

New Editorship of *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*

Children's Literature Association Quarterly, a peer-reviewed journal published by the Children's Literature Association <<http://childlitassn.org>>, is now under the editorship of Richard Flynn, Professor of Literature in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at Georgia Southern University. Joining him as Associate Editors are Kenneth Kidd (University of Florida), Katharine Capshaw Smith (Rhode Island College), and Caren Town (Georgia Southern University). Submissions should now be sent directly to

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Awards for Adrienne Kertzer

Adrienne Kertzer's book *My Mother's Voice: Children, Literature and the Holocaust*, published by Broadview Press and reviewed in this issue of *Canadian Children's Literature*, was the recipient of the Abraham and Fay Bergel Prize in Scholarship on a Jewish Subject. It was also the finalist for the Alberta Book Awards Scholarly Book of the Year.

New Editorship of *English Studies in Canada*

English Studies in Canada, a quarterly journal published by the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English <<http://accute.uwinnipeg.ca>>, is in the process of moving from Carleton University to the University of Alberta. The editorial team at Carleton will complete the 2002 volume, and production at Alberta will begin with the 2003 volume. All new submissions and books for review should be sent to

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Joining incoming editor Jo-Ann Wallace are Cecily Devereux as Associate Editor (Managing), Michael O'Driscoll as Associate Editor (Submissions), Cheryl Suzack as Associate Editor (Submissions), Harvey Quamen as Associate Editor (Electronics and Design), Robert Wilson as Book Reviews Editor, and Kris Calhoun as Business Manager. Further information, including guidelines for contributors, can be found at the journal's new website <<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~esc/>>.

Julie Johnston Wins the Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature

In a ceremony in Toronto on 6 March 2003, acclaimed author Julie Johnston was awarded the \$15,000 Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature. Established in 1963 to encourage and support the writing of children's literature, the Vicky Metcalf Award is given annually to a writer of children's literature for his or her body of work. Julie Johnston is the 39th winner of the award, administered for the first time this year by the Writers' Trust of Canada. Past winners include Linda Granfield, Dennis Lee, and the late Monica Hughes.

Julie Johnston received the Governor General's Award for her first two books, *Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me* and *Hero of Lesser Causes*. Her third novel, *The Only Outcast*, a coming-of-age story set near Ottawa, Ontario, was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award, as was her most recent book, *In Spite of Killer Bees*. A versatile writer, Johnston's published works include historical fiction, contemporary novels, and a collection of letters which are a testament to Katie Ouriou, a Calgary teen who died suddenly while living in Paris, which was published under the title *Love Ya Like a Sister*. All Johnston's books have won critical acclaim in both Canada and the United States, and her books have been sold to publishers around the world.

Tundra Books, the original home of Johnston's books *The Only Outcast*, *Love Ya Like a Sister*, and *In Spite of Killer Bees*, will be reissuing *Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me* and *Hero of Lesser Causes* in the fall of 2003.

Shortlist Announced for 2003 Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People

On 23 April 2003, Canada Book Day, the Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) was pleased to announce the nominees for the 15th annual Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People.

The Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People was established in 1988 in memory of the respected historian and children's author who passed away in 1987. The \$1,000 prize is awarded annually to the Canadian author of an outstanding work of historical fiction for young people.

The shortlist for the 2003 Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People is

- A Company of Fools* by Deborah Ellis (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)
- Finding Sophie* by Irene N. Watts (Tundra)
- Irish Chain* by Barbara Haworth-Attard (HarperCollins)
- Search of the Moon King's Daughter* by Linda Holeman (Tundra)
- The Word for Home* by Joan Clark (Penguin)

Canadian historical novels for children published between 1 January and 31 December 2002 were eligible for the 2003 award. The shortlist was chosen by an expert jury consisting of children's author Janet Lunn (Ottawa), children's bookseller Nora Lester of Granny Bates (St. John's), and historical interpreter Gail Rydman (Edmonton).

The winner of the 2003 Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People will be announced at The Fun of Reading: International Forum on Canadian Children's Literature conference in Ottawa, 26-29 June 2003.

CLA Announces 2003 Book Awards Nominees

On 15 April 2003, the Canadian Association of Children's Librarians and the Young Adult Special Interest Group of the Canadian Library Association announced the nominees for their book awards for young people. Winners and honour titles for 2003 will be announced at the Book Awards Reception at the joint Canadian Library Association/American Library Association conference in Toronto, Ontario on 21 June 2003.

The shortlist for the Book of the Year for Children Award <<http://www.cla.ca/awards/boyc.htm>>, generously sponsored by the National Book Service, is

- Birdie for Now* by Jean Little (Orca)
- A Company of Fools* by Deborah Ellis (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)
- Dead Man's Gold and Other Stories* by Paul Yee, illus. Harvey Chan (Groundwood)
- Finding Sophie* by Irene Watts (Tundra)
- Firewing* by Kenneth Oppel (HarperCollins)
- Flood* by James Heneghan (Groundwood)
- Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine (Second Story)

Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis (Groundwood)
A Ribbon of Shining Steel: The Railway Diary of Kate Cameron (Dear Canada) by
Julie Johnston (Scholastic Canada)
The Word for Home by Joan Clark (Penguin Canada)

The shortlist for the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Medal <<http://www.cla.ca/awards/afhg.htm>>, generously sponsored by the National Book Service, is

Alphabeasts by Wallace Edwards, illus. Wallace Edwards (Kids Can)
The Art Room by Susan Vande Griek, illus. Pascal Milelli (Groundwood)
Camping by Nancy Hundal, illus. Brian Deines (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)
Hallelujah Handel by Douglas Cowling, illus. Jason Walker (North Winds/
Scholastic Canada)
The Hockey Card by Jack Siemiatycki and Avi Slodovnick, illus. Doris Barrette
(Lobster)
Jasper's Day by Marjorie Blain, illus. Janet Wilson (Kids Can)
Klondike Cat by Julie Lawson, illus. Paul Mombourquette (Kids Can)
Salmon Creek by Annette LeBox, illus. Karen Reczuch (Groundwood)
Solomon's Tree by Andrea Spalding, illus. Janet Wilson (Orca)
Under a Prairie Sky by Anne Carter, illus. Alan and Lea Daniel (Orca)

The shortlist for the Young Adult Canadian Book Award <<http://www.cla.ca/awards/yac.htm>> is

The Blue Ronn Child by Jamieson Findlay (Random House of Canada)
The Losers' Club by John Lekich (Annick)
Losing Forever by Gayle Friesen (Kids Can)
The Lottery by Beth Goobie (Orca)
The Maze by Monica Hughes (HarperCollins)
Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis (Groundwood)
Search of the Moon King's Daughter by Linda Holeman (Tundra)
Shoulder the Sky by Leslie Choyce (Boardwalk)
Sticks and Stones by Beth Goobie (Orca)
Tribes by Arthur Slade (HarperCollins)
True Confessions of a Heartless Girl by Martha Brooks (Groundwood)

This year's committee chairs are

Colleen Stewart, Greater Victoria Public Library (Book of the Year for Children Award)
Reesa Cohen, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba (Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Medal)
Rena Bartsch, Saskatoon Public Library (Young Adult Canadian Book Award)
Judi McCallum, President, Canadian Association of Children's Librarians