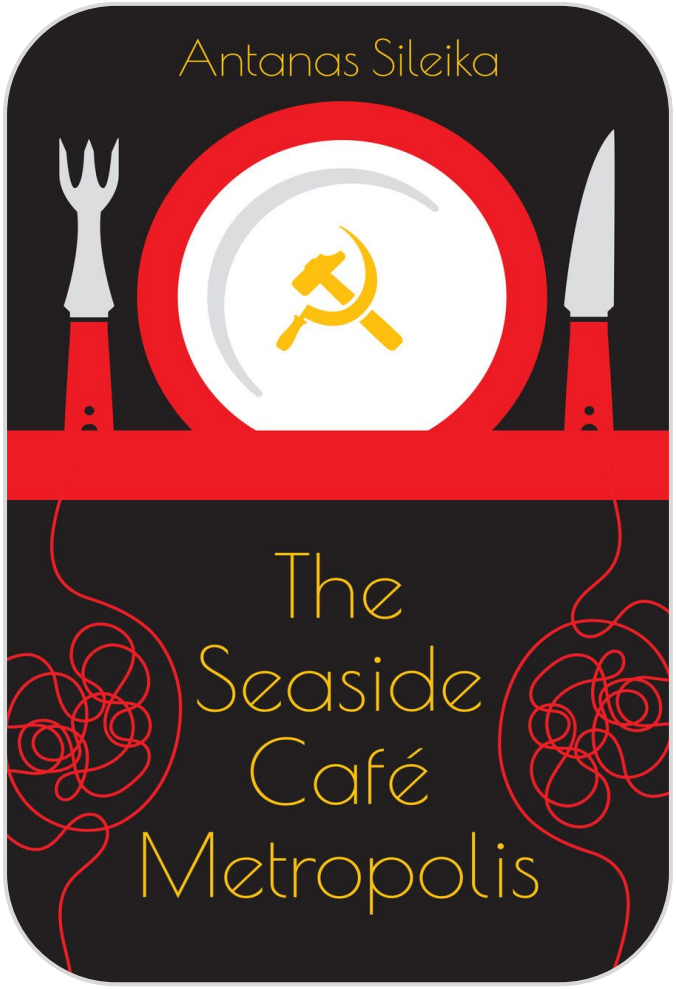
2005 Engel Findley Award Juror
2000 - 2004 Authors' Advisory Group Member



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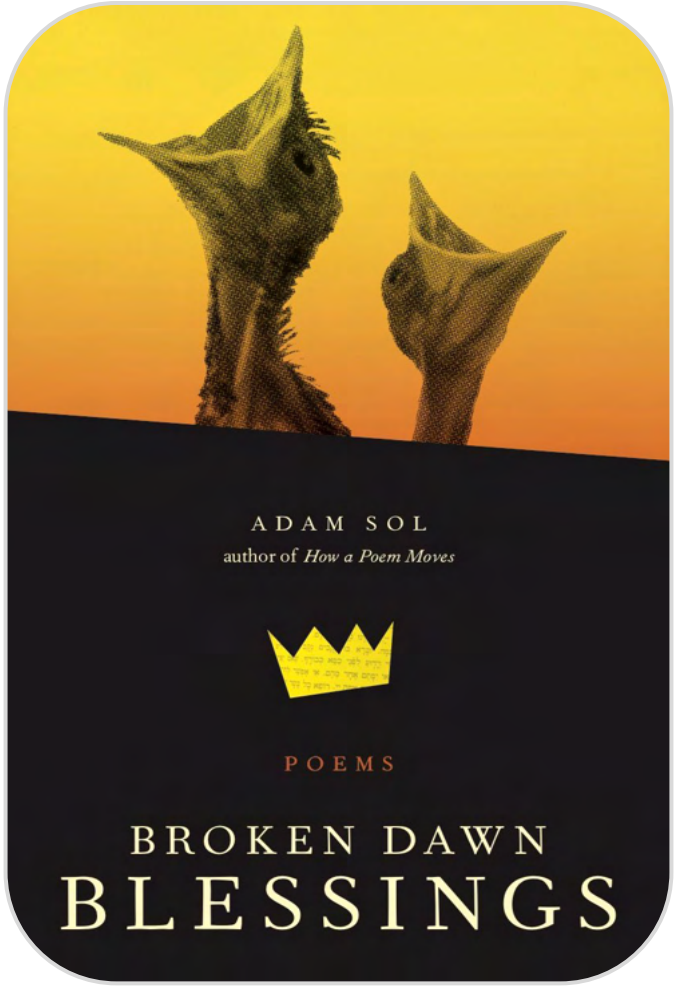
2009 - 2015 Member, Writers' Trust Board of Directors
2007 - 2014 Authors' Advisory Group Member



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Susan Swan

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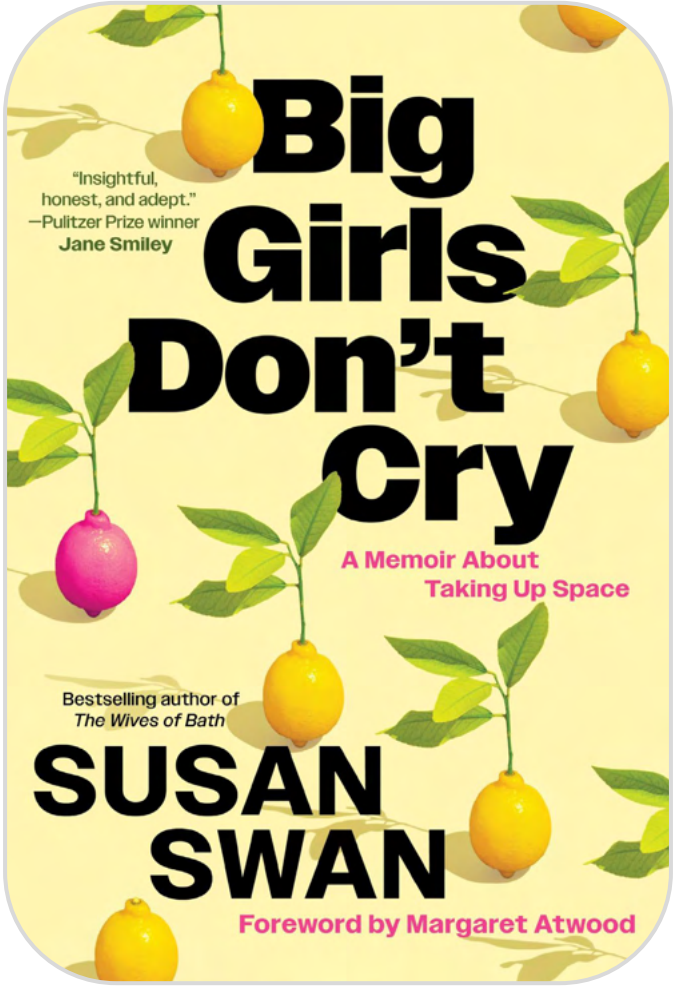

