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Congratulations to this year's Arthur Ellis Awards finalists

Best Novel

John Brooke, **Walls of a Mind**, Signature Editions
Seán Haldane, **The Devil's Making**, Stone Flower Press
Lee Lamothe, **Presto Variations**, Dundurn
Howard Shrier, **Miss Montreal**, Vintage Canada
Simone St. James, **An Inquiry into Love and Death**,
Penguin Books

Best First Novel

E.R. Brown, **Almost Criminal**, Dundurn
A.S.A. Harrison, **The Silent Wife**, Penguin Books
Canada
Axel Howerton, **Hot Sinatra**, Evolved Publishing
J. Kent Messum, **Bait**, Penguin Books Canada
S.G. Wong, **Die on Your Feet**, Carina Press

Best Novella

Melodie Campbell, **The Goddaughter's Revenge**, Orca
Books
Brenda Chapman, **My Sister's Keeper**, Grassroots Press
James Heneghan, **A Woman Scorned**, Orca Books

Best Short Story

Donna Carrick, *Watermelon Weekend*, **Thirteen**, Carrick
Publishing
Jas. R. Petrin, *Under Cap Ste Claire*, **Alfred
Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine**, October 2013, Dell
Magazines
Twist Phelan, *Footprints in Water*, **Ellery Queen's
Mystery Magazine**, July 2013, Dell Magazines

Sylvia Maultash Warsh, *The Emerald Skull*, **Thirteen**,
Carrick Publishing

Sam Wiebe, *The Third Echo*, **Girl Trouble:
Malfeasance Occasional**, MacMillan/St Martin's Press

Best Book in French

Chrystine Brouillet, **Saccages**, La courte échelle
Jacques Côté, **Et à l'heure de votre mort**, éditions
Alire

Maureen Martineau, **L'enfant promis**, La courte échelle
Jacques Savoie, **Le fils emprunté**, Éditions Libre
Expression

Best Juvenile/YA

Karen Autio, **Sabotage**, Sono Nis Press
Gail Gallant, **Apparition**, Doubleday Canada
Elizabeth MacLeod, **Bones Never Lie: How Forensics
Helps Solve History's Mysteries**, Annick Press
Ted Staunton, **Who I'm Not**, Orca Books

Best Nonfiction

Because we didn't receive the minimum number of
entries, this year's Nonfiction submissions will be
deferred to the 2015 Arthurs.

Unhanged Arthur

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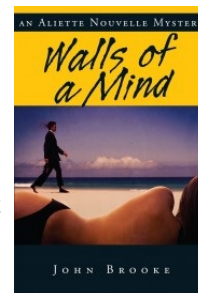
BEST NOVEL FINALISTS

John Brooke

Walls of a Mind

Signature Editions

In this fifth installment of the Alette Nouvelle mysteries, Alette is now, officially, Chief Inspector Nouvelle. After a difficult breakup with former boss and boyfriend Claude Neon, Inspector Alette Nouvelle is transferred from Alsace to the south of France. She is given command of a small brigade at Saint-Brin, a sleepy town in a valley where wine is the primary industry and source of identity. When Joël Guatto, scion of an old wine-producing family, is shot dead on the beach, it appears to be a politically motivated murder. But is it?

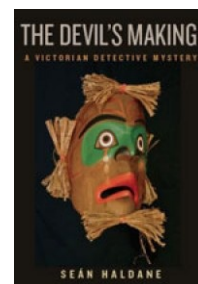


Seán Haldane

The Devil's Making

Stone Flower Press

Victoria, 1869, the ramshackle capital of British Columbia. Vastly outnumbered by native 'Indians', a few thousand British, American, European and Chinese settlers aspire to the values of the Victorian age. In the forest a mutilated body is discovered: Dr McCory, an American 'alienist' whose methods include phrenology, Mesmerism, and sexual-mystical 'magnetisation'. Chad Hobbes, arrived from England, is the policeman who must solve the crime.



