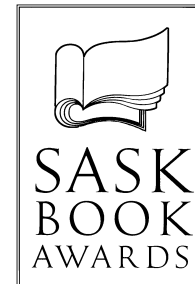




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## **Readers to Vote for Favourite Saskatchewan Book**

Book lovers from around the province will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite book title by a Saskatchewan author from September 1 to September 30 to determine the winner of this year's Readers' Choice Award, which is sponsored by Regina Public Library. This is one of many awards available as part of the 2009 Saskatchewan Book Awards. Ballots will be available at all participating public libraries throughout the province or online at [www.reginalibrary.ca](http://www.reginalibrary.ca).

There are 84 nominated titles vying for this year's Saskatchewan Readers' Choice Award representing a wide range of talented authors. The book and its author receiving the most votes will receive the Readers' Choice Award along with a \$2,000 cash prize donated by the award sponsor, Regina Public Library, at the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala. Readers who participate in the voting will be entered into a prize draw.

In addition to books about Saskatchewan, many of the 2009 entries will take readers on a journey of experience. Entries such as *Aloha, Candy Hearts* by Anthony Bidulka, *The Great Canadian Comedy: From Laughter to Tears* by Joe Campbell and *Niceman Cometh* by David Carpenter, provide a great way to escape. There will be authors reading from their works at events around the province during the month of November. For the entire list of 2009 Readers' Choice nominees and a schedule of author readings, please visit [www.bookawards.sk.ca](http://www.bookawards.sk.ca).

Saskatchewan Book Awards recognize and celebrate excellence in Saskatchewan writing and publishing. The shortlist of books nominated for each of the fourteen categories, including one new category, First Peoples Writing, as well as the Readers' Choice Award - will be announced at simultaneous news conferences in Regina and Saskatoon on October 14. The awards will be presented on Saturday, November 28, 2008 at the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala to be held at Regina's Conexus Arts Centre. Tickets and information about all Saskatchewan Book Awards events are available at [www.bookawards.sk.ca](http://www.bookawards.sk.ca)

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