

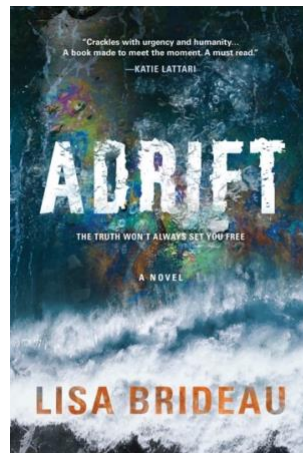
2024 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award™ Winner Announced Alongside the 2025 Nominated Titles

Canadian authors selected for adult recreational reading program award

NEWS RELEASE

TORONTO, ON (October 22, 2024) – The Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) [Forest of Reading](#) is excited to announce the 2024 Evergreen Award Winner alongside this year’s nominees for its adult program, the Evergreen Award.

THE 2024 FOREST OF READING® EVERGREEN AWARD™ WINNER IS:



Adrift

by Lisa Brideau (Sourcebooks)

“Recognition from readers like this is the highest honour I could imagine for *Adrift*,” said Lisa Brideau. “I like to think that this interest in a mystery-filled climate novel shows desire among people to engage with the issue of climate change--in fiction and in everyday life, which gives me a welcome infusion of hope.”

The 2025 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

Becoming a Matriarch: A Memoir by Helen Knott (Knopf Canada)

Crooked Teeth: A Queer Syrian Refugee Memoir by Danny Ramadan (Viking Canada)

Death by a Thousand Cuts: Stories by Shashi Bhat (McClelland & Stewart)

Gin, Turpentine, Pennyroyal, Rue: A Novel by Christine Higdon (ECW Press, a misFit book)

Interesting Facts About Space: A Novel by Emily Austin (Atria Books)

Landbridge: life in fragments by Y-Dang Troeung (Alchemy by Knopf Canada)

North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner by Marie Wilson (House of Anansi Press)

Prairie Edge: A Novel by Conor Kerr (Strange Light)

Roar by Shelley Thompson (Vagrant Press)

We Rip the World Apart by Charlene Carr (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.)



“These titles – fiction, non-fiction and short stories – get to the essence of what it means to be human,” said Enid Wray and Julie Wendland, Co-Chairs of the Evergreen Award Selection Committee. “Whether set historically or in the contemporary context, these books address a wide range of lived experiences. All deeply personal, they speak to readers who are young and/or to those who are older. One thing they all have in common is that they do not shy away from pointing out how the personal is political. Find yourself and/or people you know and love reflected here – and be reminded that there is more that connects us than divides us.”

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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