Lee Lamothe

Presto Variations

Dundurn

Detectives Ray Tate and Djuna Brown are back from a vacation in Paris -- fraudulently funded by a stolen State Police credit card. While waiting to find out if they're going to be fired or jailed, the couple is assigned to the Green Squad, a dead-end job shuffling paper and counting contraband money. But while interrogating a money smuggler, Tate and Brown uncover a massive currency stash they hope will keep them out of jail. Their target is drug trafficker Laszlo "Marko" Markowitz, who has millions in cocaine profits to be laundered and shipped into Canada.

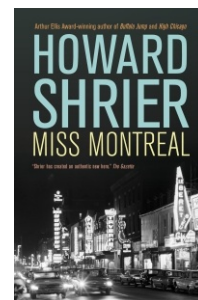


Howard Shrier

Miss Montreal

Vintage Canada

After what happened in Boston, P.I. Jonah Geller can't show his face in the U.S. again. Which is fine with him. He's got a new case in Montreal, one of the world's most colourful and downright scandalous cities. An old friend has been brutally murdered there, and the police investigation is stalled. With an election looming and political tensions seething, Jonah and former hit man Dante Ryan have to battle religious fanatics, gun runners and a twisted political dynasty to get to the truth.

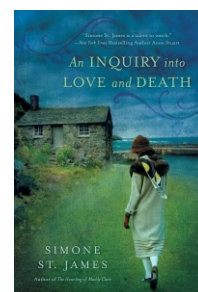


Simone St. James

An Inquiry into Love and Death

Penguin Books

In 1920's England, a young woman searches for the truth behind her uncle's mysterious death in a town haunted by a restless ghost. Oxford student Jillian Leigh has been tasked with finding the truth behind the death of her uncle, a notorious ghost hunter. Now she must follow his very last case, in the seaside town of Rothwell, to uncover the town's secrets - and the ghost that haunts the woods. With the help of a Scotland Yard inspector, she finds more than she bargained for.



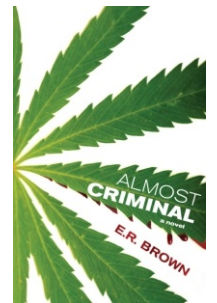
BEST FIRST NOVEL FINALISTS

E.R. Brown

Almost Criminal

Dundurn

Charming, elegant Randle Kennedy is BC's most prolific producer of specialized marijuana. Tate MacLane is brilliant, miserable, and broke. Since graduating high school at age 14, he's failed at university, failed to support his family, failed at everything except making superb *caff  latte*s. Randle wants a new, fresh face to front his transactions. Tate desperately needs a mentor and yearns for respect. And money.

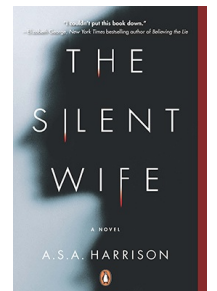


A.S.A. Harrison

The Silent Wife

Penguin Books Canada

Jodi and Todd are at a bad place in their marriage. Both are at the mercy of their unrelenting wants and needs, and both are unaware that the path they are on is careening toward murder. Much is at stake, including the affluent life they lead in their beautiful waterfront condo in Chicago, as she, the killer, and he, the victim, rush haplessly toward the main event, oblivious of the destiny they are jointly creating, caught in the thrall of disaster unfolding.



Axel Howerton

Hot Sinatra

Evolved Publishing

Moss Cole is a private detective, the kind you thought only existed in old movies and afternoon reruns. He's smart, talented, sometimes even charming. You'd think he could find a better gig than carrying on his grandfather's legacy as a 'Private Dick.' Cole is out of money, out of ideas, and out of his league. That's why he's stuck looking for a stolen Sinatra record... a record that may be just a figment of an old man's imagination.



