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## J. B. MACKINNON WINS THE 2006 CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION

THE WINNER OF The 2006 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction is J. B. MACKINNON (Vancouver) for his book, *DEAD MAN IN PARADISE*, published by Douglas & McIntyre. The prize of \$25,000 was awarded Monday, February 27th at The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction Awards Ceremony and Luncheon held at the Windsor Arms Hotel, Toronto.

NOW IN ITS 5TH AWARDING, The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction is the largest prize of its kind in Canada and has contributed significantly to the recognition of the genre. The prize 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.

OF THE BOOK, the jury said: "Part true-life detective story, wherein J. B. MacKinnon attempts to solve the mystery that surrounds the murder of his uncle in the Dominican Republic, and part travelogue through a landscape in political turmoil, *DEAD MAN IN PARADISE* describes an engrossing quest in which the riddles of guilt and innocence, memory and reconciliation, what is revealed and what is withheld lead to an unexpected but thoroughly satisfying conclusion."

J. B. MacKinnon (Vancouver, British Columbia) is an independent journalist and a contributing editor to the magazines *Adbusters*, *Explore* and *Vancouver*. A two-time winner of the National Magazine Foundation Gold Award for travel writing, MacKinnon has also received honourable mention in the categories of essay, personal writing, and sports reporting. In his writing he explores the intersection of travel, politics, and the storyteller's craft.

THE JURORS for The 2006 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction were The Honourable Laurier LaPierre (Ottawa), W. H. (Bill) New (Vancouver), and Jan Walter (Kingston). They selected *DEAD MAN IN PARADISE* from among 90 books, submitted by 31 publishers, from across Canada. Books in the genre of literary non-fiction, published between January 1, 2005 and December 1, 2005 were eligible for submission if authored by a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, and widely available for purchase in Canada.



THE TRUSTEES of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto), Robert Bringhurst (Vancouver), Judith Mappin (Montreal), David Staines (Ottawa), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto). The trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of their partners: Book Television, CBC Radio One, The Globe and Mail, Quill & Quire, Nicholas Hoare Bookstore, Windfields Farm, and the Windsor Arms Hotel. Today's prize announcement was broadcast live on CBC Radio One's "Ontario Today" with host Alan Neal.

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