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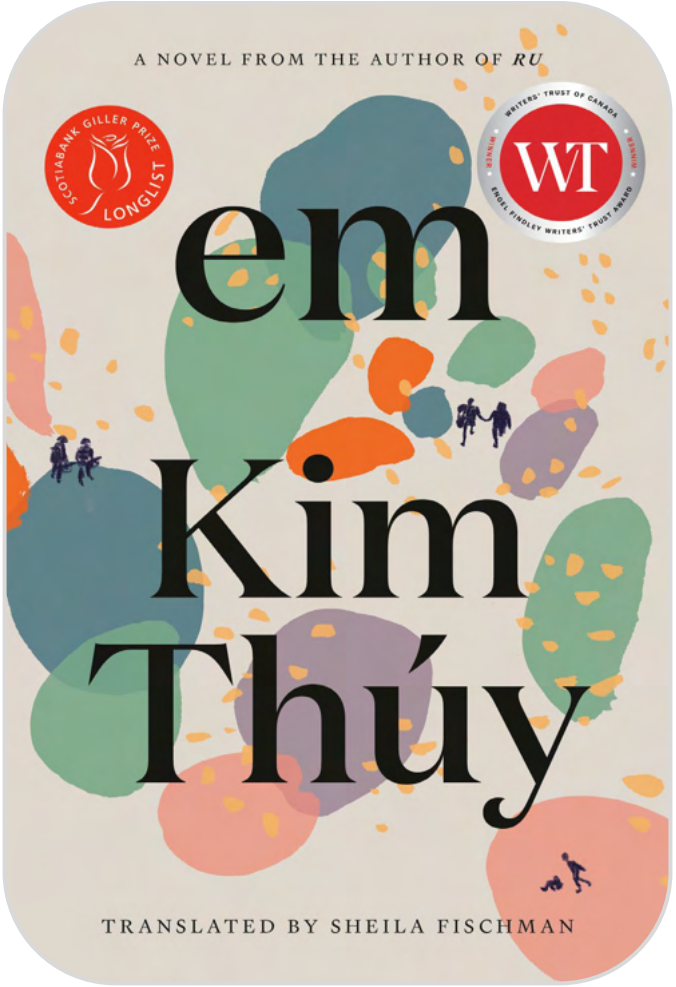

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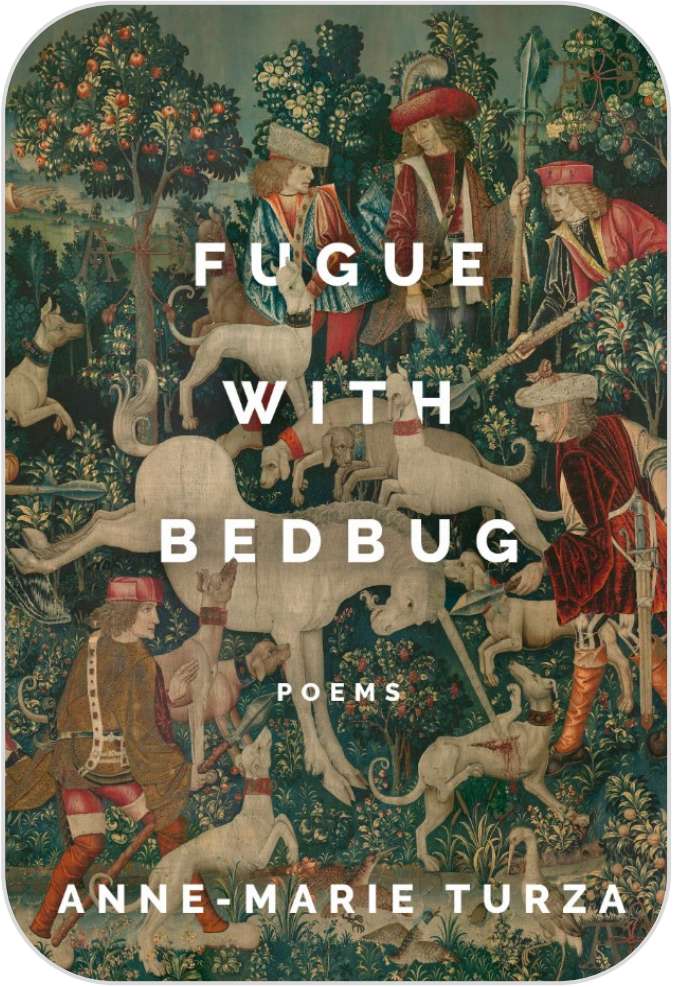
2011 RBC Bronwen Wallace Award for Emerging Writers Finalist



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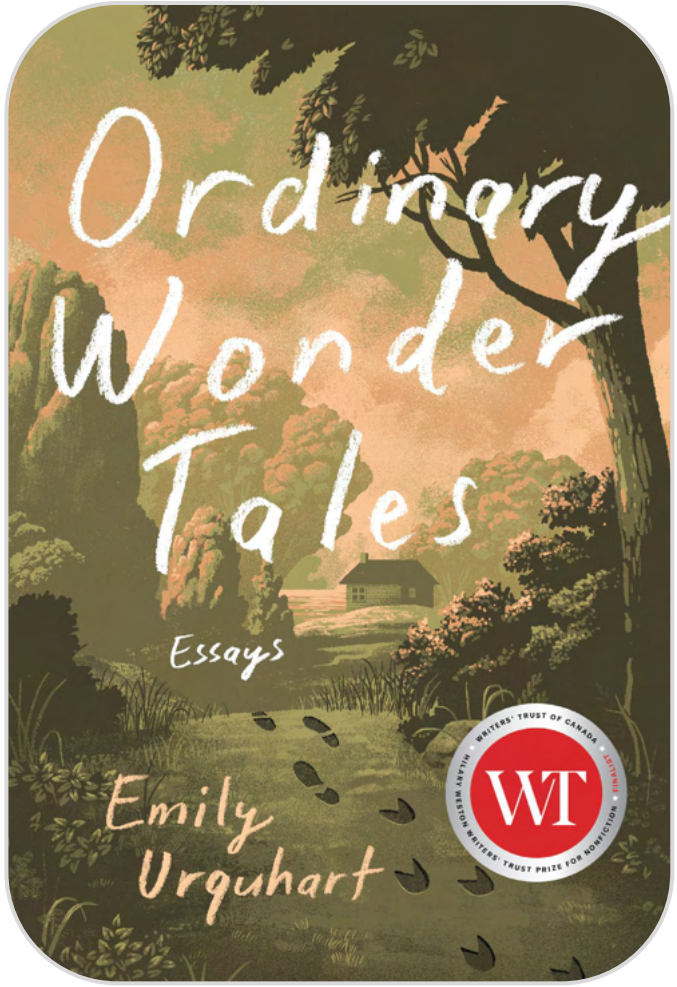
2019 - 2025 Authors' Advisory Group Member
2023 Hilary Weston Nonfiction Prize Finalist for *Ordinary Wonder Tales*
2016 Hilary Weston Nonfiction Prize Juror



