

2021 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award Nominees Announced

Canadian authors selected for adult recreational reading program award

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (February 1, 2021) – The Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) Forest of Reading is excited to present this year’s nominees for its adult program, the Evergreen Award.

The 2021 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

Broken Man on a Halifax Pier by Lesley Choyce (Dundurn Press)

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd)

I Overcame My Autism and All I Got Was This Lousy Anxiety Disorder. A Memoir by Sarah Kurchak (Douglas & McIntyre Ltd.)

Indians on Vacation by Thomas King (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd)

The Library of Legends by Janie Chang (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd)

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Del Rey)

Rebent Sinner by Ivan Coyote (Arsenal Pulp Press)

Seven by Farzana Doctor (Dundurn Press)

The Skin We’re In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power by Desmond Cole (Doubleday Canada)

They Said This Would Be Fun: Race, Campus Life, and Growing Up by Eternity Martis (McClelland & Stewart)

“During uncertain times, it is more important than ever to listen to one another’s stories. Something that I really enjoy about working with the Evergreen Selection Committee is the breadth and diversity of the stories that we get to read,” says Erin Kernohan-Berning, Chair of the Evergreen Award Selection Committee. “The final list is only 10 of those many stories being told by writers across Canada, and I hope by sharing these excellent books that readers will continue to discover what reading Canadian stories has to offer.”

The Evergreen Award program is a perfect way for public libraries and book clubs to engage with best titles in Canadian fiction and non-fiction. It is one of ten programs that form the OLA’s Forest of Reading, Canada’s largest recreational reading program of its kind with over 270,000 Canadians participating each year.

“Whether fiction or non-fiction, the act of reading helps bring us closer to understanding one another,” continues Kernohan-Berning. “I am grateful to the writers who have worked so hard to tell their stories, and to the selection committee for their commitment to reading Canadian literature. I hope that library patrons across Canada find this year’s list as exciting as I do.”

A committee of library professionals chooses the nominated titles for the Evergreen Award. Votes from readers are tallied for the award in September and the winner will be announced during Ontario Public Library Week in October.

Participate in the Evergreen Award program and register for [the Forest of Reading](#) today. Check out the Forest of Reading [Facebook page](#) and follow us on Twitter [@ForestofReading](#).

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