

# TRILLIUM BOOK AWARD

## Trillium 2026 Salutation letter

A Celebration of Ontario's Literary Excellence

For nearly four decades, the Trillium Book Awards have spotlighted the creativity, craft, and cultural impact of Ontario's authors. Ontario Creates is honoured to deliver the 2026 Trillium Book Awards on behalf of the Government of Ontario, recognizing outstanding English- and French-language literary achievement since 1987.

Ontario's writing community reflects a remarkable range of voices, genres, and perspectives. This year's finalists demonstrate how literature can illuminate lived experience, challenge assumptions, and connect readers across communities. We are proud to recognize these exceptional authors, along with their publishers and the juries whose expertise shaped this year's selections.

Ontario's book publishing industry is the largest in Canada, contributing **\$980** million to the provincial economy and supporting more than **6,000** jobs each year. Through strategic investments and initiatives that strengthen the creative industries, Ontario Creates supports sector growth and the global reach of Ontario-made intellectual property. We also acknowledge the essential role of Ontario's publishers and booksellers, whose dedication sustains a vibrant cultural ecosystem and enriches life across the province.

As the Trillium Book Awards approach their 40th anniversary in 2027, we are excited to continue celebrating the authors, publishers, and stories that embody the spirit of this prestigious award and its lasting contribution to Ontario's cultural landscape.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at Ontario Creates, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the 2026 finalists, winners, and their publishers on June 10. We hope that this year's Trillium list encourages readers across Ontario to discover wonderful new books to enjoy and to share with family and friends.



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**Aaron Campbell**  
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**Karen Thorne-Stone**  
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