J. Kent Messum

Bait

Penguin Books Canada

Six strangers wake up on a remote island in the Florida Keys with no memory of their arrival. They soon discover their sole common bond: all are heroin addicts from the slums of Miami. As their excruciating withdrawal begins, the six face their captors across open water. The four shadowy figures on the yacht are dangerous predators who know that their victims' need never falters—and that the creatures that swim beneath the waves have equally rapacious appetites.

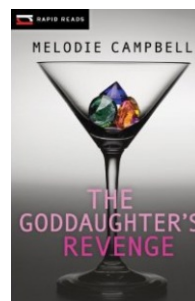


S.G. Wong**Die on Your Feet****Carina Press**

PI Lola Starke and her Ghost, Aubrey O'Connell, become tangled in simultaneous cases that lead them into the gambling underworld of 1930s Crescent City and into a hidden plot involving the City's mayor and an old nemesis from Lola's past. Dealing with threats to her estranged mother, as well as a cunning, uncooperative client, Lola struggles to uncover the treachery and machinations that threaten to destroy the City's power structure—at the cost of her life and Aubrey's very existence.

**BEST NOVELLA FINALISTS****Melodie Campbell****The Goddaughter's Revenge****Orca Books**

Savvy, smart-mouthed Gina Gallo saved the day for her inept mob family in *The Goddaughter*. Now she's back, with a new problem. One of the mob has been switching real gems for fakes in the jewellery of some of her best customers. With her reputation on the line, what's a Mob goddaughter to do? Mastermind a string of burglaries to get the gems back of course! But nothing ever goes entirely smoothly for Gina. Soon she and her eccentric cousin Nico are the toast of the town, as the local paper and everyone else follow the antics of their very own Pink Panthers.

**Brenda Chapman****My Sister's Keeper****Grassroots Press**

Anna Sweet, ex-cop turned waitress, is bar hopping her way across the U.S.A. But a middle-of-the-night phone call to Anna's hotel room in Texas is about to end her life on the road. Her sister Cheri's brakes failed, and she's lying banged up in an Ottawa hospital. Cheri warns that unless Anna comes right home, she'll be dead by Christmas.

**James Heneghan****A Woman Scorned****Orca Books**

Vancouver city councilor George Hamilton Nash has left his wife of twenty years and moved into a posh West End condo. A wealthy man about town, Nash appears to be enjoying all the pleasures the city has to offer—until he turns up dead.



BEST SHORT STORY FINALISTS

Donna Carrick
Watermelon Weekend
Thirteen
 Carrick Publishing



Jas. R. Petrin
Under Cap Ste Claire
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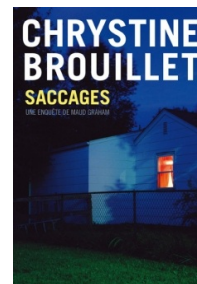


BEST FRENCH FINALISTS

Christine Brouillet
Saccages
La courte échelle

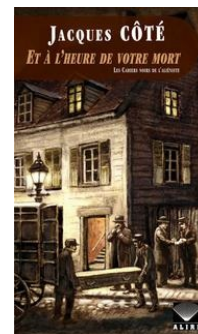
Dans sa maison d'une rue paisible de Québec, un homme est retrouvé mort, poignardé. Tout le voisinage est sous le choc. Pourquoi ce comptable, si dévoué et si tranquille, a-t-il été tué ? Mais cet homme était-il si innocent ? C'est ce que la détective Maud Graham se demande.

In his house in a quiet street in Quebec, a man is found dead, stabbed. The whole neighborhood is in shock. But was this man so innocent? This is what the detective Maud Graham asks.



