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## THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION ANNOUNCES THE JURY FOR THE 2008 PRIZE AND A NEW HOME FOR ITS AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

**N**OREEN TAYLOR, CHAIR of the board of trustees of the Charles Taylor Foundation, announced today that the jurors for the 2008 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction are Charlotte Gray, J.B. MacKinnon, and The Honourable John Manley.



CHARLOTTE GRAY



JOHN MANLEY



J.B. MACKINNON

A PRESS CONFERENCE to announce the shortlist for the 2008 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction will be held in mid-January, 2008. The winner will be announced on Monday, March 3, 2008 at a luncheon event in the Sovereign Ballroom of Le Royal Meridien King Edward Hotel, located at 37 King Street East in downtown Toronto.

### ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

**CHARLOTTE GRAY** is most recently the author of *Reluctant Genius, The Passionate Life and Inventive Mind of Alexander Graham Bell*, which was a 2006 bestseller and won the Donald Creighton Award for Ontario History. Her previous books include *The Museum Called Canada* (2004), which won the 2004 Canadian Authors Association Lela Common Award for History; *Canada, A Portrait in Letters 1800-2000* (2003); *Flint & Feather: The Life and Times of E. Pauline Johnson, Tekahionwak*, which won the University of British Columbia Medal for Biography (2002) and the Drummer General Award for



Non-Fiction (2002); *Sisters in the Wilderness: The Lives of Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Trill*, which won the Canadian Booksellers Association Libris Award (2000); and *Mrs. King: The Life and Times of Isabel Mackenzie King*, which won the 1998 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction and the Canadian Authors Association/Birks Foundation Award for Non-fiction. She has won several magazine awards and had a regular politics column in *Saturday Night Magazine* for eight years. She has frequently appeared as a commentator on CBC radio and television, and TVOntario. In 2004, she completed a CBC documentary on Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first Prime Minister, and appeared as his celebrity advocate in the CBC series *The Greatest Canadian*. An Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of History at Carleton University, she is the 2003 Recipient of the Pierre Berton Award for distinguished achievement in popularizing Canadian history. Charlotte Gray is a member of the Order of Canada. She lives in Ottawa.

**J. B. MACKINNON** is most recently the co-author of *The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating*, a national bestseller. His first book, *Dead Man in Paradise*, won the 2006 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction. As a freelance journalist, MacKinnon has earned three National Magazine Awards for travel writing, among other honours in genres as varied as column writing and investigative reporting. A past editor of *Adbusters*, J.B. MacKinnon is currently senior contributing editor to *explore* magazine and a member of a four-person collaboration producing *I Live Here*, a book of art and writing about displaced people, to be published by Pantheon Books in 2008. J.B. MacKinnon lives in Vancouver.

The Honourable **JOHN MANLEY** was first elected to Parliament as a Liberal in 1988 and re-elected three times. From 1993 to 2000, he served as Minister of Industry and also as Minister for each of three regional economic development departments of the federal government. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2000 to 2002. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he was named Chairman of a new Cabinet Committee on Public Security and Anti-terrorism and counterpart to U.S. Homeland Security Chief, Governor Tom Ridge. For the role he played following 9/11, he was named *TIME Canada Magazine's* "Newsmaker of the Year" in December 2001. In January 2002, he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Political Minister for Ontario, Minister of Infrastructure and Crown Corporations, and Chairman of the principal Cabinet committees. In June 2002 he added the role of Finance Minister. He is currently a Director of Nortel Networks, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is Chairman of the Board of Optosecurity Inc., and also sits on a number of advisory Boards and not-for-profit organizations including CARE Canada, MaRS, the University of Waterloo, the National Arts Centre Foundation, the



Institute for Research in Public Policy and the Conference Board of Canada. Mr. Manley was called to the Ontario bar in 1978. He was granted the designation C. Dir. (Chartered Director) by McMaster University in February 2006 and has received Honourary Doctorates from the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. He is Counsel in the Ottawa and Toronto offices of the law firm McCarthy Tetrault. He lives in Ottawa.

ABOUT THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES TAYLOR FOUNDATION established the prize 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. Charles Taylor was a foreign correspondent with *The Globe and Mail* and the author of four books: *Radical Tories*; *Reporter in Red China*; *Six Journeys: A Canadian Pattern*; and *Snow Job*.

THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE for Literary Non-Fiction is awarded annually to the author whose book best combines an excellent command of the English language, an elegance of style, quality of thought, and subtlety of perception. The prize consists of \$25,000.00 for the winning author and \$2,000.00 for each of the finalists. All of the shortlisted titles receive extensive national publicity and marketing support.

THE TRUSTEES of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto), Judith Mappin (Montreal), David Staines (Ottawa), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto). For more information please visit: [www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca](http://www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca)

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