



2013 The J.W. Dafoe Book Prize Short List Press Release, March 20, 2013

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Five submissions are shortlisted for \$10,000 John W. Dafoe Book Prize

Five books drawn from across Canada made the shortlist for the 2013 John W. Dafoe Book Prize from an excellent field of 42 entries.

Mary Janigan, *Let the Eastern Bastards Freeze in the Dark: The West Versus the Rest Since Confederation*. Toronto: Knopf Canada

Ian McKay and Jamie Swift, *Warrior Nation: Rebranding Canada in an Age of Anxiety*. Toronto: Between the Lines Press.

Noah Richler, *What We Talk About When We Talk About War*. Fredericton: Goose Lane Editions.

Jeffrey Simpson, *Chronic Condition: Why Canada's Health Care System needs to be dragged into the 21st Century*. Toronto: Allen Lane (Penguin).

Reg Whitaker, Gregory S. Kealey and Andrew Parnaby, *Secret Service: Political Policing in Canada from the Fenians to Fortress America*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

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The winner will be named later in the spring and collect the award at the J.W. Dafoe Foundation's Annual Book Prize Dinner in May.

The book prize memorializes John Wesley Dafoe, one of the most significant Canadian editors of the 20th century. It is one of the richest book awards for non-fiction excellence about Canada, Canadians and the Canadian nation in international affairs. In his tenure at the Manitoba Free Press, later renamed the Winnipeg Free Press, from 1901-1944, Dafoe was known for his advocacy of western development, free trade, and national independence. His case for adoption by Britain of the Statute of Westminster in 1931 advanced the severance of formal ties with Empire and created the eight dominions, which became the nucleus of the present 54-nation Commonwealth.

The Foundation's activities also supports \$15,000 in fellowships for MA students pursuing studies in international relations, politics, economics or history, at the University of Manitoba and a number of colloquia on Canada in international affairs.

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