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MADELEINE THIEN WINS THE 2016 SCOTIABANK GILLER PRIZE

November 7, 2016 (Toronto, Ontario) – Madeleine Thien has been named the winner of the \$100,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize for her novel, *Do Not Say We Have Nothing*, published by Alfred A. Knopf Canada. The announcement was made at a black-tie dinner and award ceremony hosted by Steve Patterson, attended by nearly 500 members of the publishing, media and arts communities. The gala awards were broadcast by CBC and live-streamed on CBCBooks.ca.

This year the prize celebrates its 23rd anniversary.

The shortlist of six authors and their books, announced on September 26, 2016, 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
- **Emma Donoghue** for her novel [*The Wonder*](#), published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd
- **Catherine Leroux** for her novel [*The Party Wall*](#), published by Biblioasis, translated by Lazer Lederhendler
- **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 esteemed five-member jury panel made up of Lawrence Hill (jury chair), Samantha Harvey, Jeet Heer, Alan Warner and Kathleen Winter selected the shortlist and ultimate winner.

Of the winning book, the jury wrote:

“Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeleine Thien entranced the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize jurors with its detailed, layered, complex drama of classical musicians and their loved ones trying to survive two monstrous insults to their humanity: Mao Zedong’s Cultural Revolution in mid-twentieth century China and the Tiananmen Square massacre of protestors in Beijing in 1989. Do Not Say We Have Nothing addresses some of the timeless questions of literature: who do we love, and how do the love of art, of others and ourselves sustain us individually and collectively in the face of genocide? A beautiful homage to music and to the human spirit, Do Not Say We Have Nothing is both sad and uplifting in its dramatization of human loss and resilience in China and in Canada.”

MADELEINE THIEN is the author of the story collection *Simple Recipes*, which was a finalist for the Commonwealth Writers’ Prize, a Kiriyaama Pacific Prize Notable Book, and won the BC Book Prize for Fiction; the novel *Certainty*, which won the Amazon.ca First Novel Award; and the novel *Dogs at the Perimeter*, which was shortlisted for Berlin’s 2014 International Literature Award and won the Frankfurt Book Fair’s 2015 Literaturpreis. Her novels and stories have been translated into twenty-five languages, and her essays have appeared in *Granta*, *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times*, *Five Dials*, *Brick* and *Al Jazeera*. *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* won the 2016 Governor General’s Literary Award. The daughter of Malaysian-Chinese immigrants to Canada, she lives in Montreal.

During tonight’s award ceremony, guests enjoyed a performance by Canadian R&B singer/songwriter Jully Black and a roster of celebrity presenters – Catherine Reitman, Gordon Pinsent, Amanda Parris, Ins Choi, Tanya Tagaq and Annie Murphy – introduced the shortlisted authors and presented video profiles highlighting the nominated books.

Listen to CBC Radio's q tomorrow at 10 a.m. ET for an interview with Madeleine Thien and relive the gala at CBCBooks.ca

Ask the author your questions about her book during a live Twitter chat hosted by @GillerPrize on November 10 at 2:00 p.m. ET using the hashtag #GillerWinner

Images from tonight's gala will be available on the [Media Resources](http://MediaResources) page at www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca

PARTNERSHIPS AND EVENTS:

In a new and exclusive partnership with World Literacy Canada (WLC), the winner of the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize will appear in the WLC 2017 Kama Reading Series. WLC (worldlit.ca) has over 60 years of experience serving women and children in an effort to reduce poverty through literacy.

The winner of the Scotiabank Giller Prize will receive an opportunity to explore, expand, and develop their practice during a two-week, self-directed residency in Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity's exclusive Leighton Artists' Colony. Banff Centre is Canada's leading destination for arts training and is located in the heart of Banff National Park. (banffcentre.ca)

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

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series runs from January to May with one evening of readings per month, featuring Canada’s most celebrated and most promising authors. 2017 marks the 25th anniversary year of the Kama Reading Series. Visit www.worldlit.ca for more information.

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