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Finalists Announced for 2002 Banff Mountain Book Festival

From the frozen wastes of the high Arctic to the war-torn valleys of the Karakoram mountains, the finalists in this year's Banff Mountain Book Festival provide a window on the world's most remote places and peoples. A pre-screening committee has selected 39 finalists from 128 entries entered in the 9th annual competition.

"The range of experiences represented in this year's finalists is truly astounding," says Bernadette McDonald, vice-president, Mountain Culture, The Banff Centre. "These books allow readers to explore mountain cultures and to experience the extraordinary physical and mental challenges posed by these remote landscapes."

The Banff Mountain Book Festival, presented by Canadian Mountain Holidays, runs October 30 – November 1 in conjunction with 2002 Banff Mountain Summit (October 27—29) and the 27th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival (November 1 – November 3).

A number of finalist authors will be featured at the 2002 festivals, including Maria Coffey, Roger Hubank, Wade Davis, Jerry Kobalenko, Tim Cahill, Karsten Heuer, Kathryn Bridge, Greg Child, Eric Simonson, Lynn Hill and Linda Wylie.

The 2002 book festival jury includes Irish climber and writer Dermot Somers, editor of the *Canadian Alpine Journal* Geoff Powter, and New Zealand mountaineer Julie-Ann Clyma.

Winners of the following awards will be announced at the book festival during the evening presentation on Thursday, October 31:

- Grand Prize: Phyllis and Don Munday Award, sponsored by the Alberta Sections of the Alpine Club of Canada: \$2000
- Jon Whyte Award for Mountain Literature, sponsored by The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Alberta: \$1000
- Best Book — Mountain Exposition, sponsored by Mountain Lights Bookstore, Lake Louise, Alberta: \$500
- Best Book — Mountain Image, sponsored by Spotted Dog Press, Bishop, California: \$500
- Best Book — Adventure Travel, sponsored by Batstar Adventure Tours, Port Alberni, BC: \$500

The finalists in each category are:

Mountain Literature Finalists

Above the Clouds, Anatoli Boukreev, Linda Wylie (Editor), Galen Rowell, Saint Martin's Press (USA, 2001) 0312269706

The Backbone of the World: A Portrait of the Vanishing West along the Continental Divide, Frank Clifford, Broadway Books (USA, 2002) 0-7679-0701-9

The Beckoning Silence, Joe Simpson, Random House Group Limited (UK, 2002) 0224061801

The Big Walls: From the North Face of the Eiger to the South Face of Dhaulagiri, Reinhold Messner, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2001) 0-89886-844-0

Climb! The History of Rock Climbing in Colorado, Jeff Achey, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2002) 0-89886-876-9

Climbing Free: My Life in the Vertical World, Lynn Hill with Greg Child, W.W. Norton & Company (USA, 2002) 0393049817

Detectives on Everest: The 2001 Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition, Eric Simonson and Jochen Hemmleb, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2002) 0-89886-871-8

The Dishonorable Dr. Cook: Debunking the Notorious Mount McKinley Hoax, Bradford Washburn, Peter Cherici, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2001) 0-89886-804-1

High Sierra of California, Gary Snyder, Tom Killion, Heyday Books (USA, 2002) 1-890771-51-1

Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa, Audrey Salkeld, National Geographic Society (USA, 2002) 0-7922-6466-5

Over the Edge: The True Story of Four American Climbers' Kidnap and Escape in the Mountains of Central Asia, Greg Child, Random House (USA, 2002) 0375506098

Phyllis Munday: Mountaineer, Kathryn Bridge, XYZ Publishing (Canada, 2002) 1-894852-01-X

Poets on the Peaks: Gary Snyder, Philip Whalen, & Jack Kerouac in the North Cascades, John Suiter, Counterpoint (USA, 2002) 1-58243-148-5

Tenzing Norgay and the Sherpas of Everest, Tashi Tenzing, Ragged Mountain Press (USA, 2001) 0-07-138180-5

Tigers of the Snow, Jonathan Neale, Saint Martin's Press (USA, 2002) 0-312-26623-5

W.H. Murray: The Evidence of Things Not Seen, W.H. Murray, Baton Wicks Publications (UK, 2002) 1-898573-24-7

Walking the Big Wild, Karsten Heuer, McClelland & Stewart (Canada, 2002) 0-7710-4120-9

