

2021 Saskatchewan Book Awards

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE REGINA, SK. June 25, 2021 Saskatchewan Book Awards (SBA) Winners

REGINA, SK. The Saskatchewan Book Awards (SBA) is pleased to announce the 2021 SBA Winners. The Saskatchewan Book Awards are presented in recognition of the best books in each of the following fourteen categories: First Book, Publishing in Education, City of Saskatoon, City of Regina, Scholarly Writing, Indigenous Peoples' Writing, Indigenous Peoples' Publishing, Young Adult Literature, Prix du livre français, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Fiction, Publishing, and Book of the Year.

This year's winners show once again the diversity and scope of writing and publishing in Saskatchewan. There is one two-time SBA Winner this year. Randy Lundy won for Book of the Year and Poetry Awards for *Field Notes of the Self*.

Shannon McConnell won the First Book Award for *The Burden of Gravity*. David Baudermont won the Prix du livre français for *Junk City*. The Non-Fiction Award goes to Merle Massie for *A Radiant Life: The Honourable Sylvia Fedoruk*. The Fiction Award goes to Leona Theis for *If Sylvie Had Nine Lives*. The winner of the Scholarly Award is Daniel M. Beveridge, Editor of *The Red Road and Other Narratives of the Dakota Sioux*, written by Samuel Mniyo and Robert Goodvoice. Dianne Warren won the Regina Award for *The Diamond House* while the Saskatoon Award goes to Karin Melberg Schwier for *Small Reckonings*. Carol Rose GoldenEagle won the Indigenous Peoples' Writing Award for *The Narrows of Fear*. Miriam Körner won the Young Adult Award for *Qaqavii*.

Awards for Publishers

The Publishing Award goes to the University of Regina Press for *Genocidal Love: A Life After Residential School* by Bevann Fox. The Publishing in Education Award goes to the University of Regina Press for *Nakón-i'a wo!: Beginning Nakoda* Vincent Collette (ed) with Armand McArthur and Wilma Kennedy. The Indigenous Peoples' Publishing Award goes to the University of Regina Press for *Cry Wolf: Inquest into the True Nature of a Predator* by Harold Johnson.

Editors and News Directors: The shortlist is below. For more information, please visit <u>bookawards.sk.ca</u> or contact:

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Awards for Authors

Ministry of Culture, Recreation, and Sport First Book Award

The Burden of Gravity (Caitlin Press) by Shannon McConnell.

Ann and Roger Phillips Foundation Prix du livre français

Junk City (la nouvelle plume) by David Baudemont.

University of Saskatchewan, Non-Fiction Award

A Radiant Life: The Honourable Sylvia Fedoruk (University of Regina Press) by Merle Massie.

SK Arts Poetry Award Honouring Anne Szumigalski

Field Notes for the Self (University of Regina Press) by Randy Lundy.

University of Regina Faculty of Arts/University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Science Jennifer Welsh Scholarly Writing Award

The Red Road and Other Narratives of the Dakota Sioux (University of Nebraska Press) by Samuel Mniyo and Robert Goodvoice, edited by Daniel M. Beveridge.

City of Saskatoon/Saskatoon Public Library Saskatoon Award

Small Reckonings (Burton House Books) by Karin Melberg Schwier.

City of Regina Regina Award

The Diamond House (Harper Collins) by Dianne Warren.

Rasmussen & Co. Indigenous Peoples' Writing Award

The Narrows of Fear (Inanna) by Carol Rose Golden Eagle.

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Young Adult Award

Qaqavii (Red Deer Press) by Miriam Körner.

Fiction Award

If Sylvie Had Nine Lives (Freehand Books) by Leona Theis.

Regina Public Library Book of the Year Award Honouring Mary Sutherland
Field Notes for the Self (University of Regina Press) by Randy Lundy.

Awards for Publishers

Creative Saskatchewan Publishing Award

University of Regina Press for *Genocidal Love: A Life After Residential School* by Bevann Fox.

SaskBooks Publishing in Education Award

University of Regina Press for *Nakón-i'a wo!: Beginning Nakoda* Vincent Collette (ed) with Armand McArthur and Wilma Kennedy.

Saskatoon Public Library Indigenous Peoples' Publishing Award

University of Regina Press for *Cry Wolf: Inquest into the True Nature of a Predator* by Harold Johnson.