



## 2024 Banff Mountain Book Competition Category Finalists

### Mountain Literature (non-fiction) – The Jon Whyte Award

\$3000 - Sponsored by The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

*Alpine Rising: Sherpas, Baltis, and the Triumph of Local Climbers in the Greater Ranges*  
Bernadette McDonald, Mountaineers Books (USA, 2024)

*The Darkest White*  
Eric Blehm, HarperCollins USA (USA, 2024)

*A Fine Line: Searching for Balance Among Mountains*  
Graham Zimmerman, Mountaineers Books (USA, 2023)

*Headstrap: Legends and Lore from the Climbing Sherpas of Darjeeling*  
Nandini Purandare and Deepa Balsavar, Mountaineers Books (USA, 2024)

*A Light through the Cracks: A Climber's Story*  
Beth Rodden, Little A (USA, 2024)

*Tobin, the Stonemasters, and Me 1970-1980; Remembering Tobin Sorenson, the Best Climber  
in the World*  
Rick Accomazzo, Stonemaster Books (USA, 2024)

### Mountain Fiction & Poetry

\$3000 – Sponsored by the Town of Banff

*Dreams of Lost Buttresses and Other Stories*  
Heather Dawe, Little Peak Press (UK, 2023)

*Empty Spaces*  
Jordan Abel, McClelland & Stewart (Canada, 2023)

*Kink Bands*  
David Martin, NeWest Press (Canada, 2023)



## **Environmental Literature**

\$3000 – Sponsored by Lolë

*Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet*  
Ben Goldfarb, W.W. Norton & Company (USA, 2023)

*Echo Loba, Loba Echo: Of Wisdom, Wolves and Women*  
Sonja Swift, Rocky Mountain Books (Canada, 2023)

*Pitfall: The Race to Mine the World's Most Vulnerable Places*  
Christopher Pollon, Greystone Books (Canada, 2023)

*Twelve Trees: The Deep Roots of Our Future*  
Daniel Lewis, Avid Reader Press (USA, 2024)

*The Wild Horses of the Chilcotin: Their History and Future*  
Wayne McCrory, Harbour Publishing (Canada, 2023)

## **Adventure Travel**

\$3000 – Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Books

*Blood Sweat Tears*  
Christine Reed, Rugged Outdoorswoman Publishing (USA, 2024)

*Move Like Water: My Story of the Sea*  
Hannah Stowe, Tin House (USA, 2023)

*The Two-Headed Whale: Life, Loss, and the Tangled Legacy of Whaling in the Antarctic*  
Sandy Winterbottom, Greystone Books (Canada, 2023)

*Where the Falcon Flies: A 3,400 Kilometre Odyssey From My Doorstep to the Arctic*  
Adam Shoalts, Allen Lane Canada (Canada, 2023)



## **Mountain Image**

\$3000 – Sponsored by Mountain Life

*The Art of Climbing*

Simon Carter, Thames & Hudson (UK & USA, 2024)

*El Arte En El Croquis De Escalada/Art in Climbing Topos*

Eli Azurmendi, Rafa Elorza and Juancar Sanz, Expocroquis (Spain, 2023)

*Monica Dalmasso: Sauvage!*

Monica Dalmasso and Cédric Sapin-Defour, Glénat (France, 2023)

*Speaking Stones: Rock Art of Ladakh*

Ahtushi Deshpande, Ahtushi Deshpande (India, 2024)

## **Guidebook**

\$3000 – Sponsored by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides

*The 4000m Peaks of the Alps – Selected Alpine Climbs & Ski Mountaineering Routes – Volume 1: West*

Ben Tibbetts, Alpenglow Editions (UK, 2024)

*Backpacking on Vancouver Island: The Essential Guide to the Best Multi-Day Trips and Day Hikes*

Taryn Eyton, Greystone Books (Canada, 2024)

*The Cairngorms & North-East Scotland*

Iain Young, Anne Butler & Heather Morning, Scottish Mountaineering Club (UK, 2024)

*High Sierra Climbing: Technical Rock and Ice Volume 3*

Roger Putnam and Vitaliy Musiyenko, Kevin Daniels & Associates (USA, 2024)



## **Mountain Article**

\$3000 – Sponsored by The Lodge at Bow Lake

*Cayesh '83*

Jeff Jackson, Summit Journal (USA, 2024)

*Columns and Contradictions*

Christopher Kalman, Summit Journal (USA, 2024)

*Inseparably Roped: Early Club Culture, Climbing and Books*

Zac Robinson, Canadian Alpine Journal (Canada, 2024)

*The Terror of Turning a Corner*

Astra Lincoln, Climbing Magazine (USA, 2024)

*Via Sedna: A Team of Women Sail Stormy Seas to Climb A Big Wall in Greenland*

Caro North, Alpinist Magazine (USA, 2024)

## **Climbing Literature**

\$3000 – World Expeditions

Books whose primary focus is on climbing from the categories above are eligible for this award. Winner will be announced October 17, 2024.

## **Grand Prize**

\$5000 – Sponsored by The Alpine Club of Canada

The shortlist of category award winners eligible for the Grand Prize will be announced October 17. The Grand Prize will be announced during the festival on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.