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THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION ANNOUNCES THE JURY FOR THE 2005 PRIZE

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES TAYLOR FOUNDATION announced today that the jurors for the 2005 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction are author ROBERT KROETSCH (Winnipeg, MB), academic BILL NEW (Vancouver, BC), and editor JAN WALTER (Kingston, ON). The year 2005 marks the first ANNUAL awarding of the previously biennial Prize: "The field of literary non-fiction has grown significantly in the last few years. The Trustees have watched this development with attention and we have responded," stated Noreen Taylor, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

The annual Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction was founded to commemorate the life and work of the late Charles Taylor, one of Canada's foremost essayists and a prominent member of the Canadian Literary community. The Prize consists of \$25,000 for the winning author, as well as promotional support for all shortlisted books.

ABOUT THE JURORS

ROBERT KROETSCH's novel, *The Studhorse Man*, received the Governor General's Award for Fiction in 1969; his volume of poems, *The Hornbooks of Rita K*, was nominated for the Governor General's Award for Poetry in 2002. His most recent book is *The Snowbird Poems* (2004). Robert Kroetsch taught for 17 years at the University of New York in Binghamton, then for 17 years at the University of Manitoba. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada. He received the Order of Canada in 2004. Mr. Kroetsch lives in Winnipeg.

BILL NEW is a poet, children's writer, critic and literary historian. His recent books include *Underwood Log*, *Dream Helmet* (for children), *A History of Canadian Literature*, and *Encyclopedia of Literature in Canada*. Until his retirement he taught at the University of British Columbia. Mr. New lives in Vancouver.

JAN WALTER is an editor, book developer, and publishing consultant. She has held executive positions with several Canadian publishing companies and was a partner in Macfarlane Walter & Ross, a Toronto-based book publisher that specialized in quality non-fiction. Ms. Walter lives in Kingston.

A PRESS CONFERENCE to announce the 2005 Shortlist will be held in Toronto on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005. The winner will be announced as part of a live radio broadcast on CBC Radio One's *Ontario Today* on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005.



THE TRUSTEES of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto, ON), Robert Bringhurst (Vancouver, BC), Judith Mappin (Montreal, PQ), David Staines (Ottawa, ON), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto, ON).

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