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### THE SCOTIABANK GILLER PRIZE PRESENTS ITS 2016 LONGLIST

**September 7, 2016 (Toronto, ON)** – The Scotiabank Giller Prize is pleased to announce its longlist for this year’s award. The twelve titles were chosen from a field of 161 books submitted by 69 publisher imprints from every region of the country.

The longlist for the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize is:

- **Mona Awad** for her novel [13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl](#), published by Penguin Canada
- **Gary Barwin** for his novel [Yiddish for Pirates](#), published by Random House Canada
- **Andrew Battershill** for his novel [Pillow](#), published by Coach House Books
- **David Bergen** for his novel [Stranger](#), published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd
- **Emma Donoghue** for her novel [The Wonder](#), published by Harper Collins Publishers Ltd
- **Catherine Leroux** for her novel [The Party Wall](#), published by Biblioasis International Translation Series, translated by Lazer Lederhendler
- **Kathy Page** for her story collection [The Two of Us](#), published by A John Metcalf Book, an imprint of Biblioasis
- **Susan Perly** for her novel [Death Valley](#), published by Buckrider Books, an imprint of Wolsak and Wynn Publishers
- **Kerry Lee Powell** for her story collection [Willem De Kooning’s Paintbrush](#), published by HarperAvenue, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers Ltd
- **Steven Price** for his novel [By Gaslight](#), published by McClelland & Stewart
- **Madeleine Thien** for her novel [Do Not Say We Have Nothing](#), published by Alfred A. Knopf Canada
- **Zoe Whittall** for her novel [The Best Kind of People](#), published by House of Anansi Press Inc.

The longlist was selected by an esteemed five-member jury panel: Canadian writers **Lawrence Hill** (Jury Chair), **Jeet Heer** and **Kathleen Winter**, along with British author **Samantha Harvey** and Scottish writer **Alan Warner**.

Of the longlist, the jury wrote:

*“The quality and depth of Canadian fiction made it challenging to select the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize longlist. Many more stories and novels deserve a place on the list. As jurors, we salute all one hundred and sixty one writers whose books were brought to our attention. We selected works that reflect the boldness, originality and global perspectives that have come to characterize much Canadian writing. The books span a range of narrative styles – some playfully verbose and others quietly powerful. The books explore various obsessions: genocide in 20<sup>th</sup> century China and in medieval Spain; the neglect, abuse or theft of children in Ireland, North America and Guatemala; the dangers of nuclear testing; the unapologetic pursuit of crime and criminals; and the surprising ways that table manners, travel, body shape, illness, violence and love influence self-esteem and intimate relationships. We, the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize jurors, encourage book lovers to discover the works that moved us, and to keep reading Canadian literature widely.”*

This year's shortlist will be announced at a press event to be held at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Monday, September 26.

The Scotiabank Giller Prize is delighted to present a series of special readings featuring this year's shortlisted authors, taking place in **Halifax** on October 14, **Vancouver** on October 17, and **Toronto** on November 6. **Between the Pages: An Evening with the Scotiabank Giller Prize Finalists** will take you inside the minds and creative lives of the writers on the 2016 shortlist. For venue and ticket information, please visit: [www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca/news-events/events-and-important-dates/](http://www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca/news-events/events-and-important-dates/)

The 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize will air on CBC and streamed at [CBCBooks.ca](http://CBCBooks.ca) on Monday, November 7 at 9 p.m. (10 AT/10:30 NT).

#### **About the Prize**

The Scotiabank Giller Prize strives to highlight the very best in Canadian fiction year after year. The prize awards \$100,000 annually to the author of the best Canadian novel or short story collection published in English and \$10,000 to each of the finalists. The award is named in honour of the late literary journalist Doris Giller and was founded in 1994 by her husband, Toronto businessman Jack Rabinovitch. Visit us at [www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca](http://www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca)

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