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MacEwan University presents a special reading by Michael Ondaatje as part of MacEwan University Book of the Year

The MacEwan University Book of the Year committee is very excited to welcome award-winning author Michael Ondaatje as we celebrate the 2012/13 MacEwan University Book of the Year — The Cat's Table.

In addition to the reading, Michael Ondaatje (The English Patient) will be participating in an on-stage Q+A with the Edmonton Journal's books columnist, Michael Hingston.

The Cat's Table is an account of life on board an ocean liner bound for England – and adulthood – in 1954. The story follows a young boy and his friends who are shunned from the captain's table to instead take up company, and find adventure, with a cast of eccentric characters relegated to dine at the lowly "cat’s table."

Since its inception in 1997, the MacEwan University Book of the Year program has been guided by a committee of faculty, staff and students. 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 the university.

When: Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: MacEwan University City Centre Campus Gymnasium (located in Building 8), 10700 - 104 Avenue

For more information about the MacEwan University Book of the Year, visit MacEwan.ca/MacEwanBook.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is a comprehensive university offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, academic excellence, and providing career opportunities continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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