

Congratulations to the Winners of **CBA Libris Awards 2006**



TORONTO (11 June 2006) – **Joseph Boyden, Stephen Lewis** and **Kenneth Oppel** were among the winners revealed at Canadian Booksellers Association's (CBA's) Libris Awards 2006 Presentation on June 11, 2006 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.

Stephen Lewis' *Race Against Time* (Anansi)—a bookseller favourite that clearly resonated with their customers—garnered both the Non-fiction Book of the Year prize and the Author of the Year win for Lewis; while Joseph Boyden's ***Three Day Road*** (Viking Canada) faced tough competition but came out ahead in the Fiction category.

Two new categories were introduced this year to acknowledge the special relationship that exists between booksellers and children's book creators. Inaugural winners were **Kenneth Oppel** (Children's Author of the Year) and **Michael Martchenko** (Children's Illustrator of the Year).

Industry winners this year spanned from coast to coast—from Small Press Publisher of the Year honouree **Gaspereau Press** (Kentville, NS) to 2006 Specialty Bookseller of the Year, **Vancouver Kidsbooks**. **University of Toronto Bookstore** took The Campus Bookseller of the Year title, while the reigning Bookseller and Publisher of the Year are **McNally Robinson Booksellers Ltd.** and **HarperCollins Canada Ltd.**, respectively.

The action-packed proceedings—emceed with aplomb by CBC Radio's Bill Richardson—also included the presentation of a special Lifetime Achievement Libris Award to **Charles Burchell**, long-time manager of Halifax's The Book Room, who retires this year after nearly 40 years of serving the book industry as a champion of countless authors and as a mentor, inspiration and friend to booksellers from coast to coast.

A complete list of winners of CBA Libris Awards 2006 follows.

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Bookseller of the Year

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McNally Robinson Booksellers Ltd., Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary

Campus Bookseller of the Year

University of Toronto Bookstore

Specialty Bookseller of the Year

Vancouver Kidsbooks

Fiction Book of the Year

Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden (Viking Canada)

Non-Fiction Book of the Year

Race Against Time by Stephen Lewis (House of Anansi Press)

Author of the Year

Stephen Lewis

Children's Author of the Year

Kenneth Oppel

Children's Illustrator of the Year

Michael Martchenko

Small Press Publisher of the Year

Gaspereau Press

Publisher of the Year

HarperCollins Canada Ltd.

Distributor of the Year

Raincoast/Book Express

Editor of the Year

Ellen Seligman, McClelland & Stewart

Sales Representative of the Year

Presented in Memory of Gordon S. Garner (Central Region)
Marilyn Cutler, Thomas Allen & Son

Marketing Achievement of the Year

The Chronicles of Narnia Campaign, HarperCollins Canada Ltd.

Book Design of the Year

The Bedside Book of Birds: An Avian Miscellany,
designed by CS Richardson (Doubleday Canada)

Lifetime Achievement

Charles Burchell