

CBA's Libris Awards 2002

THE WINNERS

Bookseller of the Year

Bryan Prince Bookseller

Specialty Bookseller of the Year

Vancouver Kidsbooks

Campus Bookseller of the Year

University of Toronto Bookstore

Author of the Year

Richard B. Wright

Fiction Book of the Year

Clara Callan by Richard B. Wright (Harper*Flamingo*Canada / A Phyllis Bruce Book)

Non-Fiction Book of the Year

How to Be a Canadian by Will and Ian Ferguson (Douglas & McIntyre)

Sales Representative of the Year

Nancy Purcell (HarperCollins*Canada* Ltd.)

Editor of the Year

Phyllis Bruce (HarperCollins*Canada* Ltd.)

Distributor of the Year

North 49 Books

Publisher of the Year

HarperCollins*Canada* Ltd.

CBA's Libris Awards were a scaled down affair this year—in terms of formality, but certainly not in terms of enthusiasm or of attendance. Hundreds turned out to catch up with colleagues during a reception on the BookExpo Canada trade show floor and to watch this year's recipients accept their awards from the BookTelevision stage. Everyone's favourite emcee, Peter Waldox kept the presentation moving along and the audience entertained with his running commentary and inside jokes. Spirits were high among attendees and award-winners alike, particularly within the HarperCollins*Canada* camp, with the publisher taking home an unprecedented five awards. (*See sidebar for a full list of winners.*) Their victory was bittersweet, however, given the sad news of just three days prior that long-time HarperCollins author and friend, Timothy Findley, had passed away. Findley was the subject of many a fond anecdote over the course of BookExpo and remembered by many in their Libris acceptance speeches.

Overall, feedback from this year's all-inclusive event was very positive, with many commenting that the relaxed and congenial atmosphere was a perfect one in which to celebrate the industry's many achievements from 2001.