

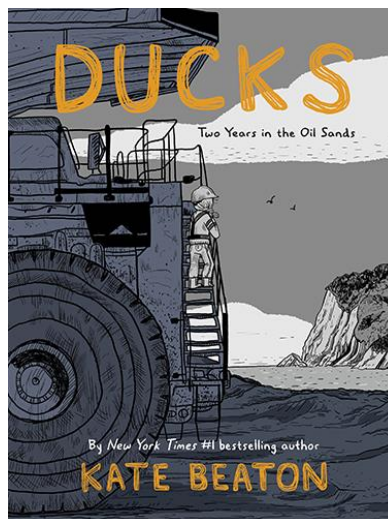
2023 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award™ Winner Announced Alongside the 2024 Nominated Titles

Canadian authors selected for adult recreational reading program award

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (October 19, 2023) – The Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) [Forest of Reading](#) is excited to announce the 2023 Evergreen Award Winner alongside this year’s nominees for its adult program, the Evergreen Award.

THE 2023 FOREST OF READING® EVERGREEN AWARD™ WINNER IS:



Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands by Kate Beaton (Drawn & Quarterly)

"I'm surprised and delighted to learn that I am the winner of the 2023 OLA Evergreen Award, knowing it has been a long process and seeing how many worthy and wonderful books have been nominated," says Kate Beaton, author of *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*. "I'm grateful to the Ontario Library Association. I remember with fondness my time in the libraries of Toronto when I lived there. I have always benefited greatly from libraries as a space, a community, and as champions of work like mine. As the Evergreen Award is part of the Forest of Reading program, meant to encourage and promote reading for enjoyment itself, there is something special to receiving it. Most of the Forest of Reading is aimed at school age readers, and perhaps I am feeling nostalgic for those young days of reading for pleasure, book after book, no matter what kind of book you loved, if only you were reading, being the pinnacle of success. Thank you for putting me at the top of that pile."

The 2024 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

Adrift by Lisa Brideau (Sourcebooks)

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.)

The Burden of Exile: A Banned Journalist's Flight From Dictatorship by Aaron Berhane (Dundurn Press Ltd.)

Dancing in Small Spaces: One Couple's Journey with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia by Leslie A. Davidson (TouchWood Editions)

Far Cry by Alissa York (Random House Canada)

Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast by John Vaillant (Knopf Canada)

Girlfriend on Mars by Deborah Willis (Hamish Hamilton Canada)

Silver Nitrate by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Del Rey)

The Story of Us by Catherine Hernandez (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.)

Superfan: How Pop Culture Broke My Heart by Jen Sookfong Lee (McClelland & Stewart)

“Change is a constant in life and there is no question that we are living in a time of dramatic change,” said Enid Wray and Julie Wendland, Co-Chairs of the Evergreen Award Selection Committee. “Each of the titles chosen this year mines the deeply personal – whether via fiction or non-fiction – addressing the impact of change and how we adapt to that change. In exploring change, these titles bring together the local and the global, and focus on the resilience we have within ourselves, our families, our friendship groups, and our communities.”

The Evergreen Award program is a perfect way for public libraries and book clubs to engage with best titles in Canadian fiction and non-fiction. It is one of ten programs that form the OLA's Forest of Reading, Canada's largest recreational reading program of its kind with over 270,000 Canadians participating each year.

A committee of library professionals chooses the nominated titles for the Evergreen Award. Readers can submit their votes for the award during September and the winner is announced during Ontario Public Library Week in October.

Participate in the Evergreen Award program and register for the [Forest of Reading](#) today. Following a new timeline, the Evergreen Award program is the perfect program to run during a bookclub from October through until the end of the summer. Check out the Forest of Reading [Facebook page](#) and follow us on Twitter [@ForestofReading](#).

The Forest of Reading consists of ten programs distinguished by age group and reading level, each with ten nominated titles. The English school-aged programs are Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar, Red Maple, and White Pine. French literature is celebrated through the Peuplier, Mélèze, and Tamarac programs. The adult program, Evergreen, celebrates excellence in Canadian literature. There are 100 nominated titles with ten books in each program.

About the Ontario Library Association: The [Ontario Library Association \(OLA\)](#) is a centre of excellence for the library and information sector, with 4,000 members who work in public, school, academic and special libraries. OLA enables members to advocate for the right of individuals to have free and equitable access to information. Our members research, develop and participate in educational programs designed to provide exemplary library services. Signature OLA events include the annual Super Conference and the Forest of Reading® program.

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