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THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE FOR LITERARY NON-FICTION ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST LONGLIST

IN RESPONSE TO the large number of publishers' submissions that are received each year and the opportunity to promote the best of these books in the all-important Christmas bookselling season, the trustees of the Charles Taylor Foundation have decided to make public the books that are still under consideration by the 2012 prize jury. Thirty-five publishers from across North America and around the world have submitted 115 titles this year. Today, jurors Allan M. Brandt, Stevie Cameron, and Susan Renouf announced the first longlist ever issued for The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction.

THE LONGLISTED TITLES ARE:

1. *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter* by CARMEN AGUIRRE, published by Douglas & McIntyre
2. *Into the Silence: The Great War, Mallory, and the Conquest of Everest* by WADE DAVIS, published by Knopf Canada
3. *The Patrol: Seven Days in the Life of a Canadian Soldier in Afghanistan* by RYAN FLAVELLE, published by HarperCollins
4. *Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber, and Life with the Tree-Planting Tribe* by CHARLOTTE GILL, published by Greystone Books in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation
5. *Nation Maker: Sir John A. MacDonald: His Life, Our Times Volume Two: 1867 - 1891* by RICHARD GWYN, published by Random House Canada
6. *The Measure of a Man: The Story of a Father, a Son, and a Suit* by J. J. LEE, published by McClelland & Stewart
7. *Facing the Hunter: Reflections on a Misunderstood Way of Life* by DAVID ADAMS RICHARDS, published by Doubleday Canada
8. *Why Not? Fifteen Reasons to Live* by RAY ROBERTSON, published by Biblioasis
9. *Afflictions and Departures: Essays* by MADELINE SONIK, published by Anvil Press
10. *The Chimps of Fauna Sanctuary: A Canadian Story of Resilience and Recovery* by ANDREW WESTOLL, published by HarperCollins
11. *Bad Animals: A Father's Accidental Education in Autism* by JOEL YANOFSKY, published by Viking Canada

PRIZE FOUNDER Noreen Taylor commented: "Last year, at our 10th anniversary, the jury informed us that there were so many additional titles so close to being named to the shortlist that we realized it was time to issue a longlist. Now, as I look at the



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longlisted titles, it is clear that it was the right decision. Our jury has sorted through the 115 submissions and selected a longlist that is diverse in subject and treatment. Having already read a number of these books, I know that the jury has lived up to our mandate. They have *Recognized Excellence*.”

THE JURORS for The 2012 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction are Allan M. Brandt, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University and a Pulitzer Prize finalist, award-winning author Stevie Cameron, and well-respected editor and consultant Susan Renouf. Full biographies of the jurors can be found here: http://www.thecharlestaylorprize.ca/2012/jury_12.asp

THE TRUSTEES of the Charles Taylor Foundation are Michael Bradley (Toronto), Judith Mappin (Montreal), David Staines (Ottawa), and Noreen Taylor (Toronto). They established The Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction to commemorate the life and work of the late Charles Taylor, one of Canada's foremost essayists and a prominent member of the Canadian literary community. Charles Taylor was a foreign correspondent with *The Globe and Mail* and the author of four books: *Radical Tories*; *Reporter in Red China*; *Six Journeys: A Canadian Pattern*; and *Snow Job*.

THE CHARLES TAYLOR PRIZE for Literary Non-Fiction is awarded annually to the author whose book best combines an excellent command of the English language, an elegance of style, quality of thought, and subtlety of perception. The prize consists of \$25,000 for the winning author and \$2,000 for each of the remaining finalists. All of the shortlisted titles receive extensive national publicity and marketing support.

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THE 2012 PRIZE SHORTLIST will be announced on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and the winner on Monday, March 5, 2012 at events to be held in downtown Toronto.

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