Jacques Côté**Et à l'heure de votre mort****Éditions Alire**

17 septembre 1894... La grande salle de l'hôtel Windsor est bondée de notables. Tous sont venus entendre Georges Villeneuve, médecin-expert à la morgue de Montréal, et son collègue, le docteur Wyatt Johnston. Villeneuve a à peine terminé son discours quand surgit le lieutenant Bruno Lafontaine : une atrocité s'est produite dans un taudis de Griffintown et il a besoin de son expertise. September 17, 1894 ... The great hall of the Hotel Windsor is packed with notables. All came to hear Georges Villeneuve, medical expert in the morgue of Montreal, and his colleague, Dr. Wyatt Johnston. Villeneuve has just finished his speech when Lieutenant Bruno Lafontaine informs him that an atrocity occurred in a slum of Griffintown and his expertise is needed.

**Maureen Martineau****L'enfant promis****La courte échelle**

Tingwick, 2011. Dans une érablière de Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens, on découvre les ossements d'une femme. À qui appartiennent ces restes humains qu'aucun parent ne réclame? Le lendemain, Lucas Blondin, cinq ans, est porté disparu. Fugue ou enlèvement? En pleine canicule de juillet, Judith Allison, sergente-détective de la Police régionale d'Arthabaska, se retrouve avec deux enquêtes sur les bras.

Tingwick, 2011. In Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens, the bones of a girl are found. Who owns these human remains that no parent claims? The next day, Lucas Blondin, age five years, goes missing. Runaway or abduction? In a July heat wave, Judith Allison, Detective Sergeant of Arthabaska Regional Police, must investigate the two cases.

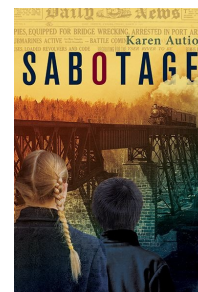
**Jacques Savoie****Le fils emprunté****Libre Expression**

Jérôme Marceau est maintenant à la tête des homicides, et le quarante-sixième meurtre de l'année vient d'être commis sur le territoire du SPVM. Dans un hangar souterrain jouxtant le tunnel ferroviaire sous le mont Royal, un amas de cendres et des cerceaux d'acier ont été retrouvés. Seraient-ce les traces d'un suicide ?

Jérôme Marceau is now the head of homicide, and the forty-sixth murder of the year has been committed on the territory of SPVM. In an underground hangar adjacent to the railway tunnel under Mount Royal, a pile of ash and steel hoops were found. Could it be the traces of a suicide?

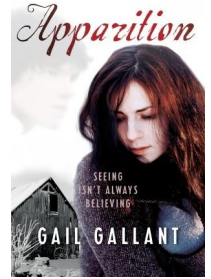
**BEST JUVENILE/YA FINALISTS****Karen Autio****Sabotage****Sono Nis Press**

Ever since 13-year-old Saara returned from caring for her family's relatives, she's been so grown-up and focused on her goal of becoming a teacher. Nine-year-old John jokes and plays pranks, but instead of laughs, all he gets is nagging. What really drives him crazy, though, is what his older sister won't take seriously: the possibility that enemy spies and saboteurs might be at work in 1915 in Canada—even right here in Port Arthur, Ontario. She thinks that sort of thing only happens in important places.

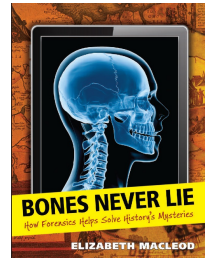


Gail Gallant**Apparition****Doubleday Canada**

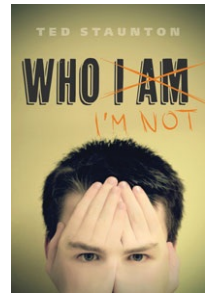
The last time seventeen-year-old Amelia Mackenzie saw her best friend Matthew alive, he broke her heart. When he is found the next day in an abandoned barn at the edge of town, an apparent suicide, Amelia's whole world comes crashing down. And then she sees him again. Because Amelia has a secret that even Matthew didn't know: sometimes, she sees ghosts.

