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CRIME WRITERS OF CANADA ANNOUNCES THE 2022 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE SHORTLISTS

Crime Writers of Canada (CWC) is pleased to announce the Shortlists for the 2022 Crime Writers of Canada Awards of Excellence in Canadian Crime Writing. Started in 1984, the annual Crime Writers of Canada Awards of Excellence, then known as the Arthur Ellis Awards, recognizes the best in mystery, crime, and suspense fiction, and crime nonfiction by Canadian authors.

On behalf of CWC, Judy Penz Sheluk, Board Chair, wishes to congratulate all the finalists. Winners will be announced Thursday 26 May 2022.

Best Crime Novel sponsored by Rakuten Kobo, with a \$1000 prize

Linwood Barclay, **Find You First**, William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

Daniel Kalla, **Lost Immunity**, Simon & Schuster

Dietrich Kalteis, **Under an Outlaw Moon**, ECW Press

Shari Lapena, **Not a Happy Family**, Doubleday Canada

Roz Nay, **The Hunted**, Simon & Schuster

Best Crime First Novel sponsored by Writers First, with a \$500 prize

Ashley Audrain, **The Push**, Viking Canada

Fiona King Foster, **The Captive**, HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

Byron TD Smith, **Windfall: A Henry Lysyk Mystery**, Shima Kun Press

Katherine Walker, **All Is Well**, ThistleDown Press

David Whitton, **Seven Down**, Rare Machines an imprint of Dundurn Press



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The Whodunit Award for Best Traditional Mystery sponsored by Jane Doe, with a \$500 prize

Candas Jane Dorsey, **What's the Matter with Mary Jane?**, ECW Press

Alice Bienia, **Three Dog Knight**, Cairn Press

Jackie Elliott, **Hell's Half Acre**, Joffe Books

Catherine Macdonald, **So Many Windings**, At Bay Press

Vicki Delany, **Murder in a Teacup**, Kensington Publishing Corp

The Howard Engel Award for Best Crime Novel Set in Canada sponsored by The Engel Family with a \$500 prize

C. S. Porter, **Beneath Her Skin**, Vagrant Press / Nimbus Publishing Inc.

Cathy Ace, **The Corpse with the Iron Will**, Four Tails Publishing Ltd.

Alice Walsh, **Death on Darby's Island**, Vagrant Press / Nimbus Publishing Inc.

Sam Wiebe, **Hell and Gone**, Harbour Publishing Co. Inc.

Kevin Major, **Three for Trinity**, Breakwater Books

Best Crime Novella sponsored by Mystery Magazine with a \$200 prize

Marcelle Dubé, **Identity Withheld**, Falcon Ridge Publishing

Brenda Gayle, **Murder in Abstract (A Charley Hall Mystery, book 5)**, Bowstring Books

Wayne Ng, **Letters From Johnny**, Guernica Editions

Elvie Simons, **Not So Fast, Dr. Quick**, Dell Magazines

Best Crime Short Story sponsored by Mystery Magazine with a \$300 prize

Pam Barnsley, **What can You Do?**, Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine

Hilary Davidson, **Weed Man**, Dell Magazines

Elizabeth Elwood, **Number 10 Marlborough Place**, Dell Magazines

Charlotte Morganti, **All My Darlings**, Mystery Magazine

Melissa Yi, **Dead Man's Hand**, Dell Magazines



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Best French Crime Book (Fiction and Nonfiction)

Roxanne Bouchard, **Le murmure des hakapiks**, Libre Expression

Marc-André Chabot, **Dis-moi qui doit vivre...** Libre Expression

Guillaume Morrissette, **Conduite dangereuse**, Saint-Jean

Patrick Senécal, **Flots**, Editions Alire

Richard Ste-Marie, **Stigmates**, Editions Alire

Best Juvenile or YA Crime Book (Fiction and Nonfiction) sponsored by Shaftesbury with a \$500 prize

Karen Bass, **Blood Donor**, Orca Book Publishers

Rachelle Delaney, **Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster**, Puffin Canada

Cherie Dimaline, **Hunting By Stars**, Penguin Teen

Kevin Sands, **The Traitor's Blade**, Aladdin (Simon & Schuster)

Jordyn Taylor, **Don't Breathe a Word**, HarperTeen (HarperCollins Publishers)

The Brass Knuckles Award for Best Nonfiction Crime Book sponsored by Simpson & Wellenreiter LLP, Hamilton, with a \$300 prize

Sarah Berman, **Don't Call it a Cult**, Viking Canada

Aaron Chapman, **Vancouver Vice: Crime and Spectacle in the City's West End**, Arsenal Pulp Press

Catherine Fogarty, **Murder on the Inside: The True Story of the Deadly Riot at Kingston Penitentiary**, Biblioasis

Nate Hendley, **The Beatle Bandit**, Dundurn Press

Lorna Poplak, **The Don: The Story of Toronto's Infamous Jail**, Dundurn Press



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The Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript sponsored by ECW Press with a \$500 prize

Delee Fromm, *The Strength to Rise*

Pam Isfeld, *Captives*

Renee Lehnen, *Elmington*

Katie Mac, *Ken's Corner*

Mark Thomas, *Part Time Crazy*

CWC announces the 2022 Grand Master Award recipient Louise Penny.

Louise Penny's debut novel, *Still Life* not only won CWC Award for Best First Novel but also the New Blood Dagger, Anthony and Barry awards. Since then, Louise Penny has penned over sixteen Inspector Gamache novels, won many more awards, become an International Bestseller and Canadian icon. Inspector Gamache is being adapted for television by Left Bank Productions with Alfred Molina playing the beloved detective. Her most recent book, *State of Terror*, was written with 2016 U.S. Presential candidate Hilary Clinton, a literary coup and another bestseller.

About Crime Writers of Canada

Crime Writers of Canada was founded in 1982 as a professional organization designed to raise the profile of Canadian crime writers. Our members include authors, publishers, editors, booksellers, librarians, reviewers, and literary agents as well as many developing authors. Past winners of the Awards have included such major names in Canadian crime writing as Mario Bolduc, Gail Bowen, Stevie Cameron, Howard Engel, Barbara Fradkin, Louise Penny, Peter Robinson and Eric Wright. We would like to thank ECW Press, Rakuten Kobo, Mystery Magazine, Shaftesbury, Simpson and Wellenreiter LLP (Hamilton), Writers First, Jane Doe and the Howard Engel family for their sponsorship, and the many participating publishers for their continued support.

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