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SHORTLIST OF FINALISTS – THE WORD GUILD 2006 WRITING AWARDS

Nonfiction Books

Books – Apologetics/Evangelism:

James A. Beverley of Pickering, Ont. for *Counterfeit Code: Answering the Da Vinci Code Heresies*, published by BayRidge Books, Pickering, Ont.

Douglas John Hall of Montreal for *Bound and Free: A Theologian's Journey*, published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, Minn.

Books – Christian Living:

Paul M. Beckingham of Vancouver for *Walking Towards Hope*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

Angelina Fast-Vlaar of St. Catharines, Ont. for *Seven Angels for Seven Days*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

Mary A. Kassian of Sherwood Park, Alta. for *In My Father's House*, published by Broadman & Holman Publishers, Nashville, Tenn.

Judy Rushfeldt of Calgary for *Making Your Dreams Your Destiny: A Woman's Guide to Awaken Your Passions and Fulfilling Your Purpose*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

Books - Culture:

Laurel Gasque of Vancouver for *Art and the Christian Mind: The Life and Work of H. R. Rookmaaker*, published by Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill.

John F. Keith of Mississauga, Ont. for *Wars Are Never Enough: The Joao Matwawana Story*, published by BayRidge Books, Pickering, Ont.

Brian C. Stiller of Toronto for *Preaching Parables to Postmoderns*, published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, Minn.

Books - General Readership (books that explain or encourage faith for mainstream readers):

Paul H. Boge of Winnipeg for *Father to the Fatherless: The Charles Mulli Story*, published by BayRidge Books, Pickering, Ont.

Susan Fish of Waterloo, Ont. for *Seeker of Stars*, published by Winding Trail Press, Embrun, Ont.

Books - Independently-Published Nonfiction:

Elaine Froese of Boissevain, Man., for *Planting the Seed of Hope: A Celebration of Prairie Life*, published by Elaine Froese, Boissevain, Man.

Michael R. Prieur of London, Ont. for *Panes of Glory: Illuminations from the Stained Glass Windows of St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ont.*, published by Michael R. Prieur, London, Ont.

Books – Leadership/Theoretical:

Douglas John Hall of Montreal for *Bound and Free: A Theologian's Journey*, published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, Minn.

John G. Stackhouse, Jr. of Vancouver for *Finally Feminist: A Pragmatic Christian Understanding of Gender*, published by Baker Academic, Ada, Minn.

Books – Life Stories:

Paul M. Beckingham of Vancouver for *Walking Towards Hope*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

Paul H. Boge of Winnipeg for *Father to the Fatherless: The Charles Mulli Story*, published by BayRidge Books, Pickering, Ont.

Phil Callaway of Three Hills, Alta. for *Laughing Matters: Learning to Laugh when Life Stinks*, published by Multnomah Publishers, Inc., Sisters, Ore.

Angelina Fast-Vlaar of St. Catharines, Ont. for *Seven Angels for Seven Days*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

Laurel Gasque of Vancouver for *Art and the Christian Mind: The Life and Work of H.R. Rookmaaker*, published by Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill.

Lloyd Mackey of Ottawa for *The Pilgrimage of Stephen Harper*, published by ECW Press, Toronto

John Terpstra of Hamilton for *The Boys, or, Waiting for the Electrician's Daughter*, published by Gaspereau Press, Kentville, N.S.

Books – Relationships:

Slobodan Krstevski of Burlington, Ont. for *Bless Your Children to Succeed*, published by Guardian Books, Belleville, Ont.

Judy Rushfeldt of Calgary for *Making Your Dreams Your Destiny: A Woman's Guide to Awakening Your Passions and Fulfilling Your Purpose*, published by Castle Quay Books, Kitchener, Ont.

John Visser of Belleville, Ont. for *Blessings & Curses: The Key to Lasting Change*, published by Essence Publishing, Belleville, Ont.

Books – Special:

Alvin G. Ens of Abbotsford, B.C. for *I Am the Poem*, published by Ensa Publishing, Abbotsford, B.C.

Elaine Froese of Boissevain, Man. for *Planting the Seed of Hope: A Celebration of Prairie Life*, published by Elaine Froese, Boissevain, Man.

