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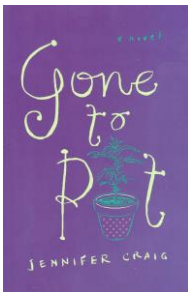
2018 Leacock Medal Shortlist Revealed

The Board of Directors of the Leacock Associates today announced its 2018 shortlist of books for the 71st Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour.

Once again the books were chosen by mathematically merging the scores given by a select group of local readers with those from a national panel of judges, all working independently. This identified the three top books out of a longlist of 10, after thoroughly evaluating 70 original submissions.

The shortlist for the 2018 Leacock Medal (in alphabetical order by author surname) is:

Jennifer Craig for *Gone to Pot*, Second Story Press.

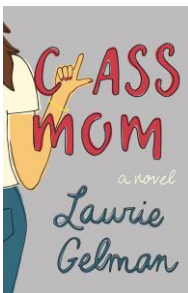


JENNIFER CRAIG became a nurse in the UK shortly after WWII and immigrated to Canada in the 1960s. During her mid-life crisis, she obtained a Bachelor's degree in nursing, followed by a Master's in education and a Ph.D. in medical education from McGill. She was on the Faculty of Medicine at UBC for ten years as an educational consultant. She is the author of the memoir *Yes Sister, No Sister: A Leeds Nurse in the 1950s*, which sold more than 160,000 copies in the UK. She lives in Nelson, BC.

Source: Second Story Press

(Jennifer Craig, photo by Fred Rosenberg)

Laurie Gelman for *Class Mom*, Henry Holt & Co (Raincoast Books).

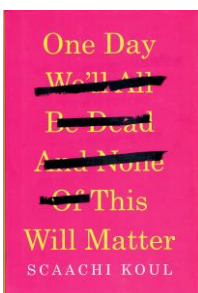


LAURIE GELMAN was born and raised in the Great White North. She spent twenty-five years as a broadcaster in both Canada and the United States before trying her hand at writing novels. Laurie lives in New York City with her husband, Michael Gelman, and two teenage daughters. *Class Mom* is her first book.

Source: Raincoast Books

(Laurie Gelman, photo courtesy Raincoast Books)

Scaachi Koul for *One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter*, Doubleday Canada



SCAACHI KOUL was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, and is a culture writer at *BuzzFeed*. Her writing has also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Hairpin*, *The Globe and Mail* and *Jezebel*. *One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter* is her first book. She lives in Toronto.

Source: Doubleday Canada

(Scaachi Koul, photo by Barbora Simkova)

Commenting on the shortlist, Board President Nathan Taylor explained, “Previous Leacock Medal winners have told us how their lives were changed by the award. We look forward to seeing which of the talented writers shortlisted this year carries away the coveted medal.”

The final winner, who also receives a \$15,000 prize, is to be announced on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at a gala award dinner at Geneva Park Conference Centre, near Orillia, Ontario. This year, runners-up receive \$3,000 each. The entertainment-filled dinner is open to the public, and limited tickets are available exclusively through the Stephen Leacock Museum in Orillia at 705.329.1908.

More information on the long and shortlisted authors, as well as the history of the Medal, membership, and all the previous winners, is available on the Leacock Associates’ website at leacock.ca, on the Leacock Medal Facebook page, and on Twitter @LeacockMedal.

Stephen Leacock Associates

Established in 1947, the Board of the Stephen Leacock Associates works to preserve the literary legacy of Stephen Leacock, oversee the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour award and encourage the growth of Canadian humour writing.

The prestigious Memorial Medal, accompanied by a \$15,000 prize, is awarded annually for the best in Canadian literary humour. The award has attained an international reputation and is the only one of its kind for Canadian humour writing.

To encourage young writers, the Board also administers an annual Student Award for humour writing.

Membership is open to the public.

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