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Four outstanding books are shortlisted for \$10,000 John W. Dafoe Book Prize

Four books drawn from a field of thirty, from across Canada, are shortlisted for the 2021 John W. Dafoe Book Prize:

Larry Audlaluk. What I Remember, What I Know: The Life of a High Arctic Exile. Inhabit Media, Inc. <https://inhabitmedia.com/2020/09/23/what-i-remember-what-i-know-the-life-of-a-high-arctic-exile/>

Heidi Bohaker. Doodem and Council Fire: Anishinaabe Governance through Alliance. University of Toronto Press (UTP). <https://utorontopress.com/ca/doodem-and-council-fire-2>

Stephen R. Bown. The Company: The Rise and Fall of the Hudson's Bay Empire. Doubleday Canada. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/610847/the-company-by-stephen-r-bown/9780385694070>

Benjamin Perrin. Overdose: Heartbreak and Hope in Canada's Opioid Crisis. Viking. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/605163/overdose-by-benjamin-perrin/9780735237865>

The winner will be named later in May. The winner will be invited to give a talk accessible to the community, with details to follow.

The John W. Dafoe Book Prize memorializes John Wesley Dafoe, one of the most significant Canadian editors of the 20th century. It is one of the richest book awards in Canada for non-fiction excellence. Selection criteria includes subjects involving Canada, Canadians and the Canadian nation in international affairs. In his tenure at the Manitoba Free Press, later renamed the Winnipeg Free Press, from 1901-1944, Dafoe was known for his advocacy of western development, free trade, and national independence. His case for Britain's adoption of the Statute of Westminster in 1931 helped to create the eight dominions which became the nucleus of the present 54-nation Commonwealth.

The J.W. Dafoe Foundation's activities also support \$10,000 in fellowships for MA students pursuing studies in international relations, politics, economics or history at the University of Manitoba; an essay prize for qualifying students; a prize for student and community newspaper writers; the J.W. Dafoe Political Studies Students' Conference; and a number of colloquia on Canada in international affairs.

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