

2026 Saskatchewan Book Awards Shortlisted Titles

(Embargoed until Friday, March 6, 2026 12:30 pm)

Book of the Year Award

Sponsored by Regina Public Library

How I Bend Into More (Palimpsest Press) by Tea Gerbeza

Touching Grass (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Kristy Jackson

The Paper Birds (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Jeanette Lynes

The Art of War (Playwrights Canada Ltd) by Yvette Nolan

The Chorus Beneath Our Feet (Radiant Press) by Melanie Schnell

Children's Literature Award

Sponsored by G. Murray & Edna Forbes Foundation

How To Know A Crow (Greystone Kids) by Candace Savage and Rachel Hudson

Mortified (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Kristy Jackson

Touching Grass (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Kristy Jackson

Rez Kid (Kids Can Press) by Andrea Landry

Whitey's Journey (Heritage House) by Kelsey Lonie

Butterfly on the Wind (Roaring Brook Press) by Adam Pottle

Fiction Award

Sponsored by Worby Wealth Management

Theories of Everything (Shadowpaw Press) by Dwayne Brenna

She's A Lamb: A Novel! (ECW Press) by Meredith Hambrock

The Paper Birds (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Jeanette Lynes

The Chorus Beneath Our Feet (Radiant Press) by Melanie Schnell

Everything is Fine Here (House of Anansi Press) by Iryn Tushabe

First Book Award

Sponsored by Government of Saskatchewan

Awakening Through Grief (Awaken Your Soul's Journey Press) by Angela Clement

How I Bend Into More (Palimpsest Press) by Tea Gerbeza

A Fondness for the Reckless (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing) by Jennifer Jacoby-Smith

Seventhblade (ECW Press) by Tonia Laird

Everything is Fine Here (House of Anansi Press) by Iryn Tushabe

Indigenous Peoples Publishing Award

Sponsored by Saskatoon Public Library

Road Allowance Kitten: Full Circle (Gabriel Dumont Institute Press) by Wilfred Burton

Maddy's Sash (Gabriel Dumont Institute Press) by Marion Gonneville

Bloodied Bodies, Bloody Landscapes (University of Regina Press) by Laura Hall

Something For the Dark (University of Regina Press) by Randy Lundy

What Shade of Brown? (Radiant Press) by John Brady McDonald

Indigenous Peoples Writing Award

Sponsored by Rasmussen & Co.

Joe (BookLand Press) by Carol Rose GoldenEagle

Touching Grass (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Kristy Jackson

What Shade of Brown? (Radiant Press) by John Brady McDonald

A Line Runs Through It (Wood Dragon Books by Niall Schofield

Putting Down Roots (University of Manitoba Press) by Cheryl Troupe

Non-Fiction Book Award

Sponsored by University of Saskatchewan President's Office

Building Bridges (Wood Dragon Books) by Donald Atchison

Transforming Pain Into Purpose (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing) by Allan Kehler

Saskatchewan Superwomen: Challengers and Champions (Owl Imprints) by Vera Pezer

Putting Down Roots (University of Manitoba Press) by Cheryl Troupe

Walking the Bypass: Notes on Place from the Side of the Road (University of Regina Press) by Ken Wilson

Poetry Book Award

Sponsored by SK-Arts

How I Bend Into More (Palimpsest Press) by Tea Gerbeza

Green (Radiant Press) by Zachari Logan

Walking Upstream (Thistledown Press) by Lloyd Ratzlaff

First Light, Last Light (Shadowpaw Press) by Glen Sorestad

Publishing Award

Sponsored by Creative Saskatchewan

Banana Capital (University of Regina Press) by Ben Brisbois

Dark Chapters (University of Regina Press) by Erin Fay

Tunnel Island (Thistledown Press) by Bill Gaston

The Discovery of Finnegan Wilde (ThistleDown Press) by Caroline Pignat

The Chorus Beneath Our Feet (Radiant Press) by Melanie Schnell

Publishing In Education Award

Sponsored by SaskBooks

Kohkum's Royal Bannock (ThistleDown Press) by Wilfred Burton

Stitching Our Stories Together: Journeys Into Indigenous Social Work (University of Regina Press) by Jeannine Carriere

In the Light of Dawn: The History and Legacy of a Black Canadian Community (University of Regina Press) by Marie Carter

The A Word: A Global History of the Abortion Struggle (University of Regina Press) by Elizabeth Casillas and Higinia Garay; translated by Karen Simon

Changing Care: Advancing Social Justice in the Health Professions (University of Regina Press) edited by Jennifer Brady and Jacqui Gingras

City of Regina Book Award

Sponsored by the City of Regina

The Solitary Friend: A Joanne Kilbourn Mystery (ECW Press) by Gail Bowen

The Chorus Beneath Our Feet (Radiant Press) by Melanie Schnell

Everything is Fine Here (House of Anansi Press) by Iryn Tushabe

Walking the Bypass: Notes on Place from the Side of the Road (University of Regina Press) by Ken Wilson

City of Saskatoon Book Award

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She's A Lamb: A Novel! (ECW Press) by Meredith Hambrock

A Fondness for the Reckless (Your Nickel's Worth Publishing) by Jennifer Jacoby-Smith

The Paper Birds (HarperCollins Press Ltd.) by Jeanette Lynes

The Art of War (Playwrights Canada Ltd.) by Yvette Nolan

Standing Up To Big Nickel (McGill-Queen's University Press) by Elizabeth Quinlan

Scholarly Writing Award

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College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan*

No Place Like Home (McGill-Queen's University Press) by Bohdan Kordan

Habiba Djahnine: Memory Bearer (Edinburgh University Press) by Sheila Petty

Standing Up To Big Nickel (McGill-Queen's University Press) by Elizabeth Quinlan

Putting Down Roots (University of Manitoba Press) by Cheryl Troupe