

## Congratulations to the Winners of **CBA Libris Awards 2008**



TORONTO (15 June 2008) – **Elizabeth Hay, Lawrence Hill, Naomi Klein** and **Mélanie Watt** were among the big winners revealed at Canadian Booksellers Association's (CBA's) Libris Awards 2008 Presentation, which took place on June 15, 2008 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in an evening hosted by author and CBC Radio One host Bill Richardson.

Unique in their commitment to acknowledging the best among the chain of talented professionals who deliver great books to Canadian readers, and nominated and voted on by members of the Canadian bookselling community, CBA Libris Awards honour outstanding achievement by authors and editors, sales reps and distributors, booksellers and publishers.

**Lawrence Hill**, who visited bookstores across the country in support of his critically acclaimed novel, *The Book of Negroes* (HarperCollins Canada), was named **Author of the Year**. Elizabeth Hay's *Late Nights on Air* (McClelland & Stewart), a favourite among booksellers and their customers since its debut last year, garnered the **Fiction Book of the Year** prize; while Naomi Klein's widely read and hotly debated, *The Shock Doctrine* (Knopf Canada) came out on top in the **Non-fiction** category.

Capturing the **Book Design of the Year Award** was Helen Humphreys' *The Frozen Thames* (McClelland & Stewart), strikingly designed by CS Richardson. The **Sales Rep** winner, from British Columbia, was Kate Walker & Company's **Dot Middlemass**, and the **Editor of the Year** recipient was Random House of Canada's **Anne Collins**.

**Mélanie Watt** was the evening's only multiple-winner, recognized for both her storytelling and illustration abilities, when she was named **Children's Author and Children's Illustrator of the Year**.

Ontario and BC candidates fared well in the bookseller categories—winners include **Specialty Bookseller of the Year** honouree **Mabel's Fables** (Toronto, ON) and **The Bookstore at Western** (London, ON), which took The Campus Bookseller of the Year title. For the second year in a row, a Victoria BC-based bookseller has been named **Bookseller of the Year**; **Munro's Books** is the industry's pick for the prize in 2008. (Last year's winner was Bolen Books.)

In the publishing arena, the reigning **Small Press** and **Publisher of the Year** are Toronto's **Cormorant Books** and **Penguin Group (Canada)**, respectively, while **North 49 Books** has earned **Distributor of the Year** bragging rights for the second year in a row. Last year's Publisher of the Year, **House of Anansi Press** was recognized this year for **Marketing Achievement** relating to their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign.



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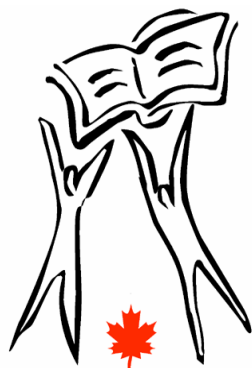
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### **Bookseller of the Year**

*Presented in Memory of Roy Britnell*  
Munro's Books, Victoria BC

### **Campus Bookseller of the Year**

The Bookstore at Western

### **Specialty Bookseller of the Year**

Mabel's Fables

### **Fiction Book of the Year**

Late Nights on Air, by Elizabeth Hay (McClelland & Stewart)

### **Non-Fiction Book of the Year**

The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism, by Naomi Klein  
(Knopf Canada)

### **Author of the Year**

Lawrence Hill

### **Children's Author of the Year**

Mélanie Watt

### **Children's Illustrator of the Year**

Mélanie Watt

### **Small Press Publisher of the Year**

Cormorant Books

### **Publisher of the Year**

Penguin Group (Canada)

### **Distributor of the Year**

North 49 Books

### **Editor of the Year**

Anne Collins, Random House Canada

### **Sales Representative of the Year**

*Presented in Memory of Gordon S. Garner (BC Region)*  
Dot Middlemass, Kate Walker & Company

### **Marketing Achievement of the Year**

Want a Bag With That? 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign,  
House of Anansi Press

### **Book Design of the Year**

The Frozen Thames,  
designed by CS Richardson (McClelland & Stewart)