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Banff Mountain Book Festival Winners 1997

The 4th Annual Banff Mountain Book Festival, presented by Canadian Mountain Holidays, tonight announced the winners of the international book competition.

The competition attracted a record number of books this year, more than 90 entries from six different countries. The jury was comprised of Canadian Sid Marty, author and past award winner at the Festival; American Steve Roper, climber and award winning author; Briton Maggie Body, past editor for Hodder and Staughton's climbing list; and Italy's Roberto Mantovani, author, journalist and mountaineer. After reading the finalist entries and deliberating for a month, the following winners were announced:

Grand Prize:

Monte Bianco by Stefano Ardito

Published by White Star (Italy), English translation published by The Mountaineers Books (USA)

Award: \$1000, sponsored by Adventurous Traveler Bookstore

Mountain Literature:

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer (U.S.A.)

Published by Villard Books, division of Random House

Award: \$1000, Jon Whyte Award sponsored by the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Mountain Exposition:

Advanced Rock Climbing by John Long and Craig Leubben (U.S.A.)

Published by Chockstone Press

Award: \$500, sponsored by Mountain Lights Bookstore

Mountain Image:

Tibetan Voices by Brian Harris (Canada)

Published by Pomegranate Art Books

SEVA Service Society

Award: \$500, sponsored by Miles High Image Centre/Kodak

Adventure Travel:

I May Be Some Time by Francis Spufford (England)

Published by Faber & Faber

Award: \$500, sponsored by Mountain Travel*Sobek

Banff National Park Award:

A Mountain Life: The Stories and Photos of Bruno Engler

Edited by Bob Sandford (Canada)

Published by the Alpine Club of Canada

Award: Eagle Creek Travel Gear