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Five outstanding books are shortlisted for the John W. Dafoe Book Prize (\$12,000)

Five books drawn from a field of forty-four are shortlisted for the 2023 John W. Dafoe Book Prize:

Douglas Hunter. *Jackson's Wars: A.Y. Jackson, the Birth of the Group of Seven, and the Great War.* McGill-Queen's University Press.

<https://www.mqup.ca/jackson-s-wars-products-9780228010760.php>

Joan Scottie, Warren Bernauer, and Jack Hicks. *I Will Live for Both of Us: A History of Colonialism, Uranium Mining, and Inuit Resistance.* University of Manitoba Press.

<https://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/i-will-live-for-both-of-us>

Merilyn Simonds. *Woman, Watching: Louise de Kiriline Lawrence and the Songbirds of Pimisi Bay.* ECW Press.

<https://ecwpress.com/products/woman-watching>

Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson. *Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation.* Harper Collins Publishers.

<https://www.harpercollins.ca/9781443466301/valley-of-the-birdtail/>

David A. Wilson. *Canadian Spy Story: Irish Revolutionaries and the Secret Police.* McGill-Queen's University Press.

<https://www.mqup.ca/canadian-spy-story-products-9780228011170.php>

The winner will be named in late April and invited to give a talk in Winnipeg to the community in Fall 2023. Details will follow.

The John W. Dafoe Book Prize memorializes John Wesley Dafoe, one of the most significant Canadian editors of the 20th century. A value of \$12,000, it is one of the richest book awards in Canada for non-fiction excellence. Selection criteria include subjects involving Canada, Canadians, and the Canadian nation in international affairs. During 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 56-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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