
WINNERS FOR THE 23RD TRILLIUM BOOK AWARD ANNOUNCED

Four Ontario Authors Receive Province's Top Literary Award

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TORONTO – Winners of Ontario's foremost prize for literary excellence, the Trillium Book Award, were announced today by the Hon. Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Tourism and Culture, and Karen Thorne-Stone, President and CEO of the Ontario Media Development Corporation at a luncheon held at the Bram and Bluma Appel Salon.

- **This year's winner for the Trillium Book Award in English-language is:**

[Ian Brown, *The Boy in the Moon* \(Random House Canada\)](#)

- **The winner for the Trillium Book Award in French-language is:**

[Ryad Assani-Razaki, *Deux cercles* \(VLB éditeur\)](#)

- **This year's English-language for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry is:**

[Karen Solie, *Pigeon* \(House of Anansi Press\)](#)

- **The winner for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry in French-language is:**

[Michèle Matteau, *Passerelles* \(Les Éditions L'Interligne\)](#)

QUOTES

"As Ontarians, we should be extremely proud of the literary talent found in this province. This year's winners once again show why Ontario shines on the international literary stage."

— **Minister of Tourism and Culture, Michael Chan**

"The Trillium Book Award acknowledges the contribution of Ontario's internationally-acclaimed authors to both the cultural and economic life of our province. Books are a powerful mode of expression and are an integral part of our cultural fabric. Ontario book publishers continue to demonstrate their extraordinary ability to nurture and develop creative talent that is recognized the world over. Congratulations and thanks are due to all the authors and their publishers for sharing our collective stories with the world."

— **Kevin Shea, Chair, Ontario Media Development Corporation**

QUICK FACTS

- Celebrating its 23rd 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 Daniel Poliquin.
- 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 French-language each receive \$10,000 and their publishers receive \$2,000. All finalists receive a \$500 honorarium.
- The Trillium Book Award for Poetry in French-language is awarded in alternating years with the Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French-language. The Trillium Book Award for Poetry 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.

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

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