

Nominated Titles for 2019 Forest of Reading® Evergreen Award™ Announced
Canadian Authors Selected For Adult Recreational Reading Program Award

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TORONTO, ON (January 31, 2019) – 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.

“I love the variety of this year’s Evergreen list, which has something for everyone. I hope this year’s list also inspires readers to try something new!” says Kathryn Lee, Chair, the Evergreen Award Steering and Selection Committee. “One of my favourite aspects of participating on the Evergreen Committee is that it encourages me to read outside my comfort zone and discover new ideas, stories, and perspectives.”

The 2019 nominees for the Evergreen Award are:

French Exit, Patrick deWitt (House of Anansi)
Saturday Night Ghost Club, Craig Davidson (Knopf Canada)
The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore, Kim Fu (Harpercollins)
Hysteria, Elisabeth De Mariaffi (Harpercollins)
Moon of Crusted Snow, Waubgeshig Rice (ECW Press)
All Things Consoled, Elizabeth Hay (Penguin Random House)
Foe, Iain Reid (Simon & Schuster)
I’m Afraid of Men, Vivek Shraya (Penguin Canada)
The Return of Kid Cooper, Brad Smith (Arcade Publishing)
Vi, Kim Thuy (Random House Canada)

“What better place to participate in a book club than the local public library?” says Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director, Ontario Library Association “Between now and the fall, people will have time to read all ten before they cast their vote.”

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 seven 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 in October.

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Signature OLA events include the annual Super Conference and the Forest of Reading[®] program. Follow us on Twitter @ONLibraryAssoc and like us on Facebook at Ontario Library Association.

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