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Congratulations to the Winners of CBA Libris Awards 2005

TORONTO (26 June 2005) – Alice Munro, Miriam Toews and Ronald Wright were among the winners revealed at CBA's Libris Awards 2005 Presentation on June 26, 2005 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.

Munro was awarded the Author of the Year Award; while Miriam Toews' *A Complicated Kindness* (Knopf Canada) won in the Fiction Book of the Year category. Ronald Wright's *A Short History of Progress* (House of Anansi Press) was selected as Non-Fiction Book of the Year.

While East, West and all parts in between are represented among this year's winners, the Atlantic region fared particularly well. Kentville, Nova Scotia's Gaspereau Press picked up the Small Press Publisher of the Year Award, while two eastern bookstores—Granny Bates Children's Books, in St. John's, NL; and University of New Brunswick Bookstore in Saint John—also came out on top (the former in the Specialty Bookseller of the Year category, the latter in the Campus Bookseller category).

Meanwhile, representing the opposite end of the country, Victoria, BC-based Munro's Books was awarded the coveted Bookseller of the Year title.

Random House of Canada Ltd. triumphed over strong contenders HarperCollins Canada Ltd. and McClelland & Stewart Ltd. to pick up the CBA Libris Award for Publisher of the Year.

The evening also included the presentation of a special Lifetime Achievement Libris Award to Judith Mappin, owner and founding partner of The Double Hook Book Shop, which will close its doors next month after over 30 years of serving the Montreal arts and literary community and of promoting and selling only Canadian-authored books.

A complete list of winners of CBA Libris Awards 2005 follows.



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CBA Libris Awards 2005 - THE WINNERS

Bookseller of the Year

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

Campus Bookseller of the Year

University of New Brunswick Bookstore – Saint John

Specialty Bookseller of the Year

Granny Bates Children's Books Ltd, St. John's NL

Fiction Book of the Year

A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Toews (Knopf Canada)

Non-Fiction Book of the Year

A Short History of Progress by Ronald Wright (House of Anansi Press)

Author of the Year

Alice Munro

Editor of the Year

Douglas Gibson, Douglas Gibson Books – an imprint of McClelland & Stewart

Sales Representative of the Year

Presented in Memory of Gordon S. Garner (Prairie Region)
Kathy Bogusky, Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Distributor of the Year

Raincoast/Book Express

Small Press Publisher of the Year

Gaspereau Press

Publisher of the Year

Random House of Canada Ltd.

Marketing Achievement of the Year

Independents' Ad Campaign, McClelland & Stewart

Book Design of the Year

Tree: A Life Story, designed by Jessica Sullivan (Greystone Books)

Lifetime Achievement

Judith Mappin