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# Press Release

## League of Canadian Poets celebrates 15 poets shortlisted for annual book awards

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TORONTO - The League of Canadian Poets is excited to announce three book award shortlists featuring 15 books of poetry published in 2023. Each award carries a \$2,000 prize for the winner, which will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

The Gerald Lampert Memorial Award, for a debut book of poetry, is given in the memory of Gerald Lampert, an arts administrator who organized authors' tours and took a particular interest in the work of new writers.

The Pat Lowther Memorial Award is awarded memory of the late Pat Lowther, whose career was cut short by her untimely death in 1975. As a women's prize, the Pat Lowther Memorial Award is inclusive of cis women, trans women, and non-binary writers who feel comfortable being recognized by a women's prize.

The Raymond Souster Award, which celebrates a new book of poetry by a League member, honors Raymond Souster, a founder of the League.

**Award winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** An online reading will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 8pm ET to celebrate the shortlisted poets.

**Graphics, jury comments, author photos, and author bios can all be found at [poets.ca/shortlist2024](https://poets.ca/shortlist2024).**

Shortlist details follow. **Please note author pronouns.**

