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## For Immediate Release

### Saskatchewan Readers To Choose Award Recipient

If the price of gas has kept you home this summer, the 91 entries to the Saskatchewan Book Awards' Readers' Choice Award can provide an exciting month of armchair travel this fall!

In addition to books about Saskatchewan, many of the 2008 entries will take readers around the world. Several tell of experiences in Africa, the Philippines, Vietnam and one retired couples' backpacking adventures in India. Fiction entries include mysteries set in Africa and the Maritimes as well as science fiction that can transport readers into another dimension. Titles sure to pique "would-be" travelers' curiosity include *Journeys without a Map*, *Journey to Aging Road*, *Far Away: Postcards from Pre-Revolutionary Ukraine* and *Postcards Never Written*.

Throughout the month of September readers can vote for their favourite book on the Readers' Choice Award ballot. The book gathering the most votes will receive the Readers' Choice Award at the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala on November 29. The author of the winning book will be presented with a \$2,000 cash prize supplied by the award sponsor, Regina Public Library. Readers who vote will also be entered for a draw to win prizes – of books!

Saskatchewan readers can cast ballots for their favourite title from September 1 to September 30. Ballots are available at any participating Public Library in Saskatchewan, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Book & Brier Patch, Oak & Rose Book Shoppe or online at [www.reginalibrary.ca](http://www.reginalibrary.ca).

Saskatchewan Book Awards recognize and celebrate excellence in Saskatchewan writing and publishing. The shortlist of books nominated for each of the fourteen categories, including the Prix du livre français, Fiction, Poetry, Children's Literature, Scholarly and Nonfiction - as well as the Readers' Choice Award - will be announced at simultaneous news conferences in Regina and Saskatoon on October 15. Readers will have a chance to hear nominated authors read from their works at events around the province during the month of November. The awards will be presented on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at the Saskatchewan Book Awards Gala to be held at Regina's Conexus Arts Centre. Tickets and information about all Saskatchewan Book Awards events are available at [www.bookawards.sk.ca](http://www.bookawards.sk.ca)

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