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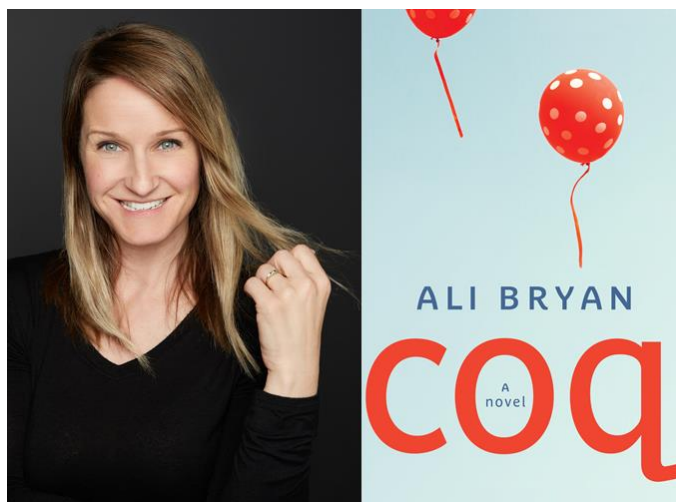
## Authors Bryan, deWitt and Willis named on 2024 Leacock Medal shortlist

ORILLIA, Ont. — The president and board of directors of Stephen Leacock Associates are pleased to announce the shortlist for the 2024 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour.

In the running for the medal and \$25,000 prize are, in alphabetical order by author surname:

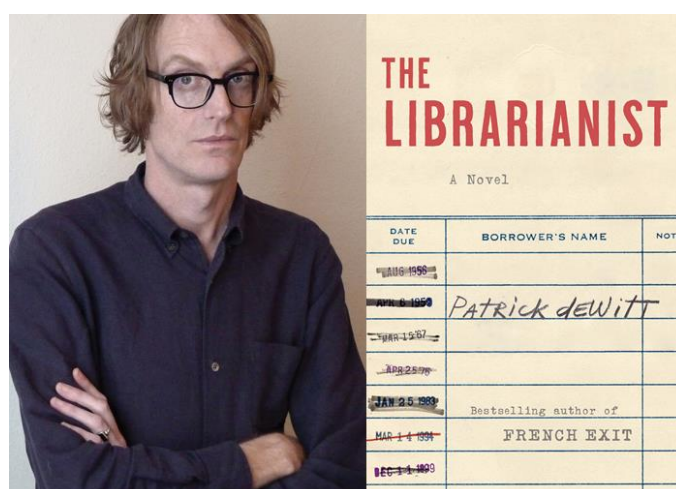
### Ali Bryan, *Coq* (Freehand Books)

Ali Bryan's first novel, *Roost*, won the Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction and was the official selection of One Book Nova Scotia. Her second novel, *The Figgs*, was a finalist for the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. Ali lives in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies on Treaty 7 territory, where she has a wrestling room in her garage and regularly gets choked out by her family.



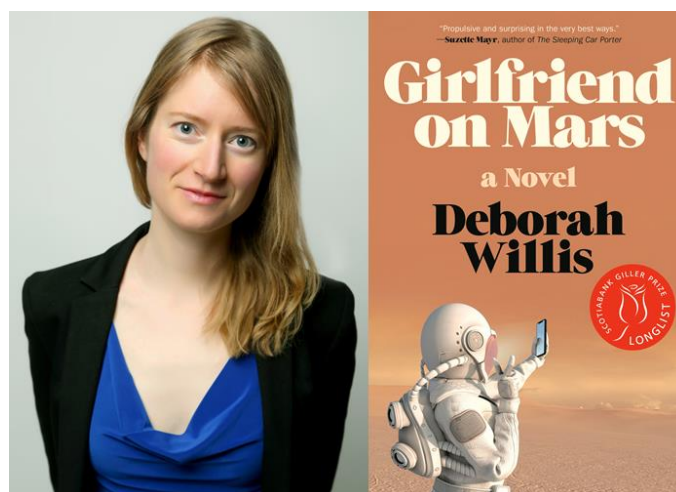
### Patrick deWitt, *The Librarianist* (House of Anansi Press)

Patrick deWitt is the author of the novels *French Exit* (an international bestseller and a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize), *The Sisters Brothers* (winner of the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, the Atwood Gibson Writers' Trust Fiction Prize and the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour, and a finalist for the Booker Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize), and the critically acclaimed *Undermajordomo Minor and Ablutions*. Born in British Columbia, he now resides in Portland, Oregon.



### Deborah Willis, *Girlfriend on Mars* (Hamish Hamilton Canada)

Deborah Willis's last short story collection, *The Dark and Other Love Stories*, was longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize. Her first book, *Vanishing and Other Stories*, was named one of The Globe and Mail's Best Books of 2009, and was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award for fiction. Her work has also appeared in *The Walrus*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *The Iowa Review*, *Lucky Peach*, and *Zoetrope*. She has worked as a bookseller at Munro's Books in Victoria, BC, as a technical writer, and as a writer-in-residence at Joy Kogawa House in Vancouver, MacEwan University, and the University of Calgary. Deborah currently works as an editor at Freehand Books and lives in Calgary with her partner and daughter.



"The three finalists for the Leacock Medal of Humour in 2024 meet our judging criteria exceptionally well", said Daphne Mainprize, the President of the Stephen Leacock Associates. "The books must be humorous, well-written with a great degree of style and depth. Our national panel of independent judges has selected the three top humorous books from the past year from 74 entries."