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**2004 Alberta Book Awards Winners Announced**

The **Writers Guild of Alberta** and the **Book Publishers Association of Alberta** have once again recognized and celebrated the high level of writing and publishing excellence in Alberta. At their annual awards Gala, held in Calgary on the evening of April 17, the two organizations presented **15 awards** to authors and publishers.

The event was capped with the presentation by **Minister Greg Melchin** of the prestigious **\$25,000 Grant MacEwan Author's Award**, sponsored by Alberta Community Development, which is among the richest awards of its type in Canada.

Award sponsors, CKUA's Chris Allen, publishers and writers from across Alberta celebrated with 200 attendees.

Highlights of this years awards:

- **Marty Chan** is recognized in the Drama category for *The Forbidden Phoenix*
- Calgary publisher **Broadview Press** is named Publisher of the Year
- multiple genre nominee, **Tim Bowling** takes home the Best Novel award for *The Paperboy's Winter*
- *An Ark of Koans*, published by **The University of Alberta Press**, takes the Trade Fiction award along with the Cover Design and Book Design awards
- the Poetry award goes to **Robert Hilles** for *Wrapped Within Again*
- **Red Deer Press** receives two awards with two different books: *Hidden Buffalo* succeeds in the Children's Book section, while *In Abby's Hands* gets the nod for Book Illustration



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# Winners of the 2004 Alberta Book Awards

## WRITING SECTION

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### Wilfred Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction

Anthony J. Hall, *The American Empire and the Fourth World*, McGill-Queen's University Press

### Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction

Jacqueline Baker, *A Hard Witching*, HarperFlamingoCanada

### Georges Bugnet Award for Novel

Tim Bowling, *The Paperboy's Winter*, Penguin Books

### Gwen Pharis Ringwood Award for Drama

Marty Chan, *The Forbidden Phoenix*

### R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature

Glen Huser, *Stitches*, Groundwood Books

### Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry

Robert Hilles, *Wrapped Within Again: Poems New and Selected*, Black Moss Press

## PUBLISHING SECTION

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### Trade Fiction Book of the Year

The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton), *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett  
illustrations by Jacques Brault

### Trade Non-Fiction Book of the Year

Hole's (Edmonton), *Lois Hole's Favorite Bulbs: Better Choices, Better Gardens*  
edited by Jim Hole and Valerie Hole

### Educational Book of the Year

Duval House Publishing (Edmonton): *Stories of the Century: World History from 1900 to 2000*  
by Robert Gardner, Jim Parsons and Lynn Zwicky

### Scholarly Book of the Year

University of Calgary Press (Calgary), *The Madwoman in the Academy: 43 Women Boldly Take  
on the Ivory Tower* by Deborah Keahey and Deborah Schnitzer

### Children's Book of the Year

Red Deer Press (Calgary): *Hidden Buffalo* by Rudy Wiebe  
paintings by Michael Lonechild

### Book Cover Design of the Year

The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton), *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett  
illustrations by Jacques Brault, cover design by Alan Brownoff

**Book Illustration of the Year**

Red Deer Press (Calgary): *In Abby's Hands* by Wendy A. Lewis  
illustrated by Marilyn Mets and Peter Ledwon

**Book Design of the Year**

The University of Alberta Press (Edmonton): *An Ark of Koans* by E.D. Blodgett  
illustrations by Jacques Brault, book design by Alan Brownoff

**Publisher of the Year**

Broadview Press

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