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# The Arthur Ellis Awards

for excellence in Canadian crime writing.

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## 2019 Arthur Ellis Awards for Excellence in Canadian Crime Writing, Shortlists Announced

*The annual Arthur Ellis Awards by Crime Writers of Canada recognizes the best in mystery, crime, and suspense fiction and crime nonfiction by Canadian authors.*

*Winners will be announced on May 23rd at the Arthur Ellis Awards Gala in Toronto.*

Wednesday, April 17, 2019---- Mike Martin, Chair of Crime Writers of Canada, is pleased to announce the shortlists for the 2019 Arthur Ellis Awards.

### BEST CRIME NOVEL

Ron Corbett, **Cape Diamond**, ECW Press  
Anne Emery, **Though the Heavens Fall**, ECW Press  
Lisa Gabriele, **The Winters**, Doubleday Canada  
Louise Penny, **Kingdom of the Blind**, Minotaur Books  
Loreth Anne White, **The Girl in the Moss**, Montlake Romance

### BEST FIRST CRIME NOVEL (Sponsored by Rakuten Kobo)

A.J. Devlin, **Cobra Clutch**, NeWest Press  
Helen C. Escott, **Operation Wormwood**, Flanker Press  
Beverly McLachlin, **Full Disclosure**, Simon & Schuster Canada  
Bill Prentice, **Why Was Rachel Murdered?**, Echo Road  
Nathan Ripley, **Find You in the Dark**, Simon & Schuster Canada

### BEST CRIME NOVELLA – The Lou Allin Memorial Award

Melodie Campbell, **The B-Team: The Case of the Angry First Wife**, Orca Book Publishers  
Vicki Delany, **Blue Water Hues**, Orca Book Publishers  
John Lawrence Reynolds, **Murder Among the Pines**, Orca Book Publishers

### BEST CRIME SHORT STORY (Sponsored by Mystery Weekly Magazine)

Melodie Campbell, **A Ship Called Pandora**, *Mystery Weekly Magazine*  
Therese Greenwood, **The Power Man**, *Baby It's Cold Outside*, Coffin Hop Press  
Twist Phelan, **Game**, *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*  
Linda L. Richards, **Terminal City**, *Vancouver Noir*, Akashic Books  
Sam Wiebe, **Wonderful Life**, *Vancouver Noir*, Akashic Books

### BEST CRIME BOOK IN FRENCH

Jean-Philippe Bernié, **Un dernier baiser avant de te tuer**, Libre Expression  
Hervé Gagnon, **Adolphus - Une enquête de Joseph Laflamme**, Libre Expression  
André Jacques, **Ces femmes aux yeux cernés**, Éditions Druide  
Guillaume Morissette, **Deux coups de pied de trop**, Guy Saint-Jean Éditeur  
Johanne Seymour, **Rinzen la beauté intérieure**, Expression noir

**BEST JUVENILE/YOUNG ADULT CRIME BOOK**

Linwood Barclay, **Escape**, Puffin Canada

Michelle Barker, **The House of One Thousand Eyes**, Annick Press

Kevin Sands, **Call of the Wraith**, Aladdin

Tim Wynne-Jones, **The Ruinous Sweep**, Candlewick Press

E.R. Yatscoff, **The Rumrunner's Boy**, TG & R Books

**BEST NONFICTION CRIME BOOK**

Patrick Brode, **Dying for a Drink: How a Prohibition Preacher Got Away With Murder**, Biblioasis

Thomas Giacomaro and Natasha Stoyneff, **The King of Con: How a Smooth-Talking Jersey Boy Made and Lost Billions, Baffled the FBI, Eluded the Mob, and Lived to Tell the Crooked Tale**, BenBella Books, Inc

Nate Hendley, **The Boy on the Bicycle: A Forgotten Case of Wrongful Conviction in Toronto**, Five Rivers Publishing

Eve Lazarus, **Murder by Milkshake: An Astonishing True Story of Adultery, Arsenic, and a Charismatic Killer**, Arsenal Pulp Press

Sarah Weinman, **The Real Lolita: The Kidnapping of Sally Horner and the Novel that Scandalized the World**, Alfred A. Knopf Canada

**BEST UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT – aka The Unhanged Arthur (Sponsored by Dundurn Press)**

Jim Bottomley, **Hypnotizing Lions**

Don Macdonald, **Omand's Creek**

Liv McFarlane, **The Scarlet Cross**

Heather McLeod, **One for the Raven**

Darrow Woods, **The Book of Answers**

**CWC announces the 2019 Derrick Murdoch Award recipient Vicki Delany.**

The Derrick Murdoch Award is a special achievement award for contributions to the crime genre. Vicki Delany is a successful and prolific Canadian writer, author of (so far) 34 published books, both standalones and series. She has been a strong supporter and advocate for Canadian crime writers through her work with the Crime Writers of Canada, including serving two terms as Chair of the organization. She has also been a strong supporter of literacy and libraries across Canada and she is one of the founders of the Women Killing It literary festival, which has become a much sought after and sold-out event in Prince Edward County every year.

**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 "Arthurs" 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 Dundurn Press, Rakuten Kobo and Mystery Weekly Magazine for their sponsorship, and the many participating publishers for their continued support.

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