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## LOGLIST ANNOUNCED FOR CANADA'S LARGEST AWARD FOR NON-FICTION

The jury for Canada's largest literary non-fiction prize, the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, has released its longlist for 2010. One hundred and forty-nine titles were nominated for the \$40,000 prize by publishers from across the country. The jury panel has selected the following longlist of 11 books.

LOGLIST FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL BC NATIONAL AWARD FOR CANADIAN NON-FICTION		
Title	Author	Publisher
<i>Burmese Lessons: A Love Story</i>	Karen Connelly	Random House Canada
<i>Coal Black Heart: The Story of Coal and the Lives it Ruled</i>	John DeMont	Doubleday Canada
<i>Egg On Mao: The Story of an Ordinary Man who Defaced an Icon and Unmasked a Dictatorship</i>	Denise Chong	Random House Canada
<i>Not Yet: A Memoir of Living and Almost Dying</i>	Wayson Choy	Doubleday Canada
<i>Small Beneath the Sky: A Prairie Memoir</i>	Lorna Crozier	Greystone Books
<i>The Boy in the Moon: A Father's Search for His Disabled Son</i>	Ian Brown	Random House Canada
<i>The Cello Suites: J.S. Bach, Pablo Casals, and the Search for a Baroque Masterpiece</i>	Eric Soblin	House of Anansi Press
<i>The Dog by the Cradle, the Serpent Beneath: Some Paradoxes of Human – Animal Relationships</i>	Erika Ritter	Key Porter Books
<i>The Ice Passage: A True Story of Ambition, Disaster, and Endurance in the Arctic Wilderness</i>	Brian Payton	Doubleday Canada
<i>The Uncrowned King: The Sensational Rise of William Randolph Hearst</i>	Kenneth Whyte	Vintage Canada
<i>Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life</i>	Brian Brett	Greystone Books

Jury Chair Andreas Schroeder notes: "Canada's non-fiction writers have always been among the most compelling participants in our national conversation, and the outstanding titles on this year's longlist for BC's National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction provide proof positive that this conversation continues to be vital, fascinating, and irrepressible."

The finalists for the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction will be announced in early December. The award presentation will take place in January 2010 in Vancouver.

The members of the jury for the 2010 British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction are:

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- **Vicki Gabereau**, radio and television host. Known for her award-winning CBC Radio show Gabereau and for her daily talk show on CTV, Ms. Gabereau is an award-winning radio and television personality, and the former host of Gabereau on CBC and Gabereau Live! On CTV. She is the author of a memoir, *This Won't Hurt a Bit*. Ms. Gabereau was inducted into the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2006, and received a Lifetime Achievement award from RTNDA Canada in 2008.
- **Philip Marchand**, author, book columnist and magazine writer. One of Canada's best-known commentators on books, Mr. Marchand was the book columnist for the *Toronto Star* for eighteen years and since 2008 for the *National Post*. Mr. Marchand has written the biography, *Marshall McLuhan*, and *Ripostes: Reflections on Canadian Literature*.
- **Andreas Schroeder**, author, television and radio host, and holder of the Rogers Communications Chair in Creative Non-fiction at UBC. Mr. Schroeder has written 21 books, published in most of Canada's major magazines and newspapers, and served as a long-time contributor to CBC Radio's "Basic Black Show". His latest book is an autobiographical novel entitled *Renovating Heaven*.

Previous winners for the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction include:

- Russell Wangersky for *Burning Down the House* (2009)
- Lorna Goodison for *From Harvey River* (2008)
- 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 BC National 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, enterprise and community service.

For more information on the British Columbia Award for Canadian Non-Fiction and on submission guidelines, please visit [www.bcachievement.com](http://www.bcachievement.com).

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