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Banff Mountain Book Festival Winners 1995

The 2nd Annual Banff Mountain Book Festival, the only event of its kind in North America, has announced the winners of its international book competition.

The competition attracted more than 80 submissions in six categories. Books were submitted from Canada, England, Germany, Italy, New Zealand and the United States. An international jury selected the winners from a list of 26 finalists. The six categories in the competition are: Non-Fiction, Mountain Images, Guide Books, Mountain Environment and Culture, Adventure Travel and Grand Prize. The winners are:

Non-Fiction

K2: The Story of the Savage Mountain by Jim Curran
Publisher: The Mountaineers Books and Hodder & Staughton,
\$1000 Jon Whyte Award, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Mountain Image

The Last Forbidden Kingdom: Mustang, Land of Tibetan Buddhism
by Vanessa Boeye and Clara Marullo
Publisher: Produced by Concepts Publishing for Thames & Hudson and Charles E. Tuttle
\$500 cash award sponsored by Agfa Film and Banff Film Lab

Mountain Environment and Culture

Leaning on the Wind by Sid Marty
Publisher: Harper Collins
\$500 cash award sponsored by the American Alpine Club
Leaning on the Wind has been selected as a finalist in non-fiction for the Governor General's Award of Canada.

Guide Book

Handbook of the Canadian Rockies by Ben Gadd
Publisher: Corax Press
\$500 cash award sponsored by Mountain Lights Bookstore, Lake Louise

Adventure Travel

Kayaking the Vermillion Sea by Jon Waterman
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
\$500 cash award sponsored by Mountain Travel*Sobek

Grand Prize

Icefields by Thomas Wharton
Publisher: NeWest Press
\$1000 cash award sponsored by Cascade Plaza, Banff

A Special Jury Mention was awarded to:

Stone Crusade by John Sherman
Publisher: American Alpine Club

A local jury also awarded the Banff National Park Award to:

Icefields by Thomas Wharton
Publisher: NeWest Press
Award sponsored by Eagle Creek Travel Gear

Jury members for the Banff Mountain Book Festival were: Audrey Salkeld (England), noted author of mountain literature; Allen Steck (United States), founding editor of Ascent magazine; Bart Robinson (Canada), author and past editor of Equinox magazine; and Giorgio Daidola (Italy), Editorial Director of Rivista Della Montagne magazine.