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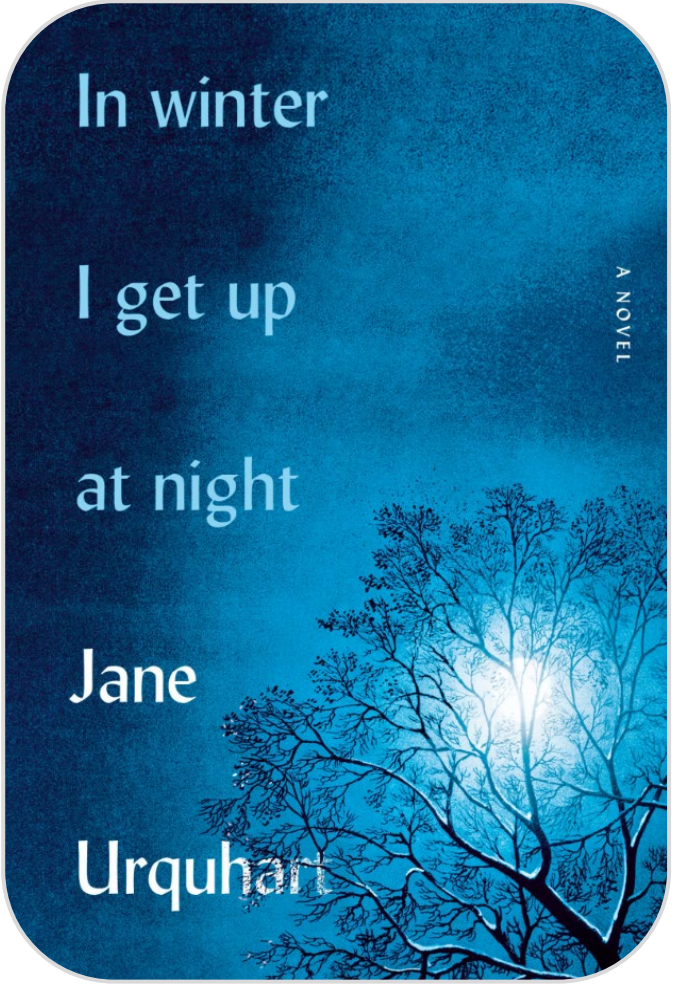
Jane Urquhart

2013 Engel Findley Juror
2003 - 2006 Authors' Advisory Group Member
2003 - 2006 Member, Writers' Trust Board of Directors
1997 Atwood Gibson Fiction Prize Finalist for *The Underpainter*
1994 Engel Findley Award Winner



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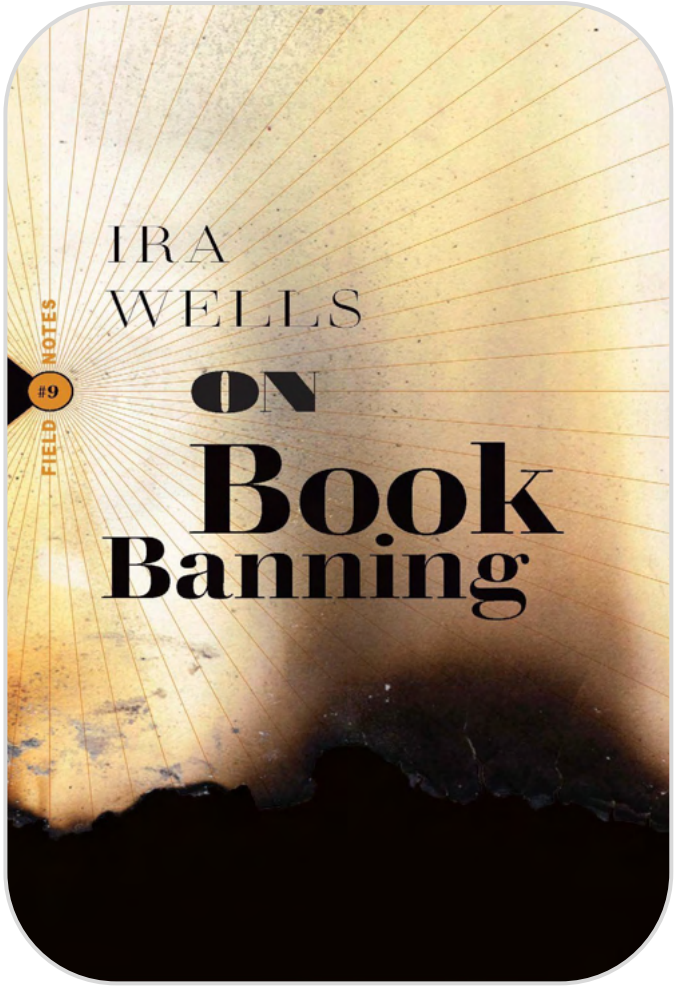