**Elizabeth MacLeod****Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries****Annick Press**

The mystery of the young pharaoh's death is only one of the puzzles that modern science has helped solve. Thanks to forensics—the science of examining physical evidence—we now know that King Tut died of malaria. We also know that stomach cancer, and not arsenic as suspected, killed Napoleon. Seven intriguing stories about historical royal figures whose demise was suspicious, and hard scientific facts about crime-solving techniques make each event seem like an episode of CSI rather than a history lesson.

**Ted Staunton****Who I'm Not****Orca Books**

Danny has survived everything life has thrown at him: being abandoned at birth, multiple abusive foster homes, life as a con man in training. But when his latest "protector" dies suddenly, Danny has to think fast or he'll be back in foster care again. He decides to assume the identity of a boy who disappeared three years before. If nothing else, he figures it will buy him a little time.

**UNHANGED ARTHUR FINALISTS****L.J. Gordon****Death at the Iron House Lodge**

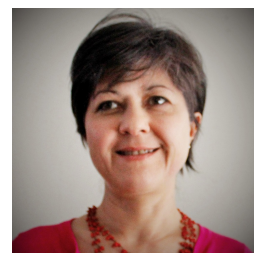
In a lodge nestled in the Green Mountains of Vermont, a group of authors has gathered for the annual Mystery Writers' conference. This time, though, it isn't just creative juices that are flowing – it's blood – and the writers use their knowledge of all things murder to solve a real case.

Lois Gordon is a freelance writer and editor, and has had many short stories published in anthologies. Several personal essays have won awards for humour, which seems to find its way into most of her material. Lois lives near Orangeville, Ontario, with her husband and a menagerie of pets.

**Rachel Greenaway****Cold Girl**

The beloved Rockabilly Princess has vanished from her small home town in northern B.C., winter is making its last stand, and a mismatched team of investigators has converged to hunt her down. Personalities clash, the many leads are in a tangle, and the girl stays missing . . . until the thaw.

Now living in Nelson B.C., Rachel Greenaway transcribes court cases for a living, which puts her in the middle of the conflict but safely out of the crossfire, pays the bills, and best of all, provides building blocks for whatever comes next in the story.



Charlotte Morganti**The Snow Job**

If he had his druthers, private investigator Desert Sun Gabrieli would avoid explosives, nut jobs and the small town of Cheakamus, British Columbia. But when his kid brother is fingered as the prime suspect in deadly sabotage at nearby mines, he must confront them all, and more.

Charlotte Morganti has been a burger flipper, beer slinger, lawyer, and aficionado of the perfect tourtière. And, always, a stringer-together-of-words. She lives on the west coast of British Columbia with her husband and the quirky characters that populate her fiction. The Snow Job is her first novel.

**Kristina Stanley****Descent**

During international race training at Stone Mountain, British Columbia, an up-and-coming Olympic skier is murdered. Kalin Thompson, security director, becomes torn between friends and professional duty when her pregnant friend becomes the prime suspect. The wilderness, her coworkers and the murderer conspire against Kalin as she searches for the killer.

Kristina Stanley drew from her experience as the security and HR director at Panorama Mountain Resort to write three Kalin Thompson Mysteries: Descent, Burnt and Avalanche. She worked on her manuscripts with Garry Ryan (CWC mentor program), and Joan Barfoot and Mary Gaitskill at the Humber School for Writers.

**Kevin Thornton****Coiled**

Coiled is a murder investigation looking at why prominent church members are being killed. The Bishop is worried and asks his brother, an ex-soldier, to help him as the Police can do nothing. The difference between the urbane man of the cloth and the sanctioned thug soldier as brothers is the backdrop of a series of murders that threaten to cause a scandal that nobody wants, and the church doesn't need.

Kevin actually has a real job as a writer with a salary and pension plan and everything, thus fulfilling his Mother's prophecy that eventually he would grow up. He also writes poetry, short stories, magazine articles and newspaper columns, and once signed a petition to save lavatory dividers. He lives in Fort McMurray in Northern Alberta where it is mostly cold.



The winners will be announced at

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