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CRIME WRITERS OF CANADA ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 2019 ARTHUR ELLIS AWARDS AND A TOTAL OF \$2000 IN PRIZE MONEY

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Crime Writers of Canada has made the call for entries to the 2019 Arthur Ellis Awards for excellence in Canadian crime writing and is thrilled to announce a new prize of \$300CDN for Best Crime Short Story to be sponsored by Mystery Weekly. Other prizes include a \$1000CDN for Best First Crime Novel, sponsored by Rakuten Kobo, and a \$500 prize for the Best Unpublished Crime Novel manuscript written by an unpublished writer, known as the “Unhanged Arthur”, sponsored by Dundurn Press. Additionally, all five shortlisted “Unhanged Arthur” finalists will have their manuscripts read by Dundurn’s acquisition editor. There is also a \$200 prize for the Lou Allin Memorial Best Crime Novella.

Winners will be announced at the Arthur Ellis Awards Gala to be held in Toronto in May 2019. Full details about the competition can be found on the Crime Writers of Canada’s website:

www.crimewriterscanada.com

The Arthur Ellis Awards were established in 1984 and named after the nom de travail of Canada's official hangman. They are awarded annually by the CWC to Canadian crime writers, wherever in the world they might reside, and to writers of any nationality who live in Canada and have Permanent Resident status. The entries for the 2019 competition are for work published during the 2018 calendar year.

Crime Writers of Canada (CWC) is a national non-profit organization for Canadian mystery and crime writers, associated professionals, and others with a serious interest in Canadian crime writing. Their mission is to promote Canadian crime writing and to raise the profile of Canadian crime writers with readers, reviewers, librarians, booksellers, and media.

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Dundurn's long successful publishing program began in 1972 with fewer than five employees and has since expanded to over twenty. The company now has more than 2,500 books in print and 1,700 ebooks available. In 2012 and 2014, Dundurn was nominated for the Libris Award for Publisher of the Year, presented by the Retail Council of Canada.

Mystery Weekly is a Canadian-based publication that produces a monthly magazine delivered to subscribers and distributed worldwide in digital and print formats. It is named for the weekly stories sent out via newsletter as a teaser for the magazine.

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