Mountain Exposition Finalists

Selkirks South, David P. Jones, Elaho Press (Canada, 2001) 09682472-4-5

Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain, Bruce Tremper, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2001) 0-89886-834-3

Trekking and Climbing in Nepal, Steve Razzetti, Stackpole Books (USA, 2001) 0-8117-2947-8

Trekking and Climbing in the Andes, Val Pitkethly, Kate Harper, New Holland Publishers/Stackpole Books (UK, 2002) 1859 74 3919

Waterfall Ice Climbs in the Canadian Rockies, Joe Josephson, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2002) 0-921102-68-2

Mountain Image Finalists

Andes, Pablo Corral Vega, National Geographic (USA, 2001) 0-7922-6430-4

Bruno Engler Photography, Susan Engler Potts, Vera Matsarova Engler, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2001) 0-921102-85-2

A Nepalese Journey, Andrew Stevenson, Constable & Robinson Ltd (USA, 2002) 1841193348

Texas Mountains, Laurence Parent, Joe Nick Patoski, University of Texas Press (USA, 2001) 0-292-76592-4

Adventure Travel Finalists

- Beyond the Last Village: A Journey of Discovery in Asia's Forbidden Wilderness***, Alan Rabinowitz, Island Press (USA, 2001) 1-55963-799-4
- Defying Gravity Defying Fear***, Heather Swan, ABC Books (Australia, 2002) 0-7333-1171-7
- Dragon Hunter***, Charles Gallenkamp, Penguin Putnam, Inc. (USA, 2001) 0670890936
- Fatal Passage: The Untold Story of John Rae, the Arctic Adventurer Who Discovered the Fate of Franklin***, Ken McGoogan, HarperCollins Canada Ltd. (Canada, 2001) 0-00-200054-7
- Flying South: A Pilot's Inner Journey***, Barbara Cushman Rowell, Ten Speed Press (USA, 2002) 1-58008-471-0
- The Hard Way***, Mark Jenkins, Simon & Schuster (USA, 2002) 0-743-22227-X
- High & Wild: Essays and Photographs on Wilderness Adventure***, Galen Rowell, Spotted Dog Press (USA, 2002) 1-893343-08-1
- Hold the Enlightenment: More Travel, Less Bliss***, Tim Cahill, Random House of Canada Ltd. (USA, 2002) 0-375-50766-3
- The Horizontal Everest: Extreme Journeys on Ellesmere Island***, Jerry Kobalenko, Penguin Books, Canada/Soho Press Inc., USA (USA, 2002) 0-670-86434-6 (Canadian Issue) 1-56947-266-1
- Light at the Edge of the World***, Wade Davis, Douglas & McIntyre (Canada, 2001) 0550548484
- North***, Roger Hubank, The Ernest Press (Scotland, 2002) 0-948153-69-5
- Tom Crean: Unsung Hero of the Scott and Shackleton Antarctic Expeditions***, Michael Smith, The Mountaineers Books (USA, 2002) 0-89886-870-X
- Visions of the Wild: A Voyage by Kayak around Vancouver Island***, Maria Coffey, Dag Goering, Harbour Publishing (Canada, 2001) 1-55017-264-6

The Canadian Rockies Award is judged by a local book awards committee, and is sponsored by Eagle Creek Travel Gear.

Canadian Rockies Award Finalists

- Bruno Engler Photography***, Susan Engler Potts, Vera Matsarova Engler, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2001) 0-921102-85-2
- Carl Rungius: Artist and Sportsman***, Kirstin Evenden, Dr. Karen Wonders, Robert Stacey, Lorain Lounsberry, Warwick Publishing Inc. (Canada, 2001) 1-894622-09-X
- Phyllis Munday: Mountaineer***, Kathryn Bridge, XYZ Publishing (Canada, 2002) 1-894852-01-X
- Sport Climbs in the Canadian Rockies***, John Martin, Jon Jones, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2002) 0-921102-91-7
- Walking the Big Wild***, Karsten Heuer, McClelland & Stewart (Canada, 2002) 0-7710-4120-9
- Waterfall Ice Climbs in the Canadian Rockies***, Joe Josephson, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2002) 0-921102-68-2
- Where Locals Hike in the Canadian Rockies: Premier Trails in Kananaskis Country near Canmore and Calgary***, Kathy Copeland, Craig Copeland, Voice In The Wilderness Press, Inc. (Canada, 2002) 9-9689419-8-2

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