

Winnipeg writer wins Silver at National Magazine Awards

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Prairie Fire, Manitoba's magazine of Canadian writing, congratulates three of its contributing writers for placing in the highly competitive National Magazine Awards.

The annual National Magazine Awards presented by the National Magazine Awards Foundation were held in Toronto on June 4. Winnipeg writer Mary Horodyski won the Silver Award in the Personal Journalism category for "Geography of Ambiguity," which was published in Prairie Fire (30,2) last summer. "Geography of Ambiguity" had won first prize in PF's 2008 Creative Non-Fiction Writing Contest judged by Lawrence Hill.

Amy Dennis, a Canadian writer living in Wales, received Honourable Mention in the NMA's Poetry category for three poems published in last fall's Prairie Fire (30,3), and BC writer Alex Leslie received Honourable Mention in the Fiction category for her story, "Catalogue of the Coast," which was also published in Prairie Fire last summer and had placed second in PF's 2008 Fiction Contest judged by Michael Winter.

Although placing in three categories and receiving an award in one was not Prairie Fire's best showing at the National Magazine Awards, it was better than that of any other Manitoba magazine this year.

Winnipeg writer Catherine Hunter received Honourable Mention for a poem published in Contemporary Verse 2, and Meeka Walsh (editor) and Joe Grande (designer) of Border Crossings received Honourable Mention in the Best Single Issue category.

Congratulations to everyone!

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