

The Best Books of 2016

Canadian Fiction

Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeleine Thien

The Break by Katherena Vermette

The Party Wall by Catherine Leroux, translated by Lazer Lederhendler

Willem de Kooning's Paintbrush by Kerry Lee Powell

The Wonder by Emma Donoghue

13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl by Mona Awad

By Gaslight by Steven Price

The Parcel by Anosh Irani

Stranger by David Bergen

On the Shores of Darkness, There Is Light by Cordelia Strube

The Best Kind of People by Zoe Whittall

The Black Coat by Neamat Imam

Yiddish for Pirates by Gary Barwin

Nostalgia by M.G. Vassanji

The Hidden Keys by André Alexis

Canadian Nonfiction

This Is Not My Life by Diane Schoemperlen

Brown by Kamal Al-Solaylee

Pumpkinflowers by Matti Friedman

Mexican Hooker #1 by Carmen Aguirre

Waiting for First Light by Roméo Dallaire, with Jessica Dee Humphreys

Gently to Nagasaki by Joy Kogawa

The Return of History by Jennifer Welsh

A Disappearance in Damascus by Deborah Campbell

Mad Enchantment by Ross King

Firewater by Harold R. Johnson

Tomboy Survival Guide by Ivan Coyote

Invisible North by Alexandra Shimo

A Good Death by Sandra Martin

Closer by Sarah Barmak

You Only Live Twice by Chase Joynt and Mike Hoolboom

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International Fiction

Swing Time by Zadie Smith
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
The Girls by Emma Cline
The Mothers by Brit Bennett
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
The Association of Small Bombs by Karan Mahajan
LaRose by Louise Erdrich
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
The Little Red Chairs by Edna O'Brien
Moonglow by Michael Chabon

International Nonfiction

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
The Gene by Siddhartha Mukherjee
An Olympic Dream by Reinhard Kleist
Shrill by Lindy West
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
A Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold
Charlotte Brontë by Claire Harman
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
Dark Money by Jane Mayer
Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen

Poetry

The Waking Comes Late by Steven Heighton
Witness, I Am by Gregory Scofield
Float by Anne Carson
Burning in this Midnight Dream by Louise Bernice Halfe
even this page is white by Vivek Shraya
Model Disciple by Michael Prior
Conjugation by Phil Hall
The Names by Tim Lilburn
How Festive the Ambulance by Kim Fu
Box Kite by Baziju (Roo Borson and Kim Maltman)

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Young adult

Girl Mans Up by M-E Girard
Exit, Pursued by a Bear by E.K. Johnston
Beware That Girl by Teresa Toten
Worlds of Ink and Shadow by Lena Coakley
Flannery by Lisa Moore
Saving Montgomery Sole by Mariko Tamaki
Every Hidden Thing by Kenneth Oppel
Hot Pterodactyl Boyfriend by Alan Cumyn
Once, in a Town Called Moth by Trilby Kent
Aluta by Adwoa Badoe

Middle grade

Dear Canada: These Are My Words by Ruby Slipperjack
A Boy Named Queen by Sara Cassidy
OCDaniel by Wesley King
Lucky Jonah by Richard Scrimger
Look Out for the Fitzgerald-Trouts by Esta Spalding, illustrated by Sydney Smith

Picture books

We Found a Hat by Jon Klassen
Tokyo Digs a Garden by Jon-Erik Lappano & Kellen Hatanaka
The White Cat and the Monk by Jo Ellen Bogart, illustrated by Sydney Smith
Maya by Mahak Jain, illustrated by Elly Mackay
The Night Gardener by Terry Fan & Eric Fan
The Stone Thrower by Jael Richardson, illustrated by Matt James
A Family Is a Family Is a Family by Sara O'Leary, illustrated by Qin Leng
Ooko by Esme Shapiro
Missing Nimâmâ by Melanie Florence, illustrated by François Thisdale
I Am Not a Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis & Kathy Kacer, illustrated by Gillian Newland

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Comics & graphica

Big Kids by Michael DeForge

In-Between Days by Teva Harrison

Bird in a Cage by Rebecca Roher

Secret Path by Gord Downie, art by Jeff Lemire

Paul Up North by Michel Rabagliati

Saga: Volume 6 by Brian K. Vaughan, art by Fiona Staples

Mary Wept Over the Feet of Jesus by Chester Brown

Hot or Not by Jessica Campbell

The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Vol. 4 by Ryan North, art by Erica Henderson

Carpet Sweeper Tales by Julie Doucet