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Congratulations to the Winners of CBA Libris Awards 2003

TORONTO (16 June 2003) -- Carol Shields, Guy Vanderhaeghe and Margaret MacMillan were among the winners revealed at CBA's Libris Awards 2003 Presentation on June 8, 2003 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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.

Shields was awarded the Author of the Year Libris Award, while Vanderhaeghe's *The Last Crossing* (McClelland & Stewart) was selected Fiction Book of the Year; and Margaret MacMillan's *Paris 1919* (Random House) won in the Non-fiction Book of the Year category.

Libris Awards attendees were witness to some firsts at this year's ceremony. Patrick Crean, editor at Thomas Allen Publishers, was awarded his first Editor of the Year Libris Award. Vancouver-based Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group picked up its first win in the Publisher of the Year category, beating out strong competitors HarperCollinsCanada and Random House of Canada.

This year also featured a new Libris category for Small Press Publisher of the Year, the inaugural winner of which is House of Anansi Press.

The evening's most bittersweet victory was in the Bookseller of the Year category. This year's winner is the vibrant Calgary-based literary bookstore, Pages Books on Kensington, the owner of which, Catherine McKay, passed away in April. McKay was, up until just before her death, a director on CBA's board and a tireless and passionate advocate for independent booksellers. In accepting the award, McKay's husband, Greg Gerrard revealed how thrilled McKay had been to learn of the nomination and told the visibly moved crowd that McKay's legacy lives on at Pages in the store's dedicated staff.

A complete list of winners of CBA Libris Awards 2003 follows.

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CBA Libris Awards 2003 - THE WINNERS

Bookseller of the Year

Pages Books on Kensington - Calgary AB

Campus Bookseller of the Year

University of Toronto Bookstore, Toronto ON

Specialty Bookseller of the Year

Vancouver Kidsbooks, Vancouver BC

Sales Representative of the Year

Don Skinner, HarperCollinsCanada Ltd.

Fiction Book of the Year

The Last Crossing, by Guy Vanderhaeghe (McClelland & Stewart)

Non-Fiction Book of the Year

Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World, by Margaret MacMillan
(Random House)

Editor of the Year

Patrick Crean, Thomas Allen Publishers

Author of the Year

Carol Shields

Distributor of the Year

North 49 Books

Small Press Publisher of the Year

House of Anansi Press

Publisher of the Year

Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group