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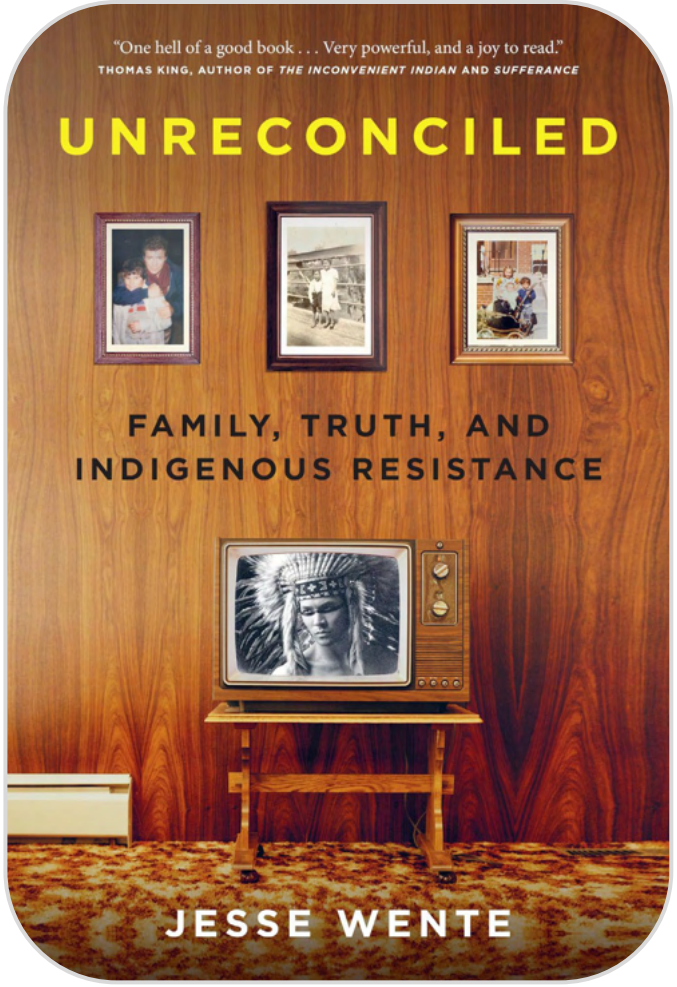
2021 Amplified Voices Contributor



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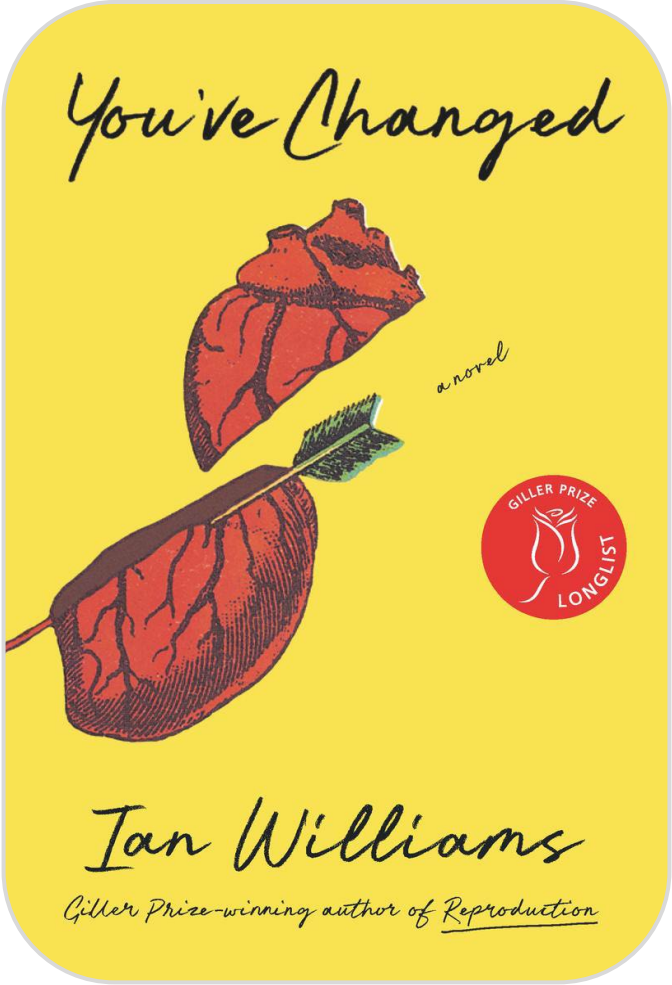
Ian Williams

2021 Hilary Weston Prize for Nonfiction
Finalist for *Disorientation*
2015 Latner Griffin Prize Juror



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1988 - 1995 Member, Writers' Trust
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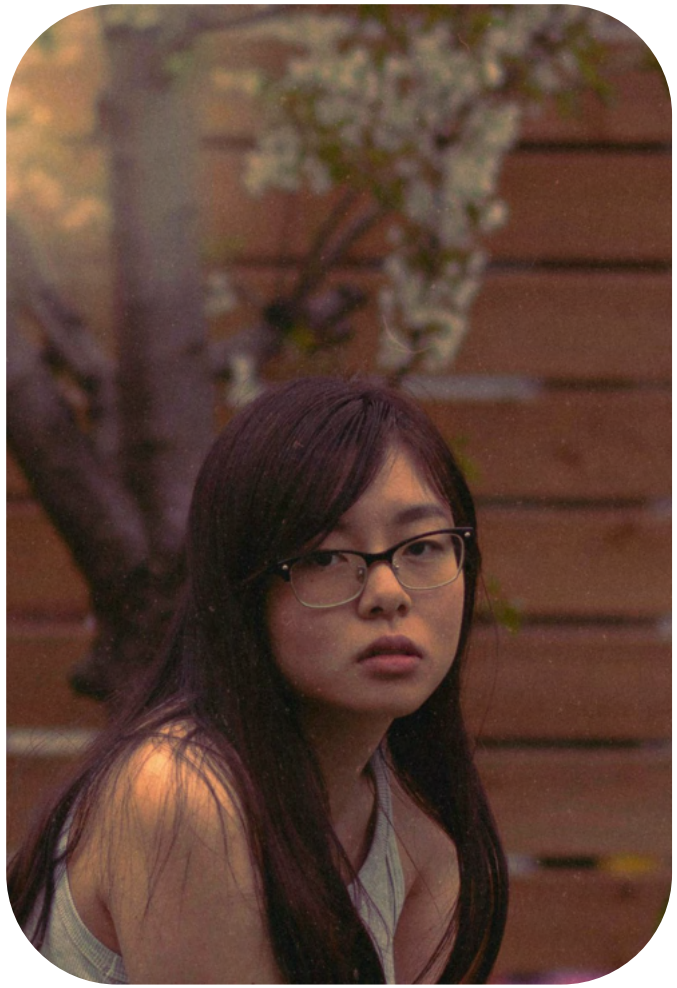

Carolyn Chung

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Read and share the testimonials from tonight's featured authors written on your placemat. Each one is different and provides insight into their experience as writers and which Canadian authors inspire them.

