

Some Information for Giller Prize Winners Workshop

Now known as the Scotiabank Giller Prize, the prize was founded in 1994 by Jack Rabinovitch in honour of his late wife Doris Giller. It now has a prize amount of \$100,000 for the winner and \$10,000 to each of the shortlisted authors.

These prize-winning authors are the cream of Canadian writers and we will be looking at their lives, their output and the book for which they won their prize. A schedule of the authors chosen is found in our separate document and workshop members are urged to choose either the author or a book that most interests them.

There is a lot of information online if you input Giller Prize Winners, Biographies of Giller Prize Winners or the authors' name which will likely take you to Wikipedia. There are many facts on Wikipedia which you can incorporate into your presentations and we suggest also that you look at the section called References where you will find links to articles (and sometimes books) on the authors.

We value discussion in our workshop, especially when discussing the book. We suggest, therefore, that you limit your presentation on the author to 30-40 minutes and on the book to 20-30 minutes. You might want to suggest some areas of discussion to the group. We find that discussions often lead to wider ideas which may include personal stories and this sort of discourse always stimulates a better understanding of the author and his/her work.