Michael R. Prieur of London, Ont. for *Panes of Glory: Illuminations from the Stained Glass Windows of St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ont.*, published by Michael R. Prieur, London, Ont.

Calvin Seerveld of Toronto for *Voicing God's Psalms*, published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Fiction Books

Novel - Historical:

Rob Alloway of Toronto for *Babylon Post: And Other Uncommon Tales from Jeremiah*, published by Regent College Publishing, Vancouver
Susan Fish of Waterloo, Ont., for *Seeker of Stars*, published by Winding Trail Press, Embrun, Ont.

Book – Young Adult:

Beverley Boissery of Vancouver for *Sophie's Rebellion*, published by The Dundurn Group, Toronto

M.D. Meyer of Winnipeg for *Colin's Choice*, published by Essence Publishing, Belleville, Ont.

Article, Short Story, Poetry & Song Lyric Categories

Article – General Readership (articles that explain or encourage faith for mainstream readers):

Thomas Froese of Uganda for "Biblical Images on Sana'a's Streets," published by *The Hamilton Spectator*, Hamilton

Thomas Froese of Uganda for "Christians Must Realize Injustices in Palestine," published by *The Hamilton Spectator*, Hamilton

Thomas Froese of Uganda for "Life Is Like a Hazy Mirror," published by *The Hamilton Spectator*, Hamilton

Josie Newman of Claremont, Ont. for "God of Unlikely Places," published by *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto

Article - Inspirational/Devotional:

Paul M. Beckingham of Vancouver for "Talking of Prayer," published by *Tidings*, Salisbury, N.B.

Mark Buchanan of Duncan, B.C. for "Perspective," published by *Discipleship Journal*, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Article – Long Feature:

Mark Buchanan of Duncan, B.C. for "The World is Not Enough," published by *Christian Single*, Nashville, Tenn.

Maxine Hancock of Vancouver for "When to Let Go: Facing End of Life Issues," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Bob Harvey of Carleton Place, Ont. for "Inside the Locked Doors of the Sistine," published by *The Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa

Sheila Wray Gregoire of Belleville, Ont. for "The Joy of Sex Is God's Idea," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Article - News:

Deborah Gyapong of Ottawa for "Henry Warns of Growth in Religious Intolerance," published by *Western Catholic Reporter*, Edmonton

Bob Harvey of Carleton Place, Ont. for "Ottawa's Meditative Power Is Something to Contemplate," published by *The Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa

Karen Homer of Guelph, Ont. for "Hostile Takeover," published by *Childview/Enfants du monde*, World Vision Canada, Mississauga, Ont.

Article - Personal Experience:

Paul M. Beckingham of Vancouver for "Loneliness - a Longing for Home," published by *Tidings*, Salisbury, N.B.

Phil Callaway of Three Hills, Alta. for "The Slow Goodbye," published by *Servant*, Three Hills, Alta.

Karen Stiller of Port Perry, Ont. for "God and the Chancel Guild," published by *The Anglican Planet*, Toronto

Steve Russell of Port Perry, Ont. for "Flirting with Other Churches," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Rachel Wallace-Oberle of Elmira, Ont. for "To Haiti with My Son," published by *Reader's Digest*, Montreal

Article - Profile/Human Interest:

Stephanie Douglas of Brampton, Ont. for "Fire in Her Belly: A Life Consumed by Prayer," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Doris Fleck of Calgary for "God Turned Street Kid into Ministry Leader," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Deborah Gyapong of Ottawa for "God Speaks, This Priest Listens," published by *Western Catholic Reporter*, Edmonton

Bob Harvey of Carleton Place, Ont. for "Ex-Tech Worker Now Tends God's Garden," published by *The Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa

Elaine Ingalls Hogg of Smiths Creek, N.B. for "The Preacher Who Lost His Voice," published by *Wesleyan Life*, Indianapolis, Ind.

