

WINNERS FOR 22nd ANNUAL TRILLIUM BOOK AWARD ANNOUNCED

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TORONTO – Winners of Ontario’s foremost prize for literary excellence, the Trillium Book Award/Prix Trillium, were announced today by the Hon. Aileen Carroll, Ontario Minister of Culture, and Kevin Shea, Chair of the Ontario Media Development Corporation at a luncheon held at the Park Hyatt.

- **This year’s winner for the Trillium Book Award in English-language is:**
[Pasha Malla, *The Withdrawal Method* \(House of Anansi Press\)](#)
- **The winner for the Trillium Book Award in French-language is:**
[Marguerite Andersen, *Le figuier sur le toit* \(Les Éditions L’Interligne\)](#)
- **This year’s English-language for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry is:**
[Jeremy Dodds, *Crabwise to the Hounds* \(Coach House Books\)](#)
- **The winner for the Trillium Book Award for Children’s Literature in French-language is:**
[Paul Prud’Homme, *Les Rebuts : Hockey 2* \(Les Éditions du Vermillon\)](#)

QUOTES

“The Trillium Book Awards is a treasured literary tradition that celebrates Ontario’s authors, the publishing industry that nurtures them, and the substantial contribution they make to our society and economy.”

– Ontario Culture Minister Aileen Carroll

“The winners of the 22nd Trillium Book Award/Prix Trillium continue to dazzle us with their talent. We are delighted to welcome new and established authors to this prestigious group, and we congratulate all the authors and their publishers for continuing to enrich the lives of readers at home and abroad.”

- Kevin Shea, Chair, Ontario Media Development Corporation

QUICK FACTS

- Celebrating its 22nd Anniversary this year, the Trillium Book Award is among the most highly regarded national and international literary prizes. Previous winners have included world-renowned authors such as Margaret Atwood, Wayson Choy, Alice Munro, Michael Ondaatje, Maurice Henri and Michèle Matteau.

- Trillium Book Award English-language and French-language winners receive \$20,000. Publishers of the winning books each receive \$2,500 towards their promotional costs. The respective winners of the Trillium Book Award for Poetry in English language and Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French language each receive \$10,000 and their publishers receive \$2,000. All finalists receive a \$500 honorarium.
- The Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French language is awarded in alternating years with the Trillium Book Award for Poetry in French language. The Trillium Book Award for Poetry in English language recognizes literary achievement for a first, second or third published work of poetry.

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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.

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