

Finalists announced for 2014 BMO Winterset Award

February 26, 2015 (St. John's, NL) – The Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council (NLAC) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2014 BMO Winterset Award are Megan Gail Coles, Michael Crummey, and Alan Doyle. The award celebrates excellence in Newfoundland and Labrador writing. The winner will be announced at Government House on Thursday, March 26.

The three finalists are:

- Megan Gail Coles, for: *Eating Habits of the Chronically Lonesome* (Killick Press), St. John's, NL
- Michael Crummey, for: *Sweetland* (Doubleday Canada), Toronto, ON
- Alan Doyle, for: *Where I Belong* (Doubleday Canada), Toronto, ON

The winner will receive a prize of \$10,000 and the two finalists will each receive \$2,500.

Books in any genre published in 2014 were eligible for the award. A total of 26 works by Newfoundland and Labrador authors (either native-born or resident) were submitted by publishers from across the country. The jury consisted of Mark Callanan, John Crosbie, and Marie Wadden.

The Winterset Award honours the memory of Sandra Fraser Gwyn, St. John's-born social historian, prize-winning author, and passionate promoter of Newfoundland and Labrador arts. Her husband, journalist and author Richard Gwyn established the award in 2000, which is managed by the NLAC. It's named after the historic house on Winter Avenue in St. John's where Sandra grew up.

Finalists will read from their works and answer questions from the audience at **a public reading and reception: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at The Rooms (in the Theatre)**, 9 Bonaventure Avenue in St. John's.

High resolution images for the authors and their book covers are available here:
<http://www.nlac.ca/news/20150225.htm>