

Nominated Titles for 2018 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award™ Announced
Canadian Authors Selected For Adult Recreational Reading Program Award

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TORONTO, ON (January 30, 2018) – The Ontario Library Association’s (OLA) Forest of Reading program is excited to present this year’s nominees for its adult reading program, the Evergreen Award.

“This year’s Evergreen list reflects the increasing range of Canadian fiction and non-fiction,” says Kathryn Lee, Chair, the Evergreen Award Steering and Selection Committee. “It is wonderful to see Canadian literature flourishing, and I hope this list introduces Evergreen readers to new authors and stories.”

The 2018 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

All We Leave Behind: A Reporter's Journey into the Lives of Others, Carol Off
(Random House Canada)
American War: A Novel, Omar El Akkad (McClelland and Stewart Emblem)
The Clothesline Swing, Ahmad Danny Ramadan (Nightwood Editions)
The Dark and Other Love Stories, Deborah Willis (Hamish Hamilton Canada)
Glass Beads, Dawn Dumont (Thistledown Press)
Gone to Pot, Jennifer Craig (Second Story Press)
The Last Neanderthal, Claire Cameron (Doubleday Canada)
Scarborough, Catherine Hernandez (Arsenal Pulp Press)
Solitude: In Pursuit of a Singular Life in a Crowded World, Michael Harris
(Anchor Canada)
Son of a Trickster, Eden Robinson (Knopf Canada)

“Public libraries offer the nominated Evergreen books annually as great reading club list to their communities,” says Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director, Ontario Library Association. “It is a chance to ‘read Canadian’ and discover a variety of talented authors.”

The Evergreen Award reading program is comprised of the best titles in Canadian fiction and non-fiction for adults of any age. It is one of eight programs that form the OLA’s Forest of Reading, Canada’s largest recreational reading program of its kind. Over 250,000 Canadians participate each year in the Forest of Reading.

A committee of library professionals chooses the titles nominated for the Evergreen Award, which are announced every January. Votes from readers will be tallied for the award in September and the winner will be announced during Ontario Public Library Week.

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