

# Long list announced for 2020 BMO Winterset Award

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**February 15, 2021 (St. John's, NL)** – ArtsNL is pleased to announce this year's BMO Winterset Award long list. The award celebrates excellence in Newfoundland and Labrador writing. On Monday, March 1, 2021, the three finalists will be revealed.

The six-title long list includes:

- Bridget Canning, *Some People's Children* (Breakwater Books), St. John's, NL
- Eva Crocker, *All I Ask* (House of Anansi Press Inc.), Toronto, ON
- Emily Hepditch, *The Woman in the Attic* (Flanker Press Ltd.), St. John's, NL
- Michelle Porter, *Approaching Fire* (Breakwater Books), St. John's, NL
- Andrea Procter, *A Long Journey: Residential Schools in Labrador and Newfoundland* (ISER Books), St. John's, NL
- Heather Smith, *Barry Squires, Full Tilt* (Penguin Teen Canada), Toronto, ON

The BMO Winterset Award is composed of a partnership between the BMO Financial Group and those involved in the project from the start - ArtsNL and the project's founder, the late Richard Gwyn, OC.

The award is designed to celebrate and support Newfoundland and Labrador writers and writing, and to commemorate St. John's-born social historian Sandra Fraser Gwyn, OC, who did so much to promote a national awareness of the arts of this province.

The prize awarded to the annual winner is \$12,500, while the finalists will each receive \$3,000. The award project, managed by ArtsNL, has gained a quality of permanency by the generous support being provided by BMO, which has renewed its award partnership for another five years.

Eligible entries, of which there were 23 for the year 2020, must have been written by Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, either native-born or resident, and be works in any of the genres – fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, and children's books.

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