N. J. Lindquist of Markham, Ont. for "Pastor Finds God's Pleasure by Writing," published by *Maranatha News*, Toronto

Article - Young Adult/Children:

Violet Nesdoly of Surrey, B.C. for "More Beautiful than Flowers" published by *FaithWriters Magazine*, www.faithwritersmagazine.com

Christine Penner Polle of Red Lake, Ont. for "Anna and the Wolves" published by *On The Line*, Scottsdale, Penn.

Column/Editorial/First Person Essay: (guest/occasional; submit one)

Dave Henderson of Pembroke, Ont. for "The Most Daunting Job in Christendom," published by *The Ottawa Citizen*, Ottawa

Greg Paul of Toronto for "Why Do People Live On the Street?," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.

Column/Editorial/First Person Essay: (regular/series; submit two consecutive)

Paul M. Beckingham of Vancouver for "September Reflections" and "Missional Moments" published by *Tidings*, Salisbury, N.B.

Susan Fish of Waterloo, Ont. for "Intersection of Faith and Life-Translation" and "Whales of The Deep" published by *Mennonite Brethren Herald*, Winnipeg

N. J. Lindquist of Markham for "Professor Helps Others Appreciate Good Literature" and "Author Discovers Joy in Doing What Comes Naturally," published by *ChristianWeek*, Winnipeg

Lynda MacGibbon of Riverview, N.B. for "Spiritual Life Columns: Giving God a Reputation Is No Easy Sacrifice" and "Finding God in a Toronto Cab," published by *Tidings*, Salisbury, N.B.
Patricia Paddey of Mississauga for "Leader in Focus: What God Intends for Good" and "'Jazz Conversation' With God Helps Scholar Find Hope," published by *ChristianWeek*, Winnipeg
Kimberley J. Payne of Millbrook, Ont. for "Complaining" and "Obedience, Not Experience," published by *Cornwall Seaway News*, Cornwall, Ont.
Ray Wiseman of Fergus, Ont. for "Another Look at Darkest Africa" and "When Mother Remembered Her War," published by *Wellington Advertiser*, Fergus, Ont.

Poetry:

Rochelle Chapman of Vancouver for "The Sacre-Coeur," published by Utmost Christian Writers, Edmonton
Bonnie Flaman of Regina for "What Happens After Healing?," published by The Penwood Review, Los Alamitos, Calif.
Violet Nesdoly of Surrey, B.C. for "Transformation," published by Utmost Christian Writers, Edmonton
Sheila Rosen of Burnaby, B.C. for "The Engraver," published by *Crux* (Regent College), Vancouver

Review:

David Daniels of Brooklin, Ont. for "The Drama of Scripture," published by *Faith Today*, Markham, Ont.
Deborah Gyapong of Ottawa for "Harper Finds Fans Among Authors," published by *The Catholic Register*, Ottawa
Dorene Meyer of Winnipeg for "If You Are Hurting," published by *Indian Life*, Winnipeg
Bruce Soderholm of St. Catharines, Ont. for "Penguins' March to Success Inspires Family Audiences," published by *ChristianWeek*, Winnipeg

Short Story:

Cullene Bryant of Vancouver for "In the Dry Woods," published by The Books Collective, Edmonton
Lorraine O'Donnell Williams of Markham, Ont. for "Funeral Rites," published by *Writer's Block - The Ingersoll Times*, Ingersoll, Ont.
Sonya VanderVeen Feddema of St. Catharines, Ont. for "Bethlehem County Bus No. 615," published by *Christian Home and School*, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Song Lyrics:

Ali Matthews of Stratford, Ont. for "After the Song"
Ali Matthews of Stratford, Ont. for "Emmanuel"
Ali Matthews of Stratford, Ont. for "Hunger Mountain"
Ali Matthews of Stratford, Ont. for "Wide Awake"
Adele Simmons of Whitby, Ont. for "Let Me Leave It with You"

Additional Awards:

Awards will be presented on June 14 to the winners of six categories for which there are no shortlists of finalists: Mystery/Suspense Novel; Romance Novel; Biblical Studies Book; Children's Book; Instructional/How To Book; Short Feature Article.

No award will be presented this year in the following categories: Contemporary Novel; Futuristic Novel; Independently Published Fiction; Script/Screenplay.

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