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# Congratulations to the Winners of CBA Libris Awards 2004

TORONTO (16 June 2004) – Ann-Marie MacDonald and Roméo Dallaire were among the winners revealed at CBA's Libris Awards 2004 Presentation on June 13, 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.

Dallaire was awarded both the Non-fiction book of the Year Award for Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda (Random House of Canada), as well as the Author of the Year Award, while MacDonald's *The Way the Crow Flies* (Knopf Canada) was selected Fiction Book of the Year.

Libris Awards attendees were witness to some thrilling moments this year, as McNally Robinson Booksellers Ltd. came out on top of the fourway competition for the Bookseller of the Year Award, and HarperCollins *Canada Ltd.* triumphed over strong contenders Raincoast Books and Random House of Canada Ltd. to pick up the CBA Libris Award for Publisher of the Year.

This year also featured two new Libris categories: Book Design of the Year, the inaugural winner of which is *The Group of Seven & Tom Thomson* (designed by Linda Gustafson and published by Firefly Books); and Marketing Achievement of the Year, which Raincoast Books won for their magical promotion of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

The evening also included the presentation of a special Lifetime Achievement Libris Award, and champagne toast tribute to, legendary Canadian author Pierre Berton in honour of the publication of his 50<sup>th</sup> book (*Prisoners of the North* / Doubleday Canada) and in recognition of his longstanding support of Canada's book industry, particularly its independent booksellers.

A complete list of winners of CBA Libris Awards 2004 follows.

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# **CBA Libris Awards 2004 - THE WINNERS**

#### **Bookseller of the Year**

Presented in Memory of Roy Britnell
McNally Robinson Booksellers Ltd., Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary

#### Campus Bookseller of the Year

University of British Columbia Bookstore

## Specialty Bookseller of the Year

Sleuth of Baker Street, Toronto ON

#### **Fiction Book of the Year**

The Way the Crow Flies, by Ann-Marie MacDonald (Knopf Canada)

#### Non-Fiction Book of the Year

Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda, by Roméo Dallaire (Random House of Canada)

#### **Author of the Year**

Roméo Dallaire

#### **Editor of the Year**

Phyllis Bruce, HarperCollins Canada Ltd.

#### Sales Representative of the Year

Presented in Memory of Gordon S. Garner (BC Region) James Bryner, Literary Press Group

### **Distributor of the Year**

Raincoast/Book Express

# **Small Press Publisher of the Year**

Goose Lane Editions

#### **Publisher of the Year**

HarperCollins Canada Ltd.

#### **Marketing Achievement of the Year**

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Promotion, Raincoast Books

#### **Book Design of the Year**

The Group of Seven & Tom Thomson (Firefly Books), designed by Linda Gustafson

#### Lifetime Achievement

Pierre Berton