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2016 The J.W. Dafoe Book Prize Press Release, Shortlist, March 30, 2016

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

Five books drawn from across Canada made the shortlist for the 2016 John W. Dafoe Book Prize from an excellent field of 47 entries.

Antony Anderson, *The Diplomat: Lester Pearson and the Suez Crisis*. Goose Lane

Norman Hillmer, *O.D. Skelton: A Portrait of Canadian Ambition*. University of Toronto Press.

Gordon Laxe, *After the Sand: Energy and Ecological Security for Canadians*. Douglas and McIntyre.

David Mulroney, *Middle Power, Middle Kingdom: What Canadians Need to Know About China in the 21st Century*. Penguin Canada.

Greg Poelzer and Ken S Coates, *From Treaty Peoples to Treaty Nation: A Road Map for All Canadians*. University of British Columbia Press.

The winner will be named later in the spring and the award will be presented 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 \$10,000 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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