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MacEwan Book of the Year: an evening with Michael Crummey

Edmonton – MacEwan University's Book of the Year for 2018/19 is Michael Crummey's *Sweetland*. As part of the program, the book is included in the curricula of first-year English courses.

In celebration of the book, the university will host a gala public reading and on-stage interview with the author. The event is free and open to the public.

When: March 21

Where: Robbins Health Learning Centre (10910-104 Avenue)

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

About the author

Michael Crummey has published 10 books of poetry and fiction. His first novel *River Thieves* was a finalist for the Giller Prize and won the Winterset Award. His third novel *Galore*, won the Canadian Authors' Association fiction prize and the Commonwealth Prize (Canada and Caribbean Region).

Sweetland was a national bestseller and a finalist for the Governor-General's Raddall Atlantic Fiction and Winterset Awards. His poetry collection, *Little Dogs: New and Selected Poems*, was published by House of Anansi in the spring of 2016. He lives in St. John's, Newfoundland.

About the Book of the Year

Since its inception in 1997, the Book of the Year program has been guided by a committee of students, faculty and staff. Each year, a work of contemporary Canadian fiction is chosen by the committee from nominations by the university community. The committee bases its selection on the book's appeal and its potential to generate interest and discussion at MacEwan University.

The Book of the Year is sponsored by MacEwan University's Office of Teaching and Learning Services (OTLS), the Department of English, the Library, the mStore, the Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) and the Edmonton Public Library.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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