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André Alexis – 25
Margaret Atwood – 15
Ashley Audrain – 9
Linwood Barclay – 6
Randy Boyagoda – 21
Dionne Brand – 22
Claire Cameron – 14
Morgan Campbell – 19
David Chariandy – 18
Ann Y.K. Choi – 37
Carolyn Chung – 40
Michael Crummey – 17
Gillian Deacon – 34
Emma Donoghue – 36
Antonio Michael Downing – 1
Perdita Felicien – 30
Charles Foran – 4
Carley Fortune – 23
John Irving – 35
Zak Jones – 40
Emma Knight – 15
Vincent Lam – 26
Canisia Lubrin – 20
Ann-Marie MacDonald – 13
Linden MacIntyre – 24
Mark Medley – 20

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Authors' Table Numbers

Anne Michaels – 16
Phillip Dwight Morgan – 40
Carol Off – 11
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Kenneth Oppel – 8
Charlie Petch – 28
Nita Prose – 10
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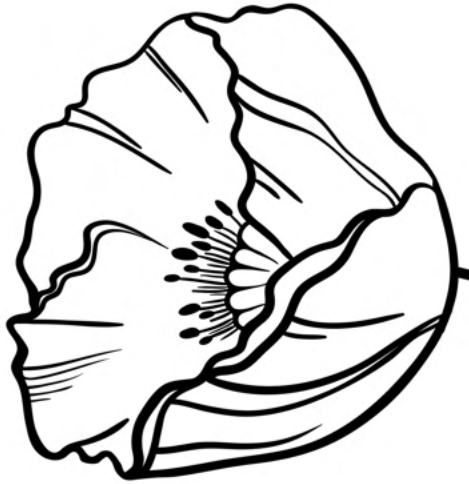

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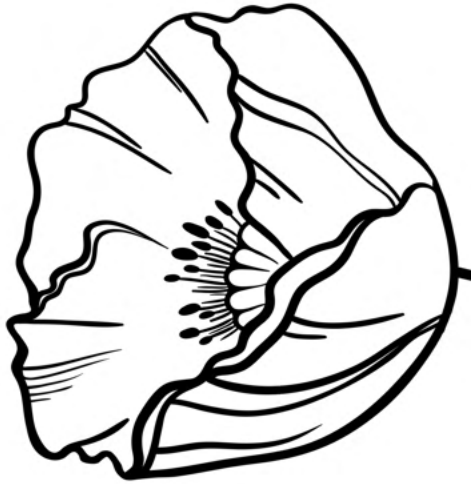

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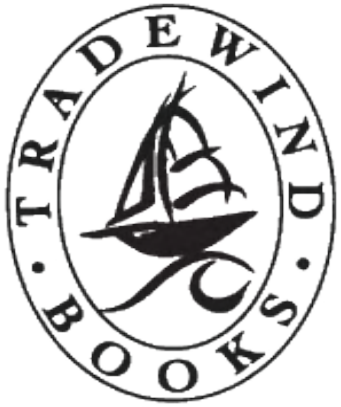

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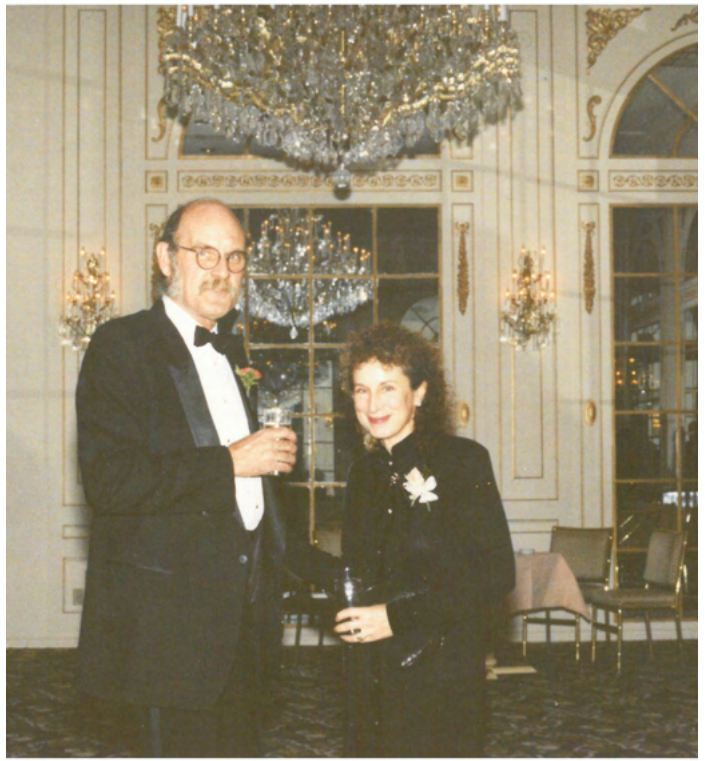

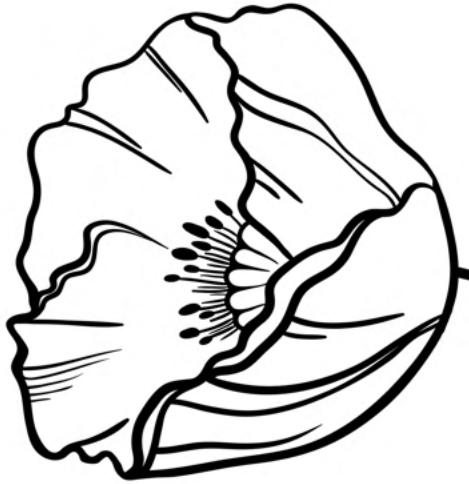

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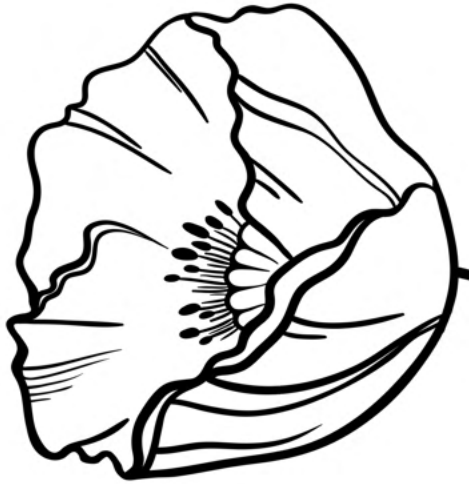

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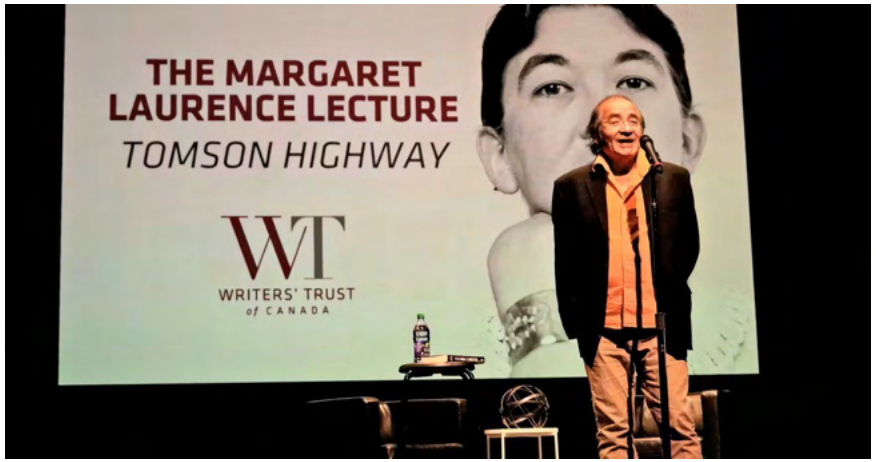

