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Top titles up for \$10,000 book prize revealed Public voting for 2015 Alberta Readers' Choice Award opens July 6

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EDMONTON, AB, May 1, 2015 – And then there were five.

The five books vying for the richest literary prize in the province have been announced, and Albertans have more time than ever before to read each title and then vote for their favourite.

Sponsored by the Edmonton Public Library, the Alberta Readers' Choice (ARC) Award is awarded annually for the best fiction or non-fiction book written by an Alberta author. The \$10,000 prize, now in its sixth year, recognizes exceptional writing in our province and encourages readers to support local authors.

"The submissions were remarkable again this year," said Linda Cook, CEO of the Edmonton Public Library. "We are excited to be providing Albertans more time to read each of the top five titles, which are crafted by some truly talented Alberta authors, as well as more time to pick the one they like best."

The five finalists for the 2015 ARC Award are:

- *The Social Life of Ink*, by Ted Bishop (Penguin Canada Books Inc.)
- *Winterkill*, by Kate A. Boorman (Abrams/Amulet)
- *Thief of Glory*, by Sigmund Brouwer (Waterbook Press)
- *Who by Fire*, by Fred Stenson (Doubleday Canada)
- *Come Back*, by Rudy Wiebe (Penguin Random House Canada/Knopf Canada)

Over 50 titles were submitted for the award, a list which was trimmed to five books by a jury of EPL staff. The public go to the polls starting July 6, voting online at epl.ca/alberta-readers-choice through to August 31. The winner of the 2015 Alberta Readers' Choice Award will be announced on September 18 at the 2015 Alberta Book Awards.

About the Alberta Readers' Choice Award

The Alberta Readers' Choice (ARC) Award is presented by the Edmonton Public Library (EPL). Currently in its sixth year, the ARC Award promotes literacy and reading to Albertans by highlighting the unique and talented writers residing in our province. The \$10,000 prize, sponsored by EPL, goes to the author of the winning title as voted on by the reading public. The ARC Award is one of the largest literary prizes offered in Alberta and is comparable to many national literary awards. For more information about the ARC Award, visit www.epl.ca/alberta-readers-choice.

About the Edmonton Public Library

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