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And the 2017 Scotiabank Giller Prize goes to ... Rachel Cusk!

November 20, 2017 (Toronto, Ontario) – Rachel Cusk has been named the winner of the \$100,000 Scotiabank Giller Prize for her novel *Transit*, published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd. The announcement was made at a black-tie dinner and award ceremony hosted by Mary Walsh and attended by nearly 500 members of the publishing, media and arts communities. The gala was broadcast live on CBC, CBC Radio One and live-streamed on CBCBooks.ca.

This year the Prize celebrates its 24th anniversary.

The shortlist of five authors and their books, announced on October 2, 2017, included:

- **Rachel Cusk** for her novel *Transit*, published by HarperCollins Publishers Ltd
- **Ed O'Loughlin** for his novel *Minds of Winter*, published by House of Anansi Press
- **Michael Redhill** for his novel *Bellevue Square*, published by Doubleday Canada
- **Eden Robinson** for her novel *Son of a Trickster*, published by Alfred A. Knopf Canada
- **Michelle Winters** for her novel *I am a Truck*, published by Invisible Publishing

The esteemed five-member jury panel made up of Canadian writers André Alexis (2015 Scotiabank Giller Prize winner), Anita Rau Badami (jury chair) and Lynn Coady (2013 Scotiabank Giller Prize winner), along with British writer Richard Beard and American writer Nathan Englander selected the [longlist](#), [shortlist](#) and ultimate winner.

Of the winning book, the jury wrote:

"In Transit, Rachel Cusk's elegant, witty and brilliantly realized novel, Faye, a writer, moves to London with her young sons and purchases a dilapidated apartment. On this deceptively simple scaffolding, Cusk constructs a series of finely observed and complex stories about people whose paths intersect with the narrator's. The result is a book which is simultaneously intimate and expansive, alight with wisdom and humour, an exquisitely poised meditation on life, time, and change."

RACHEL CUSK is the author of three memoirs – *A Life's Work*, *The Last Supper* and *Aftermath* – and her novels include – *Saving Agnes*, winner of the Whitbread First Novel Award; *The Temporary*; *The Country Life*, which won a Somerset Maugham Award; *The Lucky Ones*; *In the Fold*; *Arlington Park*; and *The Bradshaw Variations*. Her novel *Outline* was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize in 2015. She lives in London, England.

During the award ceremony Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman performed a tribute to Jack Rabinovitch, founder of the Giller Prize who died in August. A roster of distinguished authors – Lawrence Hill, John Irving, Rupi Kaur, Thomas King and Madeleine Thien – introduced the shortlisted authors and presented video profiles highlighting the nominated books.

Listen to CBC Radio's *q* tomorrow at 10 a.m. ET for an interview with Rachel Cusk and relive the gala at CBCBooks.ca.

Ask the author your questions about her book during a live Twitter chat hosted by @GillerPrize on November 23 at 2:00 p.m. ET using the hashtag #GillerWinner.

Images from tonight's gala will be available on the [Media Resources](#) page at www.scotiabankgillerprize.ca

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About the Prize

The Scotiabank Giller Prize, founded in 1994, highlights the very best in Canadian fiction year after year. The Prize awards \$100,000 annually to the author of the best Canadian novel or short story collection published in English, and \$10,000 to each of the finalists. The award is named in honour of the late literary journalist Doris Giller by her husband Toronto businessman Jack Rabinovitch, who passed away suddenly in August 2017.

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