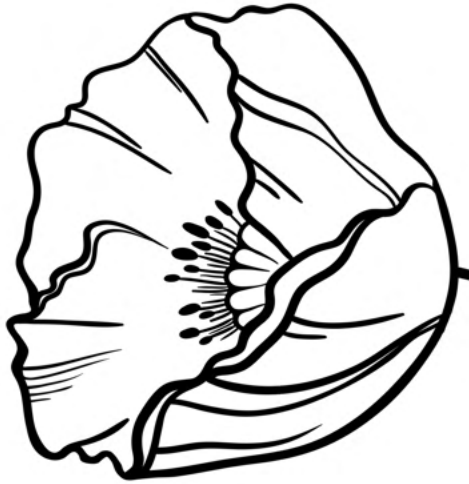

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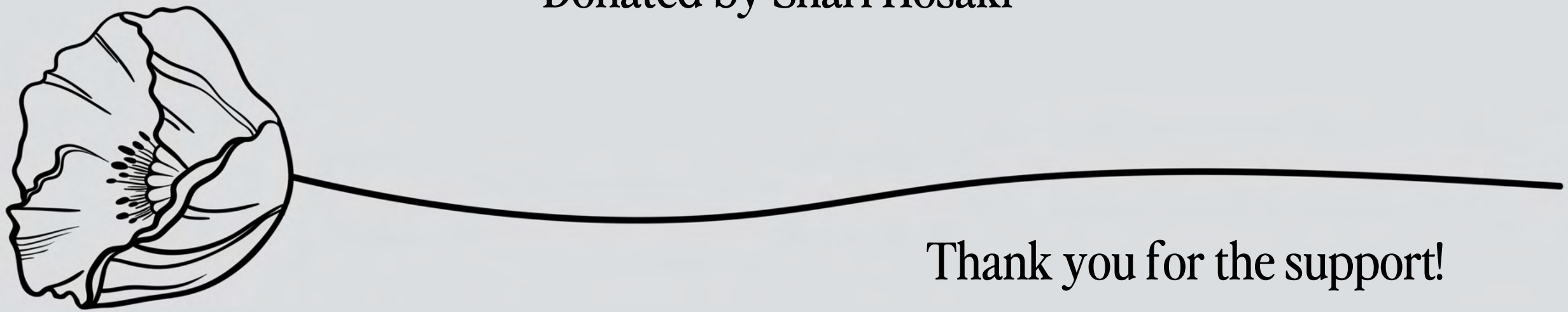

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We're grateful for the efforts of

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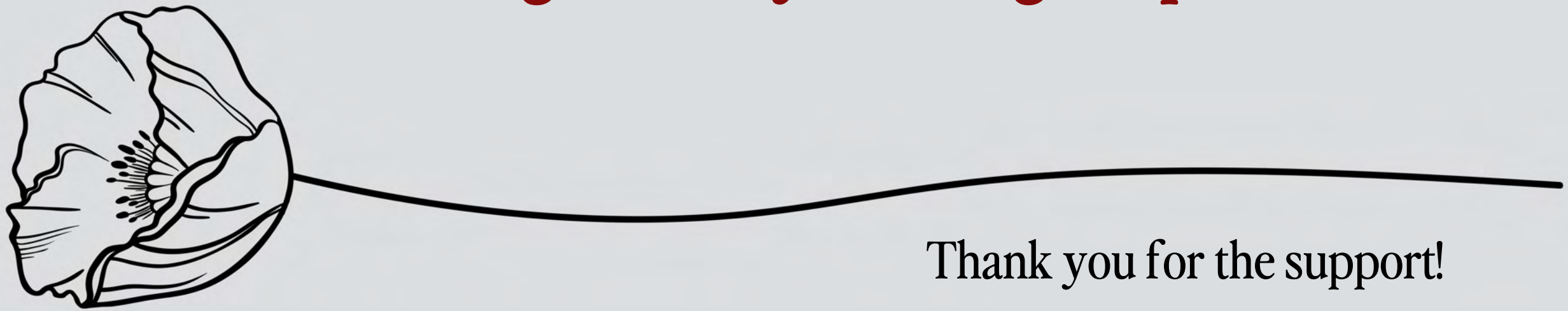

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Tara Marsh Glass

Tonight's centrepieces are designed by local Canadian artist, Tara Marsh. A graduate of Sheridan College's celebrated glass program, Marsh is a member of the Glen Williams Glass Collective in Glen Williams, Ontario.

Handblown glass flowers rise from sculpted copper stems with a quiet, deliberate beauty. The bases are weathered BC driftwood, shaped by time and tide, that ground each work in a sense of place and story. Designed for a writers' gathering, these sculptures invite reflection, spark conversation, and honour the art of storytelling through materials that speak of transformation, resilience, and imagination.

Centrepieces can be won by playing Mystery Shelf.

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The Epilogue

We're keeping the celebration going at the after party.

Plan to stay after dinner for more entertainment, a Spirit of York spirits tasting, great late-night snacks, and connect with your favourite authors.

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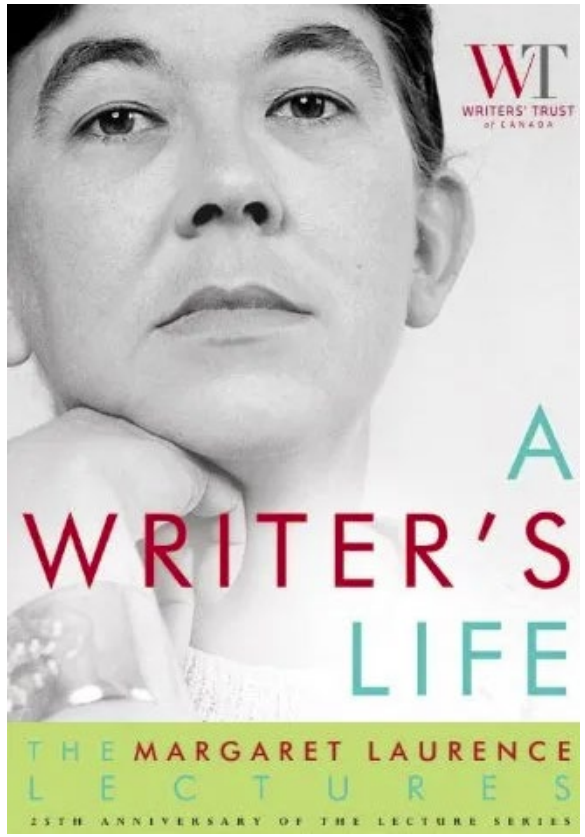

