

**FINALISTS FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TRILLIUM BOOK AWARD ANNOUNCED**

*17 Ontario Authors short-listed for Ontario's Prestigious Literary Prize*

NEWS

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TORONTO – Six English books and six French have been short-listed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Trillium Book Award/ 21<sup>e</sup> édition du Prix littéraire annuel Trillium, the Ontario government's prestigious award for literature.

The Trillium Book Award/Prix Trillium encourages excellence in literature through its significant investment in Ontario-based writers. Award recipients for both English and French works receive \$20,000. Their respective publishers also receive \$2,500 to promote the winning titles. All finalists receive a \$500 honorarium.

Three English titles and two French titles are short-listed for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry, which recognizes literary achievement for a first, second or third published work of poetry. The winner for each of these awards receives \$10,000 and their publisher \$2,000 for promotion of the titles. Finalists for these awards also receive a \$500 honorarium.

- **This year's six English Finalists for the Trillium Book Award/Prix Trillium are:**

[Gil Adamson, \*The Outlander\* \(House of Anansi Press\)](#)

[Lorna Goodison, \*From Harvey River\* \(McClelland & Stewart\)](#)

[Barbara Gowdy, \*Helpless\* \(HarperCollins Publishers\)](#)

[Robert Hough, \*The Culprits\* \(Random House Canada\)](#)

[Dennis Lee, \*Yesno\* \(House of Anansi Press\)](#)

[Ray Robertson, \*What Happened Later\* \(Thomas Allen Publishers\)](#)

- **This year's six French Finalists for the Trillium Book Award/Prix are:**

[Andrée Christensen, \*Depuis toujours, j'entendais la mer\* \(Les Éditions David\)](#)

[Michel Dallaire, \*L'anarchie des innocences\* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

[Gilles Lacombe, \*La Jouissance des nuages de la pensée\* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

[Pierre Raphaël Pelletier, \*L'Œil de la lumière\* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

[Richard Poulin, \*Enfances dévastées, tome 1 : L'Enfer de la prostitution\* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

[Michèle Vinet, \*Parce que chanter c'est trop dur\* \(Prise de parole\)](#)

- **This year's three English Finalists for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry are:**

[Emily Schultz, \*Songs for the Dancing Chicken\* \(ECW Press\)](#)

[Rob Winger, \*Muybridge's Horse\* \(Nightwood Editions\)](#)

[Rachel Zolf, \*Human Resources\* \(Coach House Books\)](#)

- This year's two French Finalists for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry are:

[Tina Charlebois, \*Poils lisses\* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

[Christian Milat, \*Doubleuse aurore\* \(Les Éditions David\)](#)

## QUOTES

"Ontario has a rich pool of literary talent and we are pleased to honour our writers with the Trillium Book Award," said **Minister of Culture, Aileen Carroll**. "On behalf of the Ontario Government, I congratulate this year's short-listed authors and their publishers on this important recognition of their work."

"This year's finalists for the Trillium Book Award have joined a very select group that includes some of the world's most talented and best-loved authors," said **Kevin Shea, Chair of Ontario Media Development Corporation**. "We applaud their achievement and their contribution to the future of great books in Ontario by established and new authors."

## QUICK FACTS

- On June 11, 2008 the public are invited to join in the celebration of the finalists of this year's 21<sup>st</sup> Trillium Book Award with author readings followed by reception. Event will be held in the Brigantine Room, York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West, in association with International Readings at Harbourfront Centre.
- On June 12, 2008, Minister Carroll will announce the winners in Toronto at a luncheon at Hart House on June 12, 2008.

## LEARN MORE

The Ontario government established the [Trillium Book Award](#) in 1987 to recognize excellence, support marketing and foster increased public awareness of the quality and diversity of Ontario writers and writing.

[Ontario Media Development Corporation](#) administers the Trillium Book Awards on behalf of the [Ministry of Culture](#).

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