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## **Congratulations to the Winners of CBA Libris Awards 2011**

**Canadian Booksellers celebrate the best in the Canadian book industry**

Toronto, ON, May 16, 2011—Canadian Booksellers Association announced the winners of the 2011 Libris Awards at a gala event on Saturday, May 14. The event, which took place at the Radisson Admiral Hotel - Toronto Harbourfront, was hosted by Kevin Graff, President of Graff Retail and Bob Phibbs, *the Retail Doctor*®

The Libris Awards recognize the best in the Canadian book industry. Nominated and voted on by members of the Canadian Booksellers Association, the Libris Awards single out the best in 13 categories including best writer; best editor; best sales rep; best publisher; best small press publisher; best distributor; best fiction, non-fiction, children's book, and young reader books; and best campus, specialty and general book retailer.

"The Libris Awards showcase all that is great about Canadian bookselling and book production," says Mark Lefebvre, President of Canadian Booksellers Association. "The awards signify something particularly special, since Canada's independent bookseller's nominate and vote on the award winners. The people who know books and the book market the best are Canada's independent booksellers, and it's Canada's independents who deliver the Libris Awards. Winning a Libris is a stamp of approval that everyone involved in the book industry in the book industry hopes to gain."

Also at the Libris Award gala, Chase Paymentech awarded author and bookseller Vikki VanSickle with the Young Bookseller of the Year Award. The award recognizes excellence in book retailing by a bookseller under the age of 30. VanSickle, author of *Words that Start With B*, is a Manager at The Flying Dragon Bookstore in Toronto, Ontario, which won the award for Specialty Bookstore of the Year.



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**The winners of this year's Libris Awards include:**

**Fiction Book Of The Year:**

Room  
Author Emma Donoghue Publisher HarperCollins

**Sales Rep Of The Year:**

Debbie Brown  
Kate Walker & Company

**Non-Fiction Book Of The Year:**

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival  
Author John Vaillant Publisher Knopf Canada

**Distributor Of The Year:**

Penguin Group (Canada)

**Children's Picture Book Of The Year:**

A Porcupine in a Pine Tree  
Author Helaine Becker, Illustrator Werner Zimmermann  
Publisher Scholastic Canada

**Small Press Publisher Of The Year:**

Gaspereau Press

**Young Readers' Book Of The Year:**

Pluto's Ghost  
Author Sheree Fitch, Publisher Doubleday Canada

**Publisher Of The Year:**

House of Anansi Press

**Author Of The Year:**

Emma Donoghue  
Title released in 2010: *Room* (HarperCollins)

**Campus Bookseller Of The Year:**

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

**Editor Of The Year:**

Adrienne Kerr  
Penguin Group (Canada)

**Specialty Bookseller Of The Year:**

The Flying Dragon Bookshop, Toronto, ON

**Bookseller Of The Year:**

The Book Keeper, Sarnia, ON

**About the Canadian Booksellers Association:**

Canadian Booksellers Association (CBA) is a national not-for profit trade association representing trade and campus booksellers in all provinces and territories. Membership includes Canadian bookstores of all sizes, as well as those affiliated with them—a group that includes authors, agents, sales reps, publishers, distributors and other industry suppliers. <http://www.cbabook.org>

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