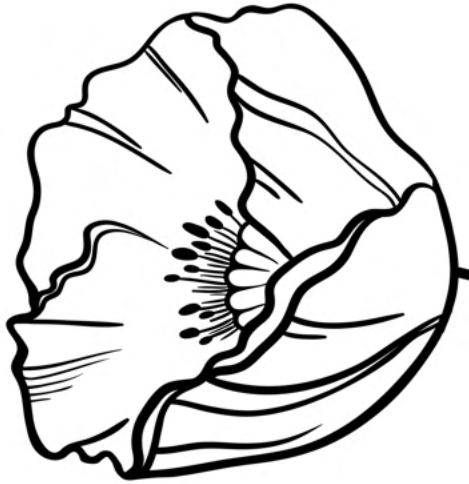

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2008 Miriam Toews for *The Flying Troutmans*
2007 Lawrence Hill for *The Book of Negroes*
2006 Kenneth J. Harvey for *Inside*
2005 Joseph Boyden for *Three Day Road*
2004 Alice Munro for *Runaway*
2003 Kevin Patterson for *Country of Cold*
2002 Paulette Jiles for *Enemy Women*
2001 Margaret Sweatman for *When Alice Lay Down with Peter*
2000 Helen Humphreys for *Afterimage*
1999 Peter Oliva for *The City of Yes*
1998 Greg Hollingshead for *The Healer*
1997 Austin Clarke for *The Origin of Waves*

Balsillie Prize for Public Policy

2025 Vince Beiser for *Power Metal*
2024 Wendy H. Wong for *We, the Data*
2023 David R. Samson for *Our Tribal Future*
2022 John Lornic for *Dream States*
2021 Dan Breznitz for *Innovation In Real Places*

Dayne Ogilvie Prize for LGBTQ2S+ Emerging Writers

2025 Roza Nozari
2024 Anthony Oliveira
2023 Anuja Varghese
2022 francesca ekwuyasi
2021 Jillian Christmas
2020 Arielle Twist
2019 Lindsay Nixon
2018 Ben Ladouceur
2017 Kai Cheng Thom
2016 Leah Horlick
2015 Alex Leslie
2014 Tamai Kobayashi
2013 C.E. Gatchalian
2012 Amber Dawn
2011 Farzana Doctor
2010 Nancy Jo Cullen
2009 Debra Anderson
2008 Zoe Whittall
2007 Michael V. Smith

Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction

2025 Leanne Betasamosake Simpson for *Theory of Water*
2024 Martha Baillie for *There Is No Blue*
2023 Christina Sharpe for *Ordinary Notes*
2022 Dan Werb for *The Invisible Siege*
2021 Tomson Highway for *Permanent Astonishment*
2020 Jessica J. Lee for *Two Trees Make a Forest*
2019 Jenny Heijun Wills for *Older Sister. Not Necessarily Related.*
2018 Elizabeth Hay for *All Things Consoled*
2017 James Maskalyk for *Life on the Ground Floor*
2016 Deborah Campbell for *A Disappearance in Damascus*
2015 Rosemary Sullivan for *Stalin's Daughter*
2014 Naomi Klein for *This Changes Everything*
2013 Graeme Smith for *The Dogs Are Eating Them Now*
2012 Candace Savage for *A Geography of Blood*
2011 Charles Foran for *Mordecai*
2010 James FitzGerald for *What Disturbs Our Blood*
2009 Brian Brett for *Trauma Farm*
2008 Taras Grescoe for *Bottomfeeder*
2007 Anna Porter for *Kasztner's Train*
2006 Dragan Todorovic for *The Book of Revenge*
2005 John Vaillant for *The Golden Spruce*
2004 Elaine Dewar for *The Second Tree*
2003 Brian Fawcett for *Virtual Clearcut*
2002 Jake MacDonald for *Houseboat Chronicles*
2001 Clark Blaise for *Time Lord*
2000 Erna Paris for *Long Shadows*
1999 Modris Eksteins for *Walking Since Daybreak*
1998 Rudy Wiebe and Yvonne Johnson for *Stolen Life*
1997 Ernest Hillen for *Small Mercies*

Latner Griffin Writers' Trust Poetry Prize

2025 Bren Simmers
2024 Rita Wong
2023 Laisha Rosnau
2022 Joseph Dandurand
2021 Weyman Chan
2020 Armand Garnet Ruffo
2019 Stephen Collis
2018 Jordan Scott
2017 Louise Bernice Halfe
2016 Gregory Scofield
2015 Karen Solie
2014 Ken Babstock

Matt Cohen Award: In Celebration of a Writing Life

2025 Sheree Fitch
2024 Marie Clements
2023 Helen Humphreys
2022 Candace Savage
2021 Frances Itani
2020 Dennis Lee
2019 Olive Senior
2018 David Bergen
2017 Diane Schoemperlen
2016 Brian Brett
2015 Richard Wagamese
2014 Susan Musgrave
2013 Andrew Nikiforuk
2012 Jean Little
2011 David Adams Richards
2010 Myrna Kostash
2009 Paul Quarrington
2008 Sylvia Fraser
2007 David Helwig
2006 Marie-Claire Blais
2005 Janet Lunn
2004 Howard Engel
2003 Audrey Thomas
2002 Fred Bodsworth
2001 Norman Levine
2000 Mavis Gallant

RBC Bronwen Wallace Award for Emerging Writers

Short Fiction
2025 Jess Goldman
2024 Nayani Jensen
2023 Zak Jones
2022 Teya Hollier
2021 Anna Ling Kaye
2020 Leah Mol
2018 Maria Reva

Creative Nonfiction
2025 Phillip Dwight Morgan

Poetry
2025 Dora Prieto
2024 Faith Paré
2023 Cooper Skjeie
2022 Patrick James Errington
2021 Zehra Naqvi
2020 Alexa Winik
2019 John Elizabeth Stintzi
2017 Noor Naga
2016 Brendan Bowles
2015 Alessandra Naccarato
2014 Erin Frances Fisher
2013 Laura Clarke
2012 Jen Neale
2011 Garth Martens
2010 Kilby Smith-McGregor
2009 Emily McGiffin
2008 Marjorie Celona
2006 Jeramy Dodds
2005 Nicole Dixon
2004 Alison Calder
2003 Gillian Best
2002 Alison Pick
2001 Valerie Stetson
2000 Sonnet L'Abbé
1999 Alissa York
1998 Talya Rubin
1997 Rachel Rose
1996 Setphanie Bolster
1995 Adele Megann
1994 Michael Crummey

Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing

2025 Raymond B. Blake for *Canada's Prime Minister and the Shaping of a National Identity*
2024 John Vaillant for *Fire Weather*
2023 Chris Turner for *How to Be a Climate Optimist*
2022 Joanna Chiu for *China Unbound*
2021 Ronal J. Deibert for *Reset*
2019 Beverley McLachlin for *Truth Be Told*
2018 Rachel Giese for *Boys*
2017 Tanya Talaga for *Seven Fallen Feathers*
2016 Kamal Al-Solaylee for *Brown*
2015 John Ibbitson for *Stephen Harper*
2014 Joseph Heath for *Enlightenment 2.0*
2013 Paul Wells for *The Longer I'm Prime Minister*
2012 Marcello Di Cintio for *Walls*
2011 Richard Gwyn for *Nation Maker*
2010 Anna Porter for *The Ghosts of Europe*
2009 John English for *Just Watch Me*
2008 James Orbinski for *An Imperfect Offering*
2007 Janice Gross Stein and Eugene Lang for *The Unexpected War*
2006 Max & Monique Nemni and William Johnson for *Young Trudeau*
2005 Miriam Shuchman for *The Drug Trial*
2004 Jane Jacobs for *Dark Age Ahead*
2003 Romeo Dallaire and Brent Beardsley for *Shake Hands with the Devil*
2002 John Duffy for *Fights of Our Lives*
2001 Daniel Poliquin for *In the Name of the Father*
2000 Erna Paris for *Long Shadows*

Vicky Metcalf Award for Literature for Young People

2025 Julie Flett
2024 Sara O'Leary
2023 Kyo Maclear
2022 Elise Gravel
2021 Linda Bailey
2020 Marianne Dubuc
2019 Susin Nielsen
2018 Christopher Paul Curtis
2017 Ruby Slipperjack
2016 Alan Cumyn
2015 Jan Thornhill
2014 Cary Fagan
2013 Barbara Reid
2012 Paul Yee
2011 Iain Lawrence
2010 Polly Horvath
2009 Marthe Jocelyn
2008 Michael Kusugak
2007 Martha Brooks
2006 Kenneth Oppel
2005 Marie-Louise Gay
2004 Deborah Ellis
2003 Roslyn Schwartz
2002 Julie Johnston
2001 Linda Granfield
2000 Sheree Fitch
1999 Joan Clark
1998 Kit Pearson
1997 Tim Wynne-Jones
1996 Margaret Buffie
1995 Sarah Ellis
1994 Welwyn Wilton Katz
1993 Phoebe Gilman
1992 Kevin Major
1991 Brian Doyle
1990 Bernice Thurman Hunter
1989 Stephane Poulin
1988 Barbara Smucker
1987 Robert Munsch
1986 Dennis Lee
1985 Edith Fowke
1984 Bill Freeman
1983 Claire Mackay
1982 Janet Lunn
1981 Monica Hughes
1980 John Craig
1979 Cliff Faulknor
1978 Lyn Cook
1977 James Houston
1976 Suzanne Martel
1975 Lyn Harrington
1974 Jean Little
1973 Christie Harris
1972 William E. Toye
1971 Kay Hill
1970 Farley Mowat
1969 Audrey McKim
1968 Lorrie McLaughlin
1967 John Patrick Gillese
1966 Fred Swayze
1965 Roderick Haig-Brown
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1963 Kerry Wood

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Weston International Award

2025 Leslie Jamison, USA
2024 Pankaj Mishra, India
2023 Robert Macfarlane, UK

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2025 Kim Thùy
2024 Madeleine Thien
2023 Anosh Irani
2022 Shani Mootoo
2021 Cherie Dimaline
2020 Kerri Sakamoto
2019 Rawi Hage
2018 Alissa York
2017 Billie Livingston
2016 Eden Robinson
2015 Annabel Lyon
2014 Joan Thomas
2013 Lisa Moore
2012 Nino Ricci
2011 Wayne Johnston
2010 Miriam Toews
2009 David Bergen
2008 Michael Winter

Marian Engel Award
2007 Diane Schoemperlen
2006 Caroline Adderson
2005 Gayla Reid
2004 Dianne Warren
2003 Elisabeth Harvor
2002 Terry Griggs
2001 Elizabeth Hay
2000 Anita Rau Badami
1999 Janice Kulyk Keefer
1998 Sharon Butala
1997 Katherine Govier
1996 Barbara Gowdy
1995 Bonnie Burnard
1994 Jane Urquhart
1993 Sandra Birdsell
1992 Joan Barfoot
1991 Joan Clark
1990 Carol Shields
1989 Merna Summers
1988 Edna Alford
1987 Audrey Thomas
1986 Alice Munro

Timothy Findley Award
2007 Michael Crummey
2006 Douglas Glover
2005 Rohinton Mistry
2004 David Adams Richards
2003 Guy Vanderhaeghe
2002 Bill Gaston

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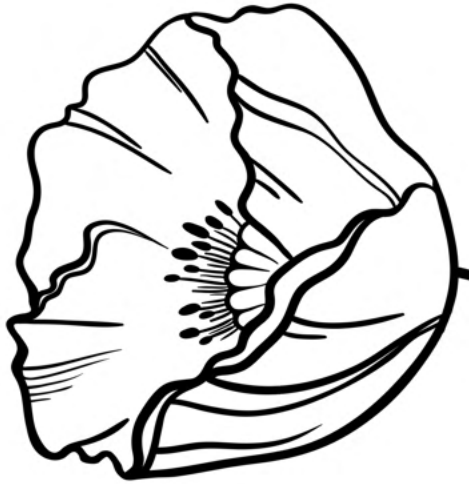

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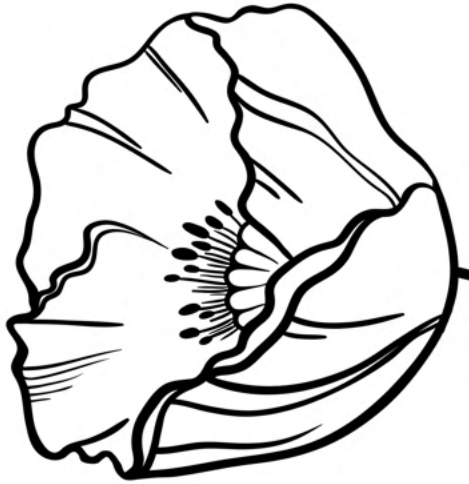

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