

British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction Announces Longlist

The jury for Canada's largest literary non-fiction prize, the British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, has just released its longlist for 2008. Ten titles are on the longlist for the \$40,000 prize, representing a wide range of subject and originating from publishers across the country.

LONGLIST FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL BRITISH COLUMBIA AWARD FOR CANADIAN NON-FICTION		
Title	Author	Publisher
<i>Some Family: The Mormons and How Humanity Keeps Track of Itself</i>	Donald Harman Akenson	McGill-Queen's University Press
<i>The Lost Coast: Salmon, Memory, and the Death of Wild Culture</i>	Tim Bowling	Nightwood Editions
<i>At the Sharp End: Canadians Fighting the Great War 1914 to 1916</i>	Tim Cook	Viking Canada
<i>The Film Club: A True Story of a Father and Son</i>	David Gilmour	Thomas Allen Publishers
<i>From Harvey River</i>	Lorna Goodison	McClelland & Stewart
<i>Cold-Cocked: On Hockey</i>	Lorna Jackson	Biblioasis
<i>The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism</i>	Naomi Klein	Knopf Canada
<i>Prisoner of Tehran: A Memoir</i>	Marina Nemat	Viking Canada
<i>Beaverbrook: A Shattered Legacy</i>	Jacques Poitras	Goose Lane Editions
<i>Portrait in Light and Shadow: The Life of Yousuf Karsh</i>	Maria Tippett	House of Anansi Press

Jury Chair David Mitchell notes: "The quality and diversity of the titles on this longlist are testimony to the enduring strength of Canadian non-fiction. As a result, the work of our jury has been and continues to be extremely challenging."

From the longlist, the jury will select a shortlist, to be announced in November 2007. The award presentation will take place in late-January 2008 in Vancouver.

The jury for the 2008 British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction comprises:

- **David Mitchell** (jury chair), a well-known political commentator and historian whose career has spanned both the public and private sectors. Mr. Mitchell is currently Vice-Principal, Advancement at Queen's University. His published work includes the notable biography, W.A.C. Bennett and the Rise of British Columbia.
- **Patrick Lane**, one of Canada's finest poets. Mr. Lane's award-winning works of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction have been published around the world. In 2005, Mr. Lane won the British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction for his memoir, *There Is a Season*.
- **Sandra Martin**, a senior features writer for the *Globe and Mail*. Ms. Martin is a past winner of the Atkinson and Canadian Journalism Fellowships and gold and silver National Magazine Awards, as well as the author of the just-published book, *The First Man: Daughters Write About Their Fathers*.

Previous winners for the British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction include:

- Noah Richler for *This Is My Country, What's Yours?* (2007)
- Rebecca Godfrey for *Under the Bridge* (2006)
- Patrick Lane for *There Is a Season* (2005)

The British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction is presented by the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, an independent foundation established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in the arts, humanities, and community service.

For more information on the British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction and on submission guidelines, please visit